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## 1.17mio EURO Matching Grant

The Taicang Sino – German Handicapped Workshop was awarded an unprecedented 1.17mio EURO matching grant. Full story on page 3 and 4

**Our Speaker: ROBERT VICENCIO**

**The Rise of the Red Curtain: The development of China's Musical Theatre Industry**



Robert, who is well known to us as one of the stars at our last Gala dinner, had of the leading roles in the smash hit musical Miss Saigon, 'General Thuy', playing all over the world, including London's West End, Sydney, Hong Kong, Scotland, Ireland and Singapore.

Robert made his first appearance on film with the Hollywood production of Jesus Christ Superstar as one of the 12 apostles.

Robert hosted his own TV show on ICS called 'Everlasting Favorites' and now on a new Realty TV show called 'White Collar Boxing'.

In the past decade, Robert has produced & directed various events in London, Hong Kong, Macau and China and published a book titled "The IX Invaluables to Auditioning & Succeeding (in Musical theatre)".

Robert is the Co-Founder of W Squared Live Entertainment Ltd that produces and represents musicals for the domestic and international markets, aiming at being the leading musical content provider and creator in the region. ([www.wsquaredlive.com](http://www.wsquaredlive.com))

**THE RISE OF THE RED CURTAIN : The development of China's Musical Theatre Industry**

In the last 10 years, China has come from a vague understanding of what a musical show is, to one of the largest invested territories for new theatrical works. As with everything in China, growth in musical theatre has come fast and on a large scale, which sometimes brings the challenges of resources and software, terribly lacking in the theatrical infrastructure. Coupled with the software is the concept of creative development and the definition of what is a musical and how to actually create an original as opposed to the localization of Mamma Mia and Cats.

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Date	Topic/Speaker	Venue/Time
August 11 <sup>th</sup>	The Rise of the Red Curtain: The development of China's Musical Theatre Industry / Robert Vicencio	Marriott City Center, 19:00
August 18 <sup>th</sup>	Effective Leadership in China / Dr. Deng Wendong	Marriott City Center, 19:00
August 25 <sup>th</sup>	Fellowship dinner	Black Pepper, 99 Taixing Lu, 19:00
September 1 <sup>st</sup>	tbd.	

#### The Four-Way Test

#### 四大考验

#### Si Da Kao Yan

Of the things we think, say or do:

我们说的做的要符合: Wǒ men Shuō de Zuò de Yào Fǔ Hé:

1. Is it the truth?  
是真的吗? Shì Zhēn de ma?

2. Is it Fair to all Concerned?  
是公平的吗? Shì Gōng Píng de ma?

3. Will it build Goodwill and better Friendships?

是善意的并促进友谊吗? Shì Shàn Yì de - Bìng Cù Jìn Yǒu Yí ma?

4. Will it be Beneficial to all Concerned?

是对大家有利吗? Shì Duì Dà Jiā Yǒu Lì ma?

**August 4<sup>th</sup> 2015**  
**Visiting Rotarians**

Edi Birsan	RC Concord-Diablo	USA
Samir Haddadin	RC Amman Jordan River	Jordan

**Members: 21, rotaract: 0, visitor: 2, guests:11**  
**Contributions raised: RMB 2421 RMB + USD 100**

**Highlights :**

The hot summer had come to Shanghai and even the hotel's air conditioning seemed to have problems coping. Despite the humid heat President Dean led the meeting energetically. It was our great pleasure to see Wingsee again. Numerous contributions of happy money to the saddle testified to this – and lastly Wingsee emptied her complete purse into the saddle – except for 50 RMB taxi money – to underscore her happiness at being back.

Committee chairs Celine (PR) and Alexandra (Membership) highlighted their plans for this Rotarian year. Celine started off by inviting members to share some Rotarian stories – a good challenge and Thomas as well as one visitor came forward with their experience. Celine wishes to make the expat fair a central point of her efforts. Alexandra wishes to enlarge the committee membership to have more nationalities. The meeting was concluded with a toast to our visitors.



