

Governor's Monthly Letter



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Governor's message

Rotary International District 2750 2022-23 Governor

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GO to Guam on March 21 & 22!



The District Conference held on February 20 and 21 was a great success with many Rotarians, the family of Rotary, guests, and international colleagues in attendance. I would like to thank all of you for your cooperation. The two days were a great opportunity to talk with friends at the same time and in the same place, that made us realize the joy and importance of socializing with each other. I am sure that many Rotarians made new friends.

It has been 50 years since PBG joined District 2750. Last December we visited 5 Rotary Clubs in Guam and Rotary Club and Rotaract Club in Saipan, and this January we visited the Rotary Club of Pohnpei, the Rotary Club of Truck Lagoon, and the Rotary Club of Palau. The first club I visited this year was the Rotary Club of Pohnpei. We left Japan, made transit in Guam and Chuuk, then arrived in Pohnpei after about 20 hours. At the weekly meeting of the club, I had a good conversation with the members and learned a lot about the actual situation of Pohnpei. The following day, Mr. Bersita, the president of the Rotary Club of Truck Lagoon, told us about the current situation of the club, and we learned that they are having a hard time in membership development and raising dues. The Rotary Club of Pohnpei has 16 members and the Rotary Club of Truck Lagoon has 11 members. The average wage in Pohnpei is \$1.75 per hour, and the average annual income is about JPY 300.000. Chuuk is even lower, so this limits the number of people who can afford to become Rotarians. If we don't get new young members, our clubs will not be able to survive. We will explore what kind of cooperation would be effective through closer communication.

The Rotary Club of Pohnpei has been donating playground equipment, computers, and books to children's shelters for many years, and President Rick explained that continuity is the key to community service. I totally agree with him.

The island of Koror, where the Rotary Club of Palau is

located, had the headquarters of the South Seas Agency in the period under Japanese rule, and even today, Japanese culture remains strong and many of the islanders are pro-Japanese. The average wage in the island is about twice that of Pohnpei, but still low compared to Japan, and the financial hurdle for young people to become Rotary club members is high. Most of the members gathered at the lunch meeting, and after my speech, we had a heart-to-heart exchange through direct dialogue. We then went to the elementary school, where we donated playground equipment, to see the results of our joint service activities. President Jennifer was enthusiastic about environmental issues such as trash separation, recycling, and planting native island plants. In order to expand these activities, it is essential to increase the number of members though, new members are hardly joining. The reason was the same: membership fees.

The islands' economies are supported by the tourism industry, but the travel restrictions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and other factors are draining their economies. At the time when the restrictions are finally eased, PBG is celebrating the 50th anniversary of its affiliation with District 2750 with a commemorative event, and PBG is preparing this event with all the members as a catalyst for local economic recovery. We will have fun while engaging in service activities by having a barbecue feast, a fellowship social gala dinner, beach cleaning involving the public. For golf enthusiasts, we are also planning a charity golf outing at a nice tropical course. Let's take this opportunity to revive "Group for One" and once again bond with our fellow district members through interaction, fellowship, and service activities.

Many PBG members visited Japan for the district conference in February. Now it is our turn to gather in Guam to celebrate the 50th anniversary of PBG membership together. Let's all go to Guam, where PBG members are waiting for you.

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Membership Report

January 2023

Chiyoda Group			
Club Name	22/07/01	23/01/31	Variations
Rotary Club of Tokyo-South	181	183	2
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Shiba	61	67	6
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Shimbashi	52	51	-1
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Akasaka	50	51	1
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Minato	33	35	2
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Azabu	17	17	0
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Global	19	18	-1
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Sunrise Shiodome	17	17	0
Subtotal	430	439	9

Ginza/Nihonbashi Group				
Club Name	22/07/01	23/01/31	Variations	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Ginza	175	179	4	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Nihonbashi	195	199	4	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Tsukiji	66	67	1	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Nihonbashi East	39	40	1	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Chuo	182	181	-1	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Nihonbashi West	43	43	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Ginza New	77	78	1	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-City Nihonbashi	32	32	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Chuo Shin	59	57	-2	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Akebono	18	19	1	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Sanno	35	36	1	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Barrier Free Mind	17	17	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Imagine Join Us		18	18	
Subtotal	938	966	28	

