

Newsletter



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"Wanna To Be A CEO?" by Christine Wong

A project 2 speech given on 12 April 2006 - objectives : organize your speech

I'm sure that you would be recently alarmed by the Inland Revenue disclosing the amount of personal income tax paid by a few CEOs in Hongkong. Do not be envious nor alarmed ! With some good daily practices, you can also become a CEO. Your career is going to be changed.

1. To become a CEO, first you have to Seek Line Jobs :

The book "The Rules for Rising to the Top of Any Organisation" encourages us to Seek Line Jobs, Avoid Staff Jobs - Line jobs deal with the company's operation, production and sales. Line jobs include sales & marketing people, product managers, supervisors and general managers, etc. Line jobs directly help bring in money for the company and have direct relationships with profits & loss.

And then, according to this author, you should ALWAYS take the Job that Offers the Most Money - I don't need to explain the reason why. In business, money is the scoreboard. The more money you make, it would seem that the better you're doing.

2. Know Everybody by Their First Name :

This works like magic. There is no sweeter than your name being remembered and pronounced correctly. Learn everybody's full name and know something about them. Find out what they do. If you learn it sincerely, and people know you know them, you will be successful.

3. Practise the 30/60 Rule - Arrive Thirty Minutes Early & Leave Sixty Minutes Late :

Going to work late make people think you don't like your job and you are a disorganized person. Being early always gives you a psychological edge over the others in your company. You can also be well prepared for the whole day of work.

However, don't leave your work too early nor stay too late. Staying too late is sending a signal that you can't keep up. You are not efficient. Leave sixty minutes later than other co-workers is already quite reasonable.

4. Always Say "Yes" to a Senior Executive Request :

In our daily life, we have to learn to say no, but when your supervisor or a top guy of your corporation asks you to do something, always say "I can do it."

Listen to the request. The person might be suggesting a solution, not stating the core problem. Evaluate his solution to see if it fits the need. If not, provide a different solution, and get the real job done. No matter what the request is, give him/her more than he wanted, sooner than expected, and with your own personal touch if possible. Also remember : **Make Your Boss Look Good and Make the Boss of Your Boss Look Better.** Don't let your boss or bosses make mistakes.

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“Everything is Impermanent” continued...

5. Never Write a Nasty Memo

Seems to be minor, but it has a fatal effect if you did. Never write a memo that criticizes, degrades, or is hurtful to a colleague. The world of business is very small. People get promoted, change companies, change jobs, and have powerful friends. This self-made enemy does show up anywhere. Never write a memo that is cynical, condescending, or unkind. Spend your energy on positive things.

6. Keep Physically Fit.

Your brain is the power of your body and your body carries your brain. So, be nice to your body if you want to perform well. The better your physical condition is, the greater your capacity for productive, unrelenting work. You will also sleep better. Your spirit will be up and you will not get depressed or out of breath easily.

7. Think for One Hour Every Day

Spend one hard hour every day thinking, planning, scheming, calculating, dreaming... Set your goals. Review your goals and problems that you might have during the day. Consider options. Write down crazy ideas. Figure out how to do things better if you are given another chance. Take mental stock... But do not linger on unhappy incidents. Review successful and unsuccessful incidents. Think and plan big things! Do it in a quiet environment so that you don't get interrupted. Don't do it when you're shaving or when you're having a shower. Do this everyday.

DON'T EXPECT THE PERSONNEL DEPT. TO PLAN YOUR CAREER. Not because they don't want to. There are just too many people for them to care for. And the most important person to you is yourself. You plan your career. You might not become Kenning Fok or David Li. You might not even want to be a CEO, but I am sure, by practicing these 7 habits, you'll definitely be a very successful and popular person in your company. Your career, your life and your destiny will be changed.

“Getting to Know Your Fellow Members” By Monica Romeo

How well do you really know your fellow Toastmasters? Perhaps you have more in common than you think. Here is our president, Lap Wong's thoughts

1. What moment in your life are you most proud of and why??

The moment that I felt most proud of was when I completed my university education, obtained my accounting title and completed my EMBA program. The reason being that I dislike studies. It was a big challenge for me to have to study so hard and I finally conquered it.

2. What saying/motto do you live your life by?

Do everything from the bottom of your heart. If not, don't bother.



