

# The Rotary International Convention: 2016

The Rotary International Convention took place in Seoul from 28 May to 1 June. More than 40 000 Rotarians from all over the world attended this year. All convention events, including general and breakout sessions, took place at KINTEX, located in Goyang City, about 16 km from Seoul. The procedures were conducted in English with simultaneous interpretation into 8 other languages.

The Opening Ceremony on Sunday, 29 May featured welcomes from RI President K.R. Ravindran and convention co-chairs Ian Riseley and Kaz Ozawa, wonderful entertainment, and the Rotary Parade of Flags.



The breakout sessions covered some interesting topics, for example:

- ✚ From Stagnant to Sensational: How to Revitalize Your Club
- ✚ Global Grants: Moving from Good to Great
- ✚ Rotary Business School: Public Speaking Skills
- ✚ Using Social Media as a Listening and Relationship-Building Tool
- ✚ The Culture Zone

What an experience! More than 45 000 Rotarians from all over the world attended the Seoul conference at KINTEX which is Korea's largest and newest international exhibition and convention venue.



2015/16 Rotary International President Ravi Ravindran



South Africa's E-club had a display of the 4x4 Fellowship at the convention's Hall of Friendship and attracted a huge amount of interest.

At the 2017 Rotary Convention in Atlanta next June, we will be honoring Arch Klumph's 6 June birthday, and the \$26.50 first contribution to Rotary's endowment. At the 1917 Rotary Convention in Atlanta, President Arch Klumph spoke about his dream of creating a Rotary endowment fund. A century later, we're celebrating The Rotary Foundation and all the good work Rotarians have been able to do since then -- because one man dared to dream.