Keihin Group			
Club Name	22/07/01	23/01/31	Variations
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Haneda	52	54	2
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Shinagawa	36	37	1
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Omori	31	32	1
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Shinagawa Chuo	24	26	2
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Denenchofu	38	36	-2
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Konan Marine	12	11	-1
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Osaki	23	23	0
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Kamata	65	66	1
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Keihin	24	27	3
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Denenchofu Midori	18	18	0
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Shirokane	26	26	0
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Takanawa	19	19	0
Subtotal	368	375	7

Yamanote East Group				
Club Name	22/07/01	23/01/31	Variations	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-West	186	186	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Josai	52	58	6	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Seinan	36	36	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Harajuku	14	13	-1	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Suginami	36	38	2	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Jingu	27	29	2	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Ebisu	109	108	-1	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Hiroo	28	30	2	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Shibuya	35	36	1	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Roppongi	55	55	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Atago	36	39	3	
Subtotal	614	628	14	

Yamanote West Group				
Club Name	22/07/01	23/01/31	Variations	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Setagaya	41	41	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Meguro	30	31	1	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Seijo	14	14	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Setagaya South	89	88	-1	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Jonan	25	14	-11	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Yamanote	77	76	-1	

Rotary Club of Tokyo-Seijo Shin	30	29	-1
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Aoyama	17	19	2
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Jiyugaoka	13	14	1
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Yoneyama Yuai	35	34	-1
Rotary E-Club of District 2750, Tokyo Yoneyama	35	36	1
Rotary Club of Tokyo Daikanyama	28	28	0
Subtotal	434	424	-10

Tama South Group				
Club Name	22/07/01	23/01/31	Variations	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Hachioji	59	56	-3	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Machida	66	63	-3	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Hino	31	33	2	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Hachioji West	98	106	8	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Machida-Naka	22	24	2	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Hachioji East	34	34	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Hachioji South	78	79	1	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Machida-Salvia	36	40	4	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Tobihino	22	22	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Machida East	26	27	1	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Hachioji North	42	43	1	
Subtotal	514	527	13	

Tama Middle Group				
Club Name	22/07/01	23/01/31	Variations	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Tachikawa	119	120	1	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Koganei	39	40	1	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Kokubunji	38	37	-1	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Mitaka	41	40	-1	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Akishima	51	51	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Kunitachi	38	41	3	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Tachikawa Kobushi	85	91	6	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Inokashira	25	24	-1	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Akishima Chuo	48	51	3	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Musashi Kokubunji	42	43	1	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Koganei-Sakura	28	30	2	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Kunitachi Shiroume	15	17	2	
Rotary E-Club of Tokyo Peace Wing	20	20	0	
Subtotal	589	605	16	

Tama East Group				
Club Name	22/07/01	23/01/31	Variations	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Fuchu	47	49	2	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Chofu	64	67	3	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Tama	16	16	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Inagi	26	26	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Musashi Fuchu	36	38	2	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Tamagawa	14	19	5	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Tama Green	23	22	-1	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Chofu Murasaki	62	68	6	
Rotary Club of Tokyo i City	18	19	1	
Subtotal	306	324	18	

Pacific Basin Group				
Club Name	22/07/01	23/01/31	Variations	
Rotary Club of Guam	53	53	0	
Rotary Club of Saipan	50	50	0	
Rotary Club of Tumon Bay	62	62	0	
Rotary Club of Northern Guam	32	32	0	
Rotary Club of Pohnpei	16	16	0	
Rotary Club of Palau	16	16	0	
Rotary Club of Guam Sunrise	16	16	0	
Rotary Club of Truk Lagoon	8	8	0	
Rotary E-Club of Pago Bay Guam	25	25	0	
Subtotal	278	278	0	

Total in Japan - 89	4,193	4,288	95
Total in 2750 dis 98	4,471	4,566	95