



# Real Rotarians Make Dreams Real

2008-09 Presidential Membership Conference  
Canberra 11 to 13 July 2008

## President of Rotary International meets Prime Minister Kevin Rudd



In the Prime Minister's Office - L to R, PDG Len Goodman, Chairman "Presidential Membership Conference"; Rotary International President D K Lee, Korea; Prime Minister Kevin Rudd, MP; Rotary International Director for Australia, John Lawrence. Mr Rudd is h

The Prime Minister Kevin Rudd has congratulated the world President of Rotary, Dong Kurn Lee, and all Rotarians on their work towards eradicating polio.

Mr Rudd met Mr Lee, a prominent Korean businessman with a worldwide reputation as an expert in Korean political affairs, at Parliament House on Monday (July 14).

Mr Lee counts the President of South Korea, Lee Myung Bak and UN Secretary General Ban Ki Moon as personal friends.

Mr Lee and Mr Rudd spent much of their meeting discussing the situation in Korea, as well as several Rotary programs, including the \$800 million, 23-year

effort that is now on the cusp of claiming victory in the fight to eradicate polio from the world.

Only India, Nigeria, Pakistan and Afghanistan remain on the list of countries where polio remains.

Mr Lee spent four days in Canberra where he attended the Presidential Membership Conference with more than 600 delegates from all over Australia.

Conference Chairman Len Goodman pointed to Mr Rudd's understanding of Rotary's focus on other preventable diseases like malaria and AIDS.

"Australian Rotary's mosquito net program in PNG and the Solomon Islands and Rotary International's African AIDS projects raised potential areas of common interest in inoculation and prevention programs," Mr Goodman said.

The Canberra conference gave Rotarians the chance to review all aspects of Rotary's function and vision for the future and discussed ways to enhance its public image and attract a new generation of younger members, particularly among women and ethnic groups.

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