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ロータリーは機会の扉を開く

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Governor's Message

Rotary International
District 2750 2020-21 Governor

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**“I hereby declare
that we will aim to realize
a carbon-neutral society by 2050.”**

It is hard to believe that 2020 will come to a close in another month. Additionally, almost six months has passed since I assumed the post of District Governor. Having taken up that post amid the COVID-19 pandemic, I had to make gradual changes to methods that had been in place up to that point. I want to express my sincerest thanks to the staff members who assisted me in that endeavor as well as to the members of each Club who devised ways to give me a warm welcome upon The Official Visits, which I have made to 86 Clubs (excluding the Pacific Basin Group) thus far according to my count.

As you may know, Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga's recent general policy speech contained the above line about realizing a carbon-neutral society by 2050. In this manner, Rotary International's area of focus of “supporting the environment,” which I have communicated in my Governor's Messages, has become a nationwide agenda. Japan has taken the helm in efforts to become a carbon-neutral society. Mind you, I am by no means bragging on Japan's behalf. I am simply saying that is how close to home the issue has become. With Prime Minister Suga now on our side, let us as Rotarians begin our own efforts starting with what we can tackle at this point in time.

An extremely convenient form of synthetic resin, plastics are used to make all kinds of products that support our daily life, including the most common of items like plastic bags, straws and forks. At the same time, there is a problem with those convenient synthetic resins. Made from petroleum, plastics remain on the earth semi-permanently without decomposing when

left alone, and currently pollute the sea with an annual volume of roughly eight million tons. It is said that at this rate, the volume of plastic trash in the sea will exceed the volume of fish by 2050. Moreover, there are also fears that microplastics 5 millimeters or less in size are ingested by fish and shellfish, then accumulated in our bodies as we consume those creatures as food. In Japan, plastic bags provided upon store checkout have become a paid item as of this July. However, there are already more than forty countries in the world where use of those plastic bags is banned outright.

The “3 R's” movement — those being “Reduce, Reuse and Recycle” — has gotten underway around the world. “Reduce” is the act of reducing plastic bags and disposable eating utensils by using reusable bags, chopsticks and the like. “Reuse” is the act of washing and reusing bottles. Finally, a leading example of “Recycle” is sorting and collecting plastics and recycling them into raw materials. With the exception of recycling, these endeavors can be initiated with just a tiny bit of action or change in mentality on an individual level. With that in mind, I am handing out reusable bags made with recycled PET materials, which I discussed upon The Official Visits, so that we may all practice the 3 R's together. Please use those bags by all means.

December is Christmas month. It is the time of year when Santa Claus rides around in his sleigh to bring presents to children all over the world. On this special night that only comes once a year, children wait with anticipation for their presents to arrive. Due to certain circumstances, those presents may not arrive for some children, leaving them in a state of sadness. Still, when all is said and done, the idea of Santa Claus and what he does is a wonderful one. As for us Rotarians, our dream is to help bring peace to the world and make it a place free of people who experience sickness, poverty or sadness. In our case, however, that is not a once-a-year commitment. It is the ultimate objective of the service activities that we carry out every day.

The new year is almost upon us. 2021 will be the Year of the Ox, which is said to express “endurance” and a “precursor to growth.” We may have to keep on enduring COVID-19 well into next year as well. However, as they say, there is no telling what the future holds in life. I like to think that happy times await us at the end of these difficult times. While they are not set in stone yet, I expect that we will have a string of enjoyable occasions like the Olympics and Paralympics to look forward to. I wish you all a very Happy New Year.

