



Governor's MONTHLY LETTER



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Governor's Message

Rotary International District 2750 2023-24 Governor

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February 23 is

“World Understanding and Peace Day”



Dear Rotarians and Rotaractors, how are you doing ?

February 23, 1905, the date of the first meeting of Rotary's founder, Paul Harris, with three of his friends, is observed as World Understanding and Peace Day. On this day, let us all together to specifically recognize and emphasize Rotary's dedication to international understanding, friendship, and peace.

In October 2014, the R I Board of Directors designated February as the area of focus: “Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month” . This month I will discuss the Rotary Peace Centers program.

Rotary Peace Centers offer tailor-made curricula to train individuals devoted to peacebuilding and conflict resolution. The Rotary Peace Centers program was established in 1999, and the first peace centers began classes three years later. Since then, more than 1,500 peace fellows from 115 countries have graduated from Rotary Peace Centers. There are six Peace Centers worldwide, but the only one in Asia is located at International Christian University in Mitaka, Tokyo. The school' s emphasis on intergovernmental peacekeeping organizations is underscored in classes such as “The United Nations and Sustainable Development” and “Multilateral Diplomacy.” “ICU holds a mission to foster international citizens contributing to the establishment of lasting peace.” says Professor Arakaki, the program' s director, “And it has formed countless UN and international organization staff members and diplomats.”

The 22-month peace studies program prides itself on the open dialogue between students and instructors. Classes at the graduate level are offered in English, and the student-to-faculty ratio of 18-to-1 enables ICU to

realize its mission of small-group education. A field trip to Hiroshima enables students, including some who have come from war-torn countries, to hear the voices of survivors of the nuclear bomb and witness firsthand how Japan attempts to overcome genocide through reconciliation. “The horror of Hiroshima is not simply in the past,” Arakaki says. “It is a real fear that the tragedy may be repeated in parts or even the whole of the globe in the future unless we make a concerted effort to avoid that situation.” The professor is also a former Rotary Foundation Scholar with a deep knowledge of Rotary.

Conflicts have broken out all over the world, including Russia's invasion of Ukraine that began in February of the year before last and the conflict between Israel and Hamas. Now is the time to act as Rotary members with recognition of the importance of nurturing future peacebuilders. Through My Rotary, you can designate contributions to specific areas of activity within the Annual Fund. Designating your gift to "Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention" is one important action you can take for peacebuilding.

This month, I continue with the Paul Harris quote.

“The way to war is a well-paved highway and the way to peace is still a wilderness.”

Transcript of an interview in Alabama, USA, 1945

“I have no hesitation in saying that world peace could be achieved and made permanent if reared on Rotary' s firm foundation of friendliness, tolerance, and usefulness.”

Message to 1940 RI Convention, Havana, Cuba

ROTARY CLUB

Chiyoda Group

Club Name	23/07/01	23/12/31	Variations
Tokyo-South	183	186	3
Tokyo-Shiba	64	69	5
Tokyo-Shimbashi	47	46	-1
Tokyo-Akasaka	52	52	0
Tokyo-Minato	36	37	1
Tokyo-Azabu	14	11	-3
Tokyo-Global	17	15	-2
Tokyo-Sunrise Shiodome	14	14	0
Subtotal	427	430	3

Ginza/Nihonbashi Group

Club Name	23/07/01	23/12/31	Variations
Tokyo-Ginza	178	177	-1
Tokyo-Nihonbashi	1965	203	7
Tokyo-Tsukiji	61	61	0
Tokyo-Nihonbashi East	37	35	-2
Tokyo-Chuo	175	181	6
Tokyo-Nihonbashi West	42	47	5
Tokyo-Ginza New	75	75	0
Tokyo-City Nihonbashi	30	32	2
Tokyo-Chuo Shin	60	56	-4
Tokyo-Akebono	19	20	1
Tokyo-Sanno	37	38	1
Tokyo-Barrier Free Mind	18	30	12
Tokyo-Imagine Join Us	19	23	4
Subtotal	947	978	31

Keihin Group

Club Name	23/07/01	23/12/31	Variations
Tokyo-Haneda	50	55	5
Tokyo-Shinagawa	36	37	1
Tokyo-Omori	32	30	-2
Tokyo-Shinagawa Chuo	25	25	0
Tokyo-Denenchofu	33	33	0
Tokyo-Konan Marine	9	9	0
Tokyo-Osaki	23	25	2
Tokyo-Kamata	63	63	0
Tokyo-Keihin	28	26	-2
Tokyo-Denenchofu Midori	16	16	0
Tokyo-Shirokane	22	21	-1
Tokyo-Takanawa	19	20	1
Subtotal	356	360	4