**Celine and what PR will be all about**



**Alexandra & the membership drive**



**Vivian, always friendly, always helpful**



**Wingsee donating all her purses content's**

**Club Information**

**Officers**

- Dean Merritt – President
- Andrew Hill – President Elect/Club Admin
- Terri Lau – Vice President
- Linnet Kwok – Hon. Secretary
- Yvon Russon - Treasurer

**Basic Info of our Club**

First chartered on 1 October 1919, re-chartered on 8 February 2006  
Number of active members – 73  
Number of honorary members – 6

**Contacts**

The club meeting is a dinner meeting every Tuesday at Marriott City Center Shanghai

西藏中路555号No. 555 Middle Xizang Rd  
( 18:30 cocktails, 19:00-20:30 dinner )

Contact the club administrator Vivian Huang at  
RSVP@rotaryshanghai.org, +86 13501672753

**Committees and Directors**

**Club Administration Committee**

1st Tuesday of each month, 17:30  
Chair: Andrew Hill [rotary1617@hotmail.com](mailto:rotary1617@hotmail.com)

**Membership Committee**

2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month, 17:30, dining room  
Chair: Alexandra Taulin [alexandra.taulin@yahoo.fr](mailto:alexandra.taulin@yahoo.fr)

**Public Relations Committee**

1st Tuesday of each month, 17:00  
Chair: OPEN

**Community and International Service Committee**

1st Tuesday of each month, 17:00  
Chair: Bruno Bareteau [bareteau@gmail.com](mailto:bareteau@gmail.com)

**Youth service committee**

Last Tuesday of each month, 17:00  
Chair: Motohiro Yamane [yamane@tmish.com](mailto:yamane@tmish.com)

**Rotary Leadership Award**

Committee Chair: OPEN

**The Rotary Foundation Committee**

Chair: David Smith [dave@smithorchards.com](mailto:dave@smithorchards.com)

**Percy Chu Awards**

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Marjory Woo [marjorie.woo@lmi-china.com](mailto:marjorie.woo@lmi-china.com)

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**Rotary Club of Shanghai West**  
Wednesday, 18:30-20:30

**Location: Suites Hotel Shanghai**  
位置: 上海西华酒店

**Address: No.1 Huaihai West Road, Shanghai**  
地址: 淮海西路1号

For more information please contact President Richard Zi  
Email: [zishanghai@hotmail.com](mailto:zishanghai@hotmail.com)

**Rotary Club of Shanghai Pudong Lujiazui**  
Thursday, 19:00-20:30

**Location: Radisson Blu Hotel (Pudong) in Thumb Plaza, Pudong, Shanghai**

1199 Yingchun Rd. (close to Fangdian Rd.)  
位置: 浦东大拇指广场 证大丽笙酒店  
地址: 迎春路1199号 (靠近芳甸路)

If you would like to attend Rotary Pudong Meeting  
Please contact President Brinton Scott  
Email: [bscottsq@hotmail.com](mailto:bscottsq@hotmail.com)

**Fresh Start Rotary Club of Shanghai**  
Friday, 7:45-9:00 am

**Location: 2nd floor, Element Fresh, Jing An Kerry Center**  
位置: 新元素静安嘉里中心店二楼

**Address : No.1551 Nan Jing Xi Lu, Shanghai**  
地址: 南京西路1551号

For more information about Fresh Start and for anyone interested to attend, please visit <http://freshstartrotaryshanghai.org/>

**P1 continued: 1.17 mio EURO matching Grant for Taicang Sino – German Handicapped Workshop**

**History:**

The Handicapped Workshop (HWS) started with cash funding of approx. 1.2 mio. RMB, heavily supported by the Taicang government as well as the Taicang Roundtable Association and Rotary contributing 115 kRMB to the project. End of 2014, Rotarian Thilo Koeppel started talking to the DEG (German Development Agency).

The mission of DEG, a subsidiary of KfW (Kreditanstalt fuer Wiederaufbau, German Development Bank), is to promote business initiatives in developing and emerging markets as a contribution to sustainable growth and improved living conditions of the local population.

