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August 26, Monday was scheduled to be the club's second meeting for the term 2010-2011. It was the 170th meeting of Al-Khor Toastmasters club. The theme selected was COMMITMENT to applaud the spirit of Toast masters who came in a dozen to attend the meeting in the midst of vacation season.

The meeting was started by the Sergeant-a-Arms **TM Jagdish Bhat** at 0710 PM. **TM Jagdish Bhat** briefed the gathering with reminders about safety and proper meeting decorum and invited the club President. **Club President TM Thomas Philip** presided, officially opened the meeting and introduced Toast Master of the Day. He then **introduced** TMOD **TM Karim**.

TMOD Karim started with a nice story about a beggar who chose to beg in spite of being rich, Purely due to his commitment even though he was rich. He drew an analogy between the attitude of the beggar and the attitude of the Toast masters and praised the Toast masters for their commitment to attend the meeting.

The first speaker was **TM Gopal Sridhar**. In his P1 Ice Breaker speech, TM Gopal briefed about his life, schooling and profession. He vividly explained how came up in life the hard way, enthralling the audience. He quipped about the life lessons he learnt.

The second speaker, **TM Bijay Behera** in his project speech P2 talked about Mother's love. He spoke about the commitment the hen and tortoise show in raising their young ones from egg stage. He explained the importance of Mother's love and despised the cause of orphans who live in this world without

experiencing Mother' love. It was a truly enjoyable experience listening to TM Bijay.

The third speaker was **TM Mantha Srinivas**. In his **ACS P3 speech**, **TM Mantha** came up with a folk story about an ancient Prince. He captivated the audience with his lucid style and vocal variety. He weaved the story so deftly that attendees felt as if they were traveling in the forest with the prince. He enthused the audience with the fact that help rendered to some one in need will always come back in some form. **TM Mantha** explained this with a mythological example of an ant and a lion helping the prince's cause in winning over the hand of princess Haya in marriage.

The last speaker **TM Krishna Kumar** in his ATM Bronze project speech transported the audience to the world of toys. Starting with medieval Indian toy, he took the attendees to the generations of toys that humans enjoyed starting 6000 BC. Then he focused on on-line games. He deplored the on-line games and argued in favor of physical activities and games that encouraged physical movements. He produced a remote controlled toy helicopter flying it in the hall and took the audience by pleasant surprise. TM Krishna Kumar ended his speech, pleading the audience to buy the toy helicopter.

After the four speakers delivered their prepared speeches, a 10 minute break was followed.

At 8:20pm the meeting was once again opened by **TMOD Karim**. It was followed by the Table topics session conducted by **TM Jagdish Bhat**. TM Jagdish produced two newspaper cuttings and asked for table topic speeches. Also he brought innovative topics such as meeting a family member in 1980 by going back in time, Imagining being a famous chef attending job interview etc. The table topics were well received.

The meeting then moved on to the Evaluation session. The evaluation team was lead by **DTM Atul Srivastava** as General Evaluator. **TM Natarajan** and **TM CL K Krishna Kumar** evaluated **TM Gopal Sridhar** and **TM Bijay** respectively. **DTM Atul** took additional role of evaluating **CTM CL Mantha** and **CTM Krishna Kumar** for their advanced speech projects.

General Evaluator called the team of evaluators to evaluate on each speech which they did. As part of a regular meeting, the Grammarian, **TM Natarajan**, Timer, **TM Subbhu** and AH Counter **TM Dharma Sivam** read out their reports

General Evaluator **DTM Atul** then appreciated the efforts of Toast master's commitment. He gave a standing ovation to all attendees.

TM Thomas Philip followed with the regular Business session. He concluded by reaffirming the fact that it is "you" and "only you" who stands in between an expert communicator and leader – your commitment to attend and participate regularly in all the meetings!

Meeting was adjourned at 9: 05 pm.

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Next Meeting: 9th August, 2010, Al-Waha Club