3. Which person currently living inspires you the most and why?

At this moment it is the spiritual leader Sri Sri Ravi Shanker from India that inspires me the most. I appreciate his belief that everyone is born with love and compassion. We need to live our life to the fullness, appreciate what we have and treasure the here and now. It is because we can feel and control the present moment.

4. What person in history/who is not living inspires you the most and why?

Matin Luther King, the black politician from America. He brought equality to mankind.

5. What is your greatest wish for yourself?

I wish that I don't need to work for a living. I would love to visit different countries to learn different culture and beliefs.

6. What is your greatest wish for the world?

Back to the basic and less competitive.

7. Do you have a secret fantasy you are willing to share?

I wish I could fly and live free from worries.

8. What is one thing you have gained by joining Toastmasters?

I have gained sincere feedback and fellowship among members not only from our club alone.

9. How do you have fun?

I enjoy everything I do.



How would your best friend describe you?

I am a kind, gentle, and a naive person.

11. How would someone you have had difficulty with describe you?

I am ignorant and speak ruthless.

12. What thing do you find most irritating?

When I need to convince someone in believing in my point of view or suggestion and we start arguing.

13. How many times do you smile each day?

At least 10 times.

Anything else you would like us to know about you?

No more.

Members' News!!

1. Dr. C. W. Mok, our specialist in obstetrics & gynaecology, is going to join St. Paul's Hospital in Causeway Bay in June 2006. Congratulations to your new venture, CW !!
2. Welcome back Monica Romeo, after your long absence!
3. Congratulations to Jo Manning, she is now the holder of an EMBA with IVY, well done, Jo!!

New Member's Corner

A very warm welcome to our following new comers!



Frances Lam

Frances Lam is single and working as a teacher. She joins the our club because one of my friends was a member of another Toastmasters Club told her she had learnt a lot, so Frances joins us to try to improve herself, particularly in public speaking skills. She likes traveling and watching movies for leisure.

Belu Agarwal will be celebrating her birthday on 11th November this year with her husband. Belu likes traveling. The reason why she joins HKTM because she finds out the club is not only a platform to build public speaking and leadership skills but also a great forum to share ideas and experiences. Her objective is to be a confident and convincing public speaker and an avid listener. She is looking forward to making lots of friends. Her final comment about the HKTM: "The club is great and I enjoy Toastmaster meetings. It makes me feel that I am a part of an international family where everyone is striving to improve themselves and help others to improve as well."

Danny Moorjani, the Regional Manager (Asia & Middle East) for Esprit, will be celebrating his 43rd birthday on 10th November (just one day ahead of Belu) this year with his wife. He is interested in carpentry, Neuro Linguistic Programming and hypnotherapy. He joins us because he would like to learn to speak effectively but his main goal during this Toastmaster journey is to have fun. Aside from that, his expectation of our club is to listen to speakers at all levels, to speak in front of speakers of all levels and, be able to freely exchange constructive feedback with and from these people.

Leo Chan's birthday is on 18th January. He is single. Like other HKTM members, he joins HKTM in order to improve his confidence and presentation skills.

Apology: We are unable to provide the photos of Belu, Danny and Leo but will do so in our next issue.

Upcoming Events!

Exciting Boat trip on 27th May (Saturday) Today!!

Many of us can take advantage of sailing in the sea, relaxing in the sun or take a dip in the sea; or if you prefer to work a little harder, have a speech or be an evaluator or learning something new through the workshop on this trip, we have all that during this trip. It is probably fully booked by now but if you are still interested, you may contact our **Belu Agarwal** at 6146-5235 or belutmc@hotmail.co.uk or with **Alice Tsang** at 9206-6396 or saiyeex@hotmail.com and try your luck.

Pick-up Time: 9:45am at Queen's Pier, Central. Program: 10:00am - 6:00pm.

Destination : A secret island

Activity: Team building, skill development talks on public speaking, speakathon, leisure and seafood dinner

Fee: Free for HKTMC members with 1 immediate family member (excluding seafood dinner) and \$120 for non-members and guests (for food and drinks on the boat only)

Notice: This event will be postponed to the following Saturday (June 3) if typhoon signal # 3 or black rain signal is hoisted on the event day.

IMPORTANT !! 2006-2007 Club Presidential Election on 5 June (Monday)

This is a very important event of the year, please come and vote for your favorable president for the coming term. Please submit your preferred Presidential nominee and executive club officers to Lap Wong at lapwai008@yahoo.com before May 31, 2006. Details will be provided later.

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