Two weeks ago, DEG awarded the Taicang Handicapped Workshop with a matching grant of EUR 1.173 mEUR making it possible to bring the project to a new level (e.g. investments into a training academy for job coaches can start much earlier than initially planned). The nation-wide impact of the project through multiplication of the concept carries the potential of a local Rotary signature project.



“Thanks to the amazing dedication of all stakeholders, the Handicapped Workshop (HWS), Taicang is a success story we can be proud of. Today, 16 highly motivated workers are supplying European SMEs with top quality products. The project has been steadily gaining momentum and is enjoying local as well as international recognition”.

**Thilo Koeppel, Rotarian at the HWS**

**Recently in the Taicang Sino – German handicapped workshop...**

Four months since the grand opening ceremony and one month after winning Rotary prestigious 1st prize Corporate Leadership Award 2015, the workshop has been thriving and developing continuously.

**New Staff Members:**

Due to growth in projects recently two new staff members were recruited: Mr. Andy Di, new manager of operations and Mrs. Jane Cao, accountant and HR manager. (pic 1- hws team)



**Current production partners:**

E.G.O, EJOT, Fisher, LQ, MDT, Memminger and SIMTECH. There are ongoing discussions to create joint co-operations with Automatic Systems, Komax, Schaeffler, VW Transmission Shanghai, Weiss – Voetsch, ZF and Zollner.

**For our future projects the purchase of a hi-tech wire printing machine and a top quality soldering system with an air purifying unit are planned.**



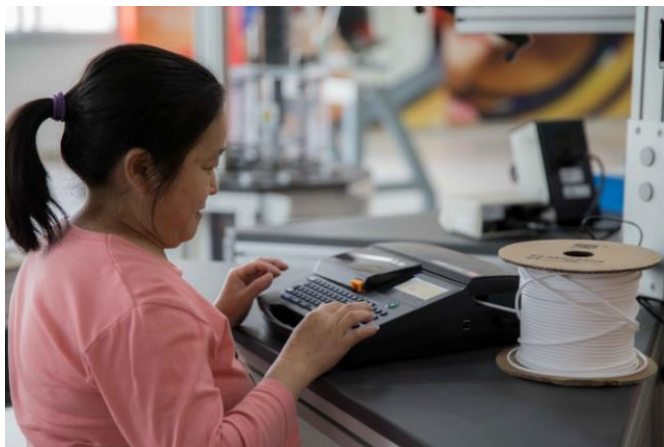
On June 18th, Professor Cheng Wei Ming from Peking University visited the workshop. Professor Cheng is leading the “Twelfth Five Year Plan” assessment group of China Federation of the Disabled. She was accompanied by the Taicang and Suzhou "Disable person's federations".

The purpose of Prof. Cheng’s visit was to witness this unique workshop model - the first one in China that focuses on providing mentally challenged individuals with a working opportunity. (pic 2 - Professor)



Also in July the workshop employees visited Memminger factory to witness the work process.

Mr. Chen Min, Vice General Manager of Memminger gave especially tremendous support to the workshop and a great, informative and coherent tour of his company. (See pic 3 - Memminger)



### **Straight from the Press :**

In addition to recent articles in 'Die – Welt', and 'Global Times Shanghai' other articles about the workshop are due to be published soon in the BME magazine (main publication of the German Association Materials Management Purchasing and Logistics) and in the 'Business Ecology Magazine'.

### **Challenges & Future Goals :**

Due to the expected increase in work load in Q4 2015, more employees will be hired and recruitment goals will be met four months ahead of time schedule.

In the near future, the main challenge is securing more production orders and continuing growth while maintaining the buzz around our project! And for this dear Rotarian Friends your support is needed!



## **Call for Production Orders**

Are you looking for an opportunity to outsource simple working processes and at the same time support this project? Then the Taicang Sino-German Handicapped Workshop might be just what you need. Our operational experience includes but is not limited to

- Assembly of harnesses
- Crimping
- Printing and labelling
- Ultrasonic welding

For information please contact our Rotarian member **Thilo Koepe**