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Rotary Opens Opportunities
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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**“Everything that is done
in the world is done by hope.”**

A mere two months remain until the expiration of my term as District Governor. I recall seeing RI President Holger Knaak on stage advocating “Rotary Opens Opportunities” in front of a large depiction of multiple doors upon attending the International Assembly held in San Diego, California, USA in January last year. I remember feeling elation at my work as District Governor finally getting underway. However, the COVID-19 pandemic would also get underway at the same time. From the President-Elect Training Seminar (PETS) to my inauguration as District Governor, for close to five months, I had to contend with emergency response. When I think of how you, too, handled Rotary activities during such a difficult time, I know we were all in the same boat. Yet, not everything was necessarily bad. In the same way that work styles and modes of living in our society have changed, Rotary activities changed as well. With the progression in digitalization, we can now hold regular meetings and seminars online. While it is unfortunate that we cannot meet in person, I like to think that is a form of progress.

The title quote is a famous one by German theologian Martin Luther. Luther lived during a time when Renaissance culture was blossoming, which also happened to be a time when the black plague and other infectious diseases were on the rampage. He himself was said to be a sickly individual. However, alongside the resplendent culture of the Renaissance, it was Luther’s adages that stayed in the annals of history. I would like to follow his example by believing that the negative aspects of things are ways of god testing us, and that it is optimistic hope that compels us to continue Rotary activities even in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic.

May is Youth Service Month, which is one of the forms

that optimistic hope takes. I believe that the youth have their sights set on the society and changes to our lives that lie beyond the times that we currently find ourselves in. In addition to developing the youth as promising Rotarians, I also feel that it is necessary for us to draw from that vantage point of theirs going forward. In order for us to sustainably develop our organization, along with our occupations, youth participation and diversity backed by female empowerment will be of the essence. I especially get that sense when observing the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic and arrival of our digitalized society. Youth Service by Rotary is spread across many initiatives, including Interact (organization of young people ages 12 to 18), Rotaract (organization of young adults), the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, or RYLA for short (for children age 14 and older and adults), and the Rotary Youth Exchange despite the unfortunate suspension of the solicitation of international student members this year. In our district, there are a total of 17 Interact Clubs. Each of those clubs is actively devoted to service activities together with sponsor clubs. Additionally, for Rotaract Clubs, the Tokyo Ebisu Rotaract Club came into being three years ago, and has since grown into 17 clubs.

I have one other important announcement to make. It would appear that we will manage to avoid the worst-case scenario of cancelling our District Conference by moving it to May 26. We are currently proceeding with the intention of narrowing down the number of participants and using an online relay to link the meeting to those who will not be attending. Additionally, for the Rotary International Convention, we are in the process of promoting a special plan to replace the “Governors’ Night” for deepening friendship, a traditional event in District 2750 (with its replacement to enable us to deepen friendship without close physical distance). However, with the District Conference to include a commemorative lunchtime address from former Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi followed by a performance by an ensemble of male opera singers plus a nighttime piano concert, there is plenty to be excited about.

Lastly, District Team Research during the term of my successor Mr. Shinichi Miura began this March. Out of the District Officers for that term, over 70 will continue their role from my term. I expect that the Committee Chairs will leverage the experience that they gained to offer a further level of assistance and to support District Governor-Elect Mr. Miura together with you. Over the two months still remaining in my term, I intend to practice “Everything that is done in this world is done by hope” as well as preach it. Your cooperation in that endeavor would be appreciated.

