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(LOCAL AREA) ROTARIAN JOINED ROTARY'S 100TH CONVENTION IN BIRMINGHAM

England's 'Second City' welcomed thousands to the global humanitarian service organization's milestone 100th convention

Birmingham, England -- Rotary club members from [Hometown] helped Rotary International bring the world to Birmingham, England June 18-24, when an estimated 20,000 participants from more than 150 countries and geographical areas joined together for the humanitarian service organization's annual convention, often described as a "mini-United Nations" because of its internationality and diversity.

This year's speakers included United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Nobel Peace Prize laureate, Mia Farrow, Actress, UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador and advocate for Dafuri war refugees, and Jane Goodall, renowned primatologist and founder of the Jane Goodall Institute

"For me, this Rotary year has been a year of growth, of discovery, and of learning. It has been a year of new challenges, and new experiences. It has been a year of seeing Rotarians stretch themselves to their limits to *Make Dreams Real*," said Rotary International President Lee, who has made the fight against child mortality the emphasis of his one-year presidency.

Convention participants shared fellowship and exchanged ideas on Rotary volunteer projects including such important issues as polio eradication, malaria, HIV/AIDS, poverty, hunger, illiteracy, pollution and the global water shortage. Held at the city's National Exhibition Center, convention events included plenary sessions, workshops, and exhibits highlighting Rotary projects.

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The convention also featured workshops and exhibits highlighting humanitarian and educational projects around the world. Global polio eradication remains the organization's top priority, as members have contributed more than US\$800 million and countless volunteer hours through Rotary's PolioPlus program. Through humanitarian and international education programs, including Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution, Rotary continues to work to further world peace and understanding and provide local and international community service.

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