Yamanote East Group

Club Name	23/07/01	23/12/31	Variations
Tokyo-West	178	174	-4
Tokyo-Josai	59	56	-3
Tokyo-Seinan	32	31	-1
Tokyo-Harajuku	12	14	2
Tokyo-Suginami	38	37	-1
Tokyo-Jingu	29	29	0
Tokyo-Ebisu	110	109	-1
Tokyo-Hiroo	30	33	3
Tokyo-Shibuya	34	36	2
Tokyo-Roppongi	55	55	0
Tokyo-Atago	40	40	0
Subtotal	617	614	-3

Yamanote West Group

Club Name	23/07/01	23/12/31	Variations
Tokyo-Setagaya	36	35	-1
Tokyo-Meguro	32	31	-1
Tokyo-Seijo	12	11	-1
Tokyo-Crosscity	92	96	4
Tokyo-Jonan	9	10	1
Tokyo-Yamanote	78	77	-1
Tokyo-Seijo Shin	27	27	0
Tokyo-Aoyama	22	24	2
Tokyo-Jiyugaoka	14	15	1
Tokyo-Yoneyama Yuai	34	34	0
District 2750, Tokyo Yoneyama	36	36	0
Tokyo Daikanyama	31	29	-2
Subtotal	423	425	2

Tama South Group

Club Name	23/07/01	23/12/31	Variations
Tokyo-Hachioji	55	54	-1
Tokyo-Machida	62	65	3
Tokyo-Hino	34	34	0
Tokyo-Hachioji West	105	109	4
Tokyo-Machida-Naka	24	27	3
Tokyo-Hachioji East	34	33	-1
Tokyo-Hachioji South	78	79	1
Tokyo-Machida-Salvia	39	42	3
Tokyo-Tobihino	21	23	2
Tokyo-Machida East	28	28	0
Tokyo-Hachioji North	44	45	1
Subtotal	524	539	15

Tama Middle Group

Club Name	23/07/01	23/12/31	Variations
Tokyo-Tachikawa	118	115	-3
Tokyo-Koganei	40	39	-1
Tokyo-Kokubunji	36	43	7
Tokyo-Mitaka	38	39	1
Tokyo-Akishima	47	49	2
Tokyo-Kunitachi	39	44	5
Tokyo-Tachikawa Kobushi	94	97	3
Tokyo-Inokashira	26	24	-2
Tokyo-Akishima Chuo	55	54	-1
Tokyo-Musashi Kokubunji	45	45	0
Tokyo-Koganei-Sakura	29	29	0
Tokyo-Kunitachi Shiroume	17	15	-2
E-Club of Tokyo Peace Wing	21	19	-2
Subtotal	605	612	7

Tama East Group

Club Name	23/07/01	23/12/31	Variations
Tokyo-Fuchu	50	49	-1
Tokyo-Chofu	66	69	3
Tokyo-Tama	17	18	1
Tokyo-Inagi	25	24	-1
Tokyo-Musashi Fuchu	37	39	2
Tokyo-Tamagawa	18	19	1
Tokyo-Tama Green	18	21	3
Tokyo-Chofu Murasaki	66	65	-1
Tokyo i City	18	18	0
Subtotal	315	322	7

Pacific Basin Group

Club Name	23/07/01	23/12/31	Variations
Guam	50	49	-1
Saipan	46	49	3
Tumon Bay	73	75	2
Northern Guam	28	24	-4
Pohnpei	15	14	-1
Palau	14	13	-1
Guam Sunrise	16	14	-2
Truk Lagoon	10	10	0
E-Club of Pago Bay Guam	25	25	0
Subtotal	277	273	-4

Total in Japan - 89	4,214	4,280	66
Total in 2750 dis. - 98	4,491	4,553	62

ROTARACT CLUB

Club Name	Number of active members
Tokyo Fuchu	9
Tokyo West	16
Tokyo Hino	-
Tokyo Ginza	19
Tokyo Shinagawa	7
Tokyo Hachioji	7
Tokyo Shinagawa Chuo	1

Club Name	Number of active members
Tokyo Akishima	5
Tokyo Denenchofu	7
Tokyo Nihonbashi	13
Tokyo Orchid Setagaya South	16
Shibuya	-
Marianas	24
Chuo Univ.	88

Club Name	Number of active members
Saipan	18
Tokyo Ebisu	11
Tokyo Central	6
Tokyo Vision	18
Total in Japan - 16	223
Total in 2750 dis. - 18	265