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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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**“Life is something like a play.
A good actor may become a beggar, or
a poor actor may become a feudal lord.”**

This will be my final Governor’s Message. I would like to thank you for patiently reading my clumsy writing for the past year. With June, we have already reached the final month of 2020-21, a year and a half since Rotary International President Holger Knaack advocated “Rotary Opens Opportunities” at the International Assembly held in San Diego, California, USA in January of last year. I find myself bashfully wondering just how many people I was able to open opportunities for.

The quote in the title belongs to Yukichi Fukuzawa. Fukuzawa saw the rise and fall of various individuals since the Meiji Restoration, the same era depicted in the current NHK historical drama “Seiten wo Tsuke” (“Reach Beyond the Blue Sky”). The above quote is the kind that only he could make. In the play called life, people with both talent and real ability may not be blessed with status, or those without real ability may obtain high status. What Fukuzawa is telling us is that life does not always go as planned, and as such, it is important to live it to the fullest in the here and now. Perhaps you can agree that it is fun to take an objective look at yourself and entertain the thought of what kind of role you are playing at this point in time and what kind of stage you are playing it on.

If we perceive life as a play, then adding the role of “Rotarian” to that play will surely enrich life further. Given that, I have a suggestion. Our fellow Rotarians represent diverse occupations and hobbies (such as boating, the

game of Go, stamp-collecting, running and fitness). By taking somewhat proactive action of your own accord, you can cultivate friendships through your hobbies, discover new hobbies through those friendships, and even broaden your knowledge about worlds that you never knew about. I also recommend that on occasion, you acquaint yourself with more people and broaden the scope of your hobbies and activities on a wider scale that takes you beyond the Rotary Club and extends overseas. Fellowship activities are the source of the energy that invigorates Rotary activities. Through fellowship activities associated with your hobbies, even those of you who feel that international service poses a somewhat high barrier can seize a foothold in that service. That is a prime example of both the true appeal and the strength of Rotary activities.

I have spent the last year as District Governor engaged in service and fellowship activities alongside you with enjoyment and initiative. Through Governor Clips, which I continued during the COVID-19 pandemic, I have used the medium of video to convey my thoughts at the time on topics such as our daily-changing situation and what activities we should be pursuing right now. Our service and fellowship activities were also realized by District- and Club-associated members through their solid ideas. One regret I have, however, is that we were unable to implement the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards and Rotary Youth Exchange, our support programs for the youth who will uphold the future, according to plan. Still, the Rotary Club will continue to open opportunities from here on out so that young individuals may grow into leaders of their community. That being said, I hope that a “barrier-free mentality,” the theme that I set forth over the past year, is proving to be of at least some help to you in your service activities.

In closing, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to my staff, who assisted me over a considerable time in my role as District Governor, as well as to my fellow Rotarians for committing themselves as much as they could to making society a better place despite this difficult time. I leave you with my thanks for the past year and my hope that the COVID-19 pandemic will subside and we will be able to meet each other again in good health and spirits.

District 2750 Membership Report April 2021

Club Name	Regular meeting	Member quantity			Club Name	Regular meeting	Member quantity			
		July 1, 2020	End of Apr. 2021	Variations			July 1, 2020	End of Apr. 2021	Variations	
Chiyoda Group					Yamanote West Group					
Rotary Club of Tokyo-South	4	184	188	4	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Jiyugaoka	1	16	16	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Shiba	3	56	60	4	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Yoneyama Yuai	3	35	37	2	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Shimbashi	3	56	54	-2	Rotary E-Club of District 2750, Tokyo Yoneyama	2	34	35	1	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Akasaka	3	45	44	-1	Rotary Club of Tokyo Daikanyama	2	28	28	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Minato	3	32	33	1	Tama South Group					
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Azabu	2	15	15	0	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Hachioji	3	63	62	-1	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Global	2	20	20	0	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Machida	4	57	57	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Sunrise Shiodome	3	16	17	1	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Hino	3	34	32	-2	
Ginza/Nihonbashi Group					Rotary Club of Tokyo-Hachioji West	4	111	109	-2	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Ginza	2	180	183	3	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Machida-Naka	2	28	27	-1	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Nihonbashi	2	204	202	-2	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Hachioji East	3	32	34	2	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Tsukiji	3	69	69	0	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Hachioji South	4	78	77	-1	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Nihonbashi East	3	41	42	1	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Machida-Salvia	4	35	36	1	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Chuo	3	203	198	-5	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	2	30	30	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Ginza New	3	79	80	1	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Hachioji North	1	43	42	-1	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-City Nihonbashi	2	38	35	-3	Tama Middle Group					
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Chuo Shin	3	56	60	4	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Tachikawa	4	119	121	2	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Akebono	3	20	21	1	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Koganei	3	38	37	-1	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Sanno	3	36	38	2	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Kokubunji	3	32	37	5	
Keihin Group					Rotary Club of Tokyo-Mitaka	4	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	4	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	4	87	89	2	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Shinagawa Chuo	3	30	29	-1	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Inokashira	3	23	23	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Denenchofu	2	48	48	0	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Akishima Chuo	3	48	49	1	
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	4	25	26	1	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Kamata	3	59	64	5	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Kunitachi Shiroume	3	17	17	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Keihin	3	26	25	-1	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	4	24	28	4	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Fuchu	3	55	54	-1	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Takanawa	2	23	20	-3	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Chofu	3	64	59	-5	
Yamanote East Group					Rotary Club of Tokyo-Tama	3	20	20	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-West	4	197	194	-3	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Komae	4	14	13	-1	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Josai	2	67	66	-1	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Inagi	3	28	27	-1	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Seinan	3	44	43	-1	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Musashi Fuchu	4	39	40	1	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Harajuku	4	17	15	-2	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Tamagawa	3	20	18	-2	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Suginami	2	41	39	-2	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Tama Green	3	29	28	-1	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Jingu	3	24	24	0	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Chofu Murasaki	3	66	64	-2	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Ebisu	3	117	111	-6	Rotary Club of Tokyo i City	1	18	18	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Hiroo	3	24	25	1	Pacific Basin Group					
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Shibuya	3	35	36	1	Rotary Club of Guam	5	*52	51	-1	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Roppongi	3	53	53	0	Rotary Club of Saipan	4	*40	45	5	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Atago	3	31	31	0	Rotary Club of Tumon Bay	2	*59	56	-3	
Yamanote West Group					Rotary Club of Northern Guam	2	*31	31	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Setagaya	3	44	44	0	Rotary Club of Pohnpei		*18	16	-2	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Meguro	2	33	34	1	Rotary Club of Palau		14	17	3	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Seijo	2	17	17	0	Rotary Club of Guam Sunrise	4	*15	15	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Setagaya South	4	97	87	-10	Rotary Club of Truk Lagoon		8	8	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Jonan	0	13	15	2	Rotary Club of Pago Bay Guam E	2	*23	24	1	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Yamanote	4	70	67	-3	Total in Japan - 88			4,364	4,344	-20
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Seijo Shin	3	31	30	-1	Total in 2750 dis. - 97			4,624	4,607	-17
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Aoyama	1	16	16	0						

* shows the provisional data.