District 2750 Membership Report March 2021

Club Name	Regular meeting	Member quantity			Club Name	Regular meeting	Member quantity			
		July 1, 2020	End of Mar. 2021	Variations			July 1, 2020	End of Mar. 2021	Variations	
Chiyoda Group					Yamanote West Group					
Rotary Club of Tokyo-South	1	184	186	2	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Jiyugaoka	2	16	16	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Shiba	2	56	60	4	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Yoneyama Yuai	4	35	37	2	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Shimbashi	1	56	54	-2	Rotary E-Club of District 2750, Tokyo Yoneyama	3	34	34	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Akasaka	3	45	44	-1	Rotary Club of Tokyo Daikanyama	2	28	28	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Minato	2	32	32	0	Tama South Group					
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Azabu	2	15	16	1	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Hachioji	4	63	63	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Global	3	20	20	0	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Machida	1	57	55	-2	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Sunrise Shiodome	3	16	17	1	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Hino	4	34	33	-1	
Ginza/Nihonbashi Group					Rotary Club of Tokyo-Hachioji West	3	111	109	-2	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Ginza	4	180	181	1	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Machida-Naka	1	28	27	-1	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Nihonbashi	1	204	202	-2	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Hachioji East	4	32	34	2	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Tsukiji	1	69	69	0	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Hachioji South	5	78	77	-1	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Nihonbashi East	3	41	42	1	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Machida-Salvia	0	35	36	1	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Chuo	0	203	196	-7	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Tobihino	4	22	23	1	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Nihonbashi West	3	45	45	0	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Machida East	1	30	30	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Ginza New	3	79	79	0	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Hachioji North	2	43	43	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-City Nihonbashi	2	38	36	-2	Tama Middle Group					
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Chuo Shin	4	56	60	4	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Tachikawa	1	119	116	-3	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Akebono	4	20	21	1	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Koganei	3	38	36	-2	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Sanno	3	36	38	2	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Kokubunji	2	32	37	5	
Keihin Group					Rotary Club of Tokyo-Mitaka	1	42	39	-3	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Haneda	1	55	52	-3	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Akishima	0	55	53	-2	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Shinagawa	2	41	42	1	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Kunitachi	2	47	45	-2	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Omori	1	35	39	4	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Tachikawa Kobushi	3	87	90	3	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Shinagawa Chuo	3	30	29	-1	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Inokashira	1	23	23	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Denenchofu	1	48	48	0	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Akishima Chuo	0	48	48	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Konan Marine	2	18	17	-1	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Musashi Kokubunji	2	42	41	-1	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Osaki	2	24	25	1	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Koganei-Sakura	3	25	26	1	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Kamata	2	59	62	3	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Kunitachi Shiroume	3	17	17	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Keihin	1	26	25	-1	Rotary E-Club of Tokyo Peace Wing	4	23	23	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Denenchofu Midori	2	18	18	0	Tama East Group					
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Shirokane	5	24	27	3	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Fuchu	2	55	53	-2	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Takanawa	1	23	20	-3	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Chofu	2	64	59	-5	
Yamanote East Group					Rotary Club of Tokyo-Tama	2	20	20	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-West	2	197	194	-3	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Komae	0	14	13	-1	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Josai	4	67	66	-1	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Inagi	0	28	27	-1	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Seinan	3	44	43	-1	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Musashi Fuchu	0	39	40	1	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Harajuku	1	17	15	-2	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Tamagawa	4	20	18	-2	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Suginami	1	41	39	-2	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Tama Green	2	29	28	-1	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Jingu	4	24	24	0	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Chofu Murasaki	1	66	64	-2	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Ebisu	5	117	110	-7	Rotary Club of Tokyo i City	1	18	18	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Hiroo	4	24	25	1	Pacific Basin Group					
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Shibuya	4	35	36	1	Rotary Club of Guam	4	*52	51	-1	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Roppongi	5	53	53	0	Rotary Club of Saipan	5	*40	45	5	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Atago	3	31	31	0	Rotary Club of Tumon Bay		*59	55	-4	
Yamanote West Group					Rotary Club of Northern Guam	2	*31	31	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Setagaya	1	44	44	0	Rotary Club of Pohnpei	3	*18	16	-2	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Meguro	4	33	34	1	Rotary Club of Palau	2	14	17	3	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Seijo	3	17	17	0	Rotary Club of Guam Sunrise	5	*15	15	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Setagaya South	2	97	87	-10	Rotary Club of Truk Lagoon		8	8	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Jonan	1	13	14	1	Rotary Club of Pago Bay Guam E	1	*23	25	2	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Yamanote	1	70	67	-3	Total in Japan - 88			4,364	4,324	-40
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Seijo Shin	0	31	30	-1	Total in 2750 dis. - 97			4,624	4,587	-37
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Aoyama	2	16	14	-2						

* shows the provisional data.