District 2750 Membership Report October 2020

Club Name	Regular meeting	Member quantity			Club Name	Regular meeting	Member quantity			
		July 1, 2020	End of Oct. 2020	Variations			July 1, 2020	End of Oct. 2020	Variations	
Chiyoda Group					Yamanote West Group					
Rotary Club of Tokyo-South	3	184	190	6	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Jiyugaoka	4	16	17	1	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Shiba	4	56	58	2	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Yoneyama Yuai	4	35	36	1	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Shimbashi	3	56	55	-1	Rotary E-Club of District 2750, Tokyo Yoneyama	2	34	34	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Akasaka	4	45	47	2	Rotary Club of Tokyo Daikanyama	2	28	28	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Minato	4	32	33	1	Tama South Group					
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Azabu	2	15	16	1	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Hachioji	5	63	64	1	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Global	3	20	20	0	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Machida	2	57	57	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Sunrise Shiodome	4	16	16	0	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Hino	4	34	34	0	
Ginza/Nihonbashi Group					Rotary Club of Tokyo-Hachioji West	4	111	109	-2	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Ginza	4	180	181	1	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Machida-Naka	2	28	28	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Nihonbashi	3	204	207	3	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Hachioji East	4	32	34	2	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Tsukiji	4	69	68	-1	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Hachioji South	4	78	78	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Nihonbashi East	3	41	42	1	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Machida-Salvia	5	35	36	1	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Chuo	5	203	206	3	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Tobihino	4	22	22	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Nihonbashi West	3	45	45	0	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Machida East	4	30	29	-1	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Ginza New	4	79	80	1	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Hachioji North	4	43	43	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-City Nihonbashi	5	38	38	0	Tama Middle Group					
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Chuo Shin	4	56	61	5	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Tachikawa	4	119	122	3	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Akebono	3	20	20	0	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Koganei	4	38	37	-1	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Sanno	4	36	36	0	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Kokubunji	4	32	33	1	
Keihin Group					Rotary Club of Tokyo-Mitaka	2	42	38	-4	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Haneda	3	55	55	0	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Akishima	2	55	54	-1	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Shinagawa	4	41	42	1	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Kunitachi	3	47	47	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Omori	5	35	39	4	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Tachikawa Kobushi	4	87	89	2	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Shinagawa Chuo	4	30	30	0	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Inokashira	3	23	24	1	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Denenchofu	4	48	48	0	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Akishima Chuo	4	48	48	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Konan Marine	3	18	18	0	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Musashi Kokubunji	3	42	42	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Osaki	3	24	24	0	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Koganei-Sakura	5	25	26	1	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Kamata	4	59	64	5	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Kunitachi Shiroume	3	17	17	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Keihin	3	26	26	0	Rotary E-Club of Tokyo Peace Wing	5	23	23	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Denenchofu Midori	2	18	18	0	Tama East Group					
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Shirokane	3	24	28	4	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Fuchu	4	55	55	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Takanawa	2	23	22	-1	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Chofu	4	64	64	0	
Yamanote East Group					Rotary Club of Tokyo-Tama	3	20	21	1	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-West	4	197	197	0	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Komae	4	14	13	-1	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Josai	4	67	71	4	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Inagi	5	28	28	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Seinan	4	44	44	0	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Musashi Fuchu	4	39	36	-3	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Harajuku	4	17	16	-1	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Tamagawa	2	20	19	-1	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Suginami	4	41	40	-1	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Tama Green	2	29	29	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Jingu	4	24	24	0	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Chofu Murasaki	4	66	67	1	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Ebisu	4	117	117	0	Rotary Club of Tokyo i City	2	18	18	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Hiroo	4	24	24	0	Pacific Basin Group					
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Shibuya	2	35	37	2	Rotary Club of Guam	5	52	53	1	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Roppongi	4	53	53	0	Rotary Club of Saipan	4	40	42	2	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Atago	4	31	31	0	Rotary Club of Tumon Bay	2	59	59	0	
Yamanote West Group					Rotary Club of Northern Guam	2	31	31	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Setagaya	4	44	45	1	Rotary Club of Pohnpei	4	18	19	1	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Meguro	4	33	34	1	Rotary Club of Palau	2	14	16	2	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Seijo	2	17	17	0	Rotary Club of Guam Sunrise	4	15	15	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Setagaya South	2	97	93	-4	Rotary Club of Truk Lagoon		8	8	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Jonan	3	13	16	3	Rotary Club of Pago Bay Guam E	2	23	25	2	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Yamanote	5	70	69	-1	Total in Japan - 89			4,364	4,406	42
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Seijo Shin	5	31	31	0	Total in 2750 dis. - 98			4,624	4,674	50
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Aoyama	3	16	15	-1						