



My Las Vegas and Austin Trip

This year, Toastmasters International (TI) has implemented a new web-based accounting system. For the first time in history, TI has called on District Treasurers from all over the world to travel to the United States to attend the District Treasurers Training and the International Convention. So there I was, attending the District Leaders Training and the International Convention in Las Vegas as a first-timer.

It was truly an eye-opening experience for me! To my amazement, there were about 2000 delegates attending this grand event. In the Opening Ceremony when our country “Malaysia” was announced, our District Governor Sue Chan, DTM, marched into the hall with the Malaysian flag held high. I was very impressed with the warm welcoming and loud enthusiastic cheers given to us by the members from all over the world.

I understand that many of us living outside the United States may have problems in getting to attend this grand event. For the purpose of sharing, I have uploaded some of the convention materials here for your reference.

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After the convention, I proceeded with a business trip to my company’s world headquarters in Austin, Texas. I took this opportunity to join one of the Toastmasters club meetings in Austin. I observed that the meeting’s proceedings and setup were exactly the same as what we have in Malaysia: the meeting room was arranged in a U-shape layout; the meeting agenda started with the Club President’s Welcome Speech and ended with General Evaluation. Simply Amazing!

Through this visit, I realized that Toastmasters International is a very successful organization. The level of consistency in club meeting procedures and meeting quality can be seen worldwide, be it in the United States or Malaysia! You may see some of the photos that I have taken during the meeting here.

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This trip has enriched my Toastmasters experience and inspired me to help more members achieve personal growth in their communication and leadership skills. There were many interesting experiences during my two weeks’ stay in the United States. Instead of describing them in words, I prefer to invite you to visit my web album.

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