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ROTARY MOTTO
Service above self. He profits most who serves best.

FOUR-WAY TEST

- First Is it the TRUTH?
- Second Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- Third Will it build GOOD WILL And BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- Fourth Will it be BENEFICIAL to all CONCERNED?

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TODAY'S PROGRAM

Carol Penick
Women's Fund of MS

Calendar/Future Speakers

- June 17 Co-Authors Alan Lang & Tom Dawson – *Kings of Tort*
- June 24 Our very own Patricia Rucker Entergy
- July 8 Roscoe Green
Rotary District Governor-Elect

Foundation approves Future Vision's first district grant

By Arnold R. Grahl Rotary International News -- 4 June 2010

The Rotary Foundation has approved the first grant under the [Future Vision pilot](#), set to begin on 1 July.

District 3330 (Thailand) will be using the US\$39,500 district grant to fund a variety of local projects, including buying books, computers, and sports equipment for schools; providing clean water for students; and adding patient beds at a hospital.

One of the projects will create a computer room at a primary school in Samut Prakan Province, giving 755 students access to computers and the Internet. Eight Rotary clubs in the province; a club in District 3350 (Cambodia; Thailand), not in the pilot; and a club in Korea are cooperating on the \$15,900 effort.

Another project will add beds to the province's main public hospital so it can serve an increasing number of patients.

"It is very exciting that we are the first grant approved, says

Wichai Maneewacharakiet, the District 3330 Rotary Foundation Committee chair. "We will encourage clubs to start working soon after receiving the grant funds. Our Rotarians are thrilled to learn more on the Future Vision Plan, as can be seen by the number of Rotarians who participated in a grant management seminar immediately after our district assembly."

One hundred districts are participating in the Future Vision pilot, a three-year test of the new grant structure offered in the Foundation's Future Vision Plan. The Foundation began accepting applications for district grants in mid-April and has received five. An application from District 1970 (Portugal) has also been approved, and three others are under review.

[District grants](#), one of two types of grants under the Future Vision Plan, are block grants made to districts for up to 50 percent of their [District Designated Fund](#). Pilot districts can apply for one district grant a year, which may be used for a wide variety of activities, including projects with local clubs or clubs in other countries and with nonpilot districts.

Pilot districts submit a [spending plan](#) as part of the application process for district grants. All the activities included within District 3330's spending plan fall within an area of focus, even though they are not required to do so for a district grant.

Districts have until 15 May 2011 to apply for their 2010-11 district grant and receive payment during the Rotary year that ends 30 June 2011. Districts must submit a final report to the Foundation within 12 months of payment of the grant.



The first district grant under the Future Vision pilot will fund a variety of projects including a new computer lab for school children (top) in Samut Prakan Province, Thailand. (Bottom) another project will add beds to the province's main public hospital. *Photos courtesy of District 3330*