Hello Everyone,

Indeed my pleasure to be addressing all of you again as we roll out the 2nd Issue of JLT Toastmasters Club.

The year went by very quickly. It only seems yesterday that I was at my friend’s home ringing in 2017. Like each year, this year too had its share of the highs and the lows.

The highlight of the year for me however, was the song by singer Ed Shereen that topped the charts everywhere, with several nominations to its credit. "Shape of You" peaked at number-one on the singles charts of 35 different countries and is still very hummable.

Now you might wonder why I am talking about this particular song here.

It’s because of the lyrics. There is one line in the song that especially grips me.

*“I’m in love with the shape of you...”* and then the song gets a little raunchy, but never mind that. Because by shape I don’t mean the body silhouette… when I say ‘shape of you’ I mean everything about you that shapes you into the person you are.

Life is an endlessly creative experience and we are shaping ourselves at every moment by everything we think, say and do.

Nothing that has happened in the past or that will happen in the future ever goes to waste. Both the good and bad experiences shape our mind and heart for what is to come; and in order to get into excellent shape, we must be open to creating new experiences at all times.

And so, it is with this thought that I welcome all of you to gather whatever you can from the thoughts put forth by our members in this issue. And then, do let us know how it helped shape a better you!

I wish you all fabulous times ahead of whatever little remains of this year and with another wish that the next year brings you even more of whatever it is that makes you happy ☺

Will be back again in 2018 with another fabulous Issue.

Until then, Stay Safe, Party Hard, Work Harder, Be Well and Get in Shape!!!