

Governor's MONTHLY LETTER

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Governor's message

“Change the world with the Magic of Rotary!”

Rotary International District 2750, 2024-25 Governor **Chie Ito**

“Rotary is an integrating force in a world”

As we enter the final two months of this Rotary year, I find myself with only two more opportunities to share a message with you through the Governor's Monthly Letter.

Let me begin with a story you may have heard before—the parable about the Banquet in Heaven and Hell. About a quarter-century ago, I had the privilege of interviewing Chief Priest Seiham Mori of Kiyomizu-dera, the Head Temple of the Kita-Hossō Sect of Buddhism. You may recognize him as the one who annually writes the “Kanji of the Year” with a large brushstroke at the end of each year.

During that interview, he shared a story that has stayed with me ever since. It is the parable of “Heaven and Hell.” — In the story, there are two rooms, each filled with hungry people. In both rooms, a feast is set on the table, and long chopsticks are provided. In one room, each person tries to feed themselves with the long chopsticks, but they cannot reach their own mouth. Frustration grows, and eventually, conflict breaks out. In the other room, people use the chopsticks to feed the person across from them. Each in turn feeds and is fed. Smiles fill the room, and everyone is satisfied. Which, then, is Hell, and which is Heaven? —

This parable offers a profound lesson. I often meet people in Rotary who embody the spirit of altruism, and to me, they overlap with the latter group of individuals mentioned in this story. I strongly aspire to be like them. This is a lesson I could only have learned through becoming a member of Rotary.

In recent times, the world has been facing a crisis of democracy and growing divisions. There may be those who feel a sense of concern, believing that the world order is being shaken, excessive nationalism is advancing, and peace is being threatened. Due to various factors such as history, ethnicity, and religion, resentment, hatred, and conflict persist. Although resolving these issues is not easy, isn't it now the time for humanity to overcome them with its collective wisdom?

More than ever, we need the spirit of empathy, altruism, and tolerance. These are values that Rotary has long upheld. One of the great appeals of Rotary is the number of members who live by these ideals and set an example for others. If more people were to follow this path, I believe we would take steady steps toward world peace. It is precisely in times like these that the role of Rotary becomes even more significant.

Our role, first and foremost, is to nurture and grow the number of people who embrace this mindset. To do so, we as Rotarians must continuously reaffirm and share our commitment to altruism and tolerance.

“Rotary is an integrating force in a world where forces of disintegration are all too prevalent; Rotary is a microcosm of a world at peace, a model which nations would do well to follow.”

— These are the words of Paul Harris. As we carry on his legacy, our Rotary service takes on even greater meaning and urgency at this moment. Let us continue learning together, and acting together, toward a “banquet in heaven”, where all can smile in peace.

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District 2750 Membership Report

ROTARY CLUB

Chiyoda Group

Club Name	24/07/01	25/3/31	Variations
Tokyo-South	185	183	-2
Tokyo-Shiba	70	71	1
Tokyo-Shimbashi	45	43	-2
Tokyo-Akasaka	51	51	0
Tokyo-Minato	39	41	2
Tokyo-Azabu	11	11	0
Tokyo-Global	13	18	5
Tokyo-Sunrise Shiodome	13	14	1
Subtotal	427	432	5

Yamanote East Group

Club Name	24/07/01	25/3/31	Variations
Tokyo-West	178	180	2
Tokyo-Josai	59	59	0
Tokyo-Seinan	29	35	6
Tokyo-Harajuku	13	13	0
Tokyo-Suginami	34	34	0
Tokyo-Jingu	30	29	-1
Tokyo-Ebisu	99	99	0
Tokyo-Hiroo	33	35	2
Tokyo-Shibuya	36	38	2
Tokyo-Roppongi	55	57	2
Tokyo-Atago	39	39	0
Subtotal	605	618	13

Tama Middle Group

Club Name	24/07/01	25/3/31	Variations
Tokyo-Tachikawa	114	119	5
Tokyo-Koganei	41	42	1
Tokyo-Kokubunji	41	43	2
Tokyo-Mitaka	36	40	4
Tokyo-Akishima	47	47	0
Tokyo-Kunitachi	43	43	0
Tokyo-Tachikawa Kobushi	95	96	1
Tokyo-Inokashira	26	27	1
Tokyo-Akishima Chuo	54	54	0
Tokyo-Musashi Kokubunji	44	44	0
Tokyo-Koganei-Sakura	29	29	0
Tokyo-Kunitachi Shiroume	14	13	-1
E-Club of Tokyo Peace Wing	26	29	3
Tokyo Peace Wing Next Satellite			
Subtotal	610	626	16

Ginza/Nihonbashi Group

Club Name	24/07/01	25/3/31	Variations
Tokyo-Ginza	171	168	-3
Tokyo-Nihonbashi	201	203	2
Tokyo-Tsukiji	58	61	3
Tokyo-Nihonbashi East	35	33	-2
Tokyo-Chuo	187	184	-3
Tokyo-Nihonbashi West	49	47	-2
Tokyo-Ginza New	72	77	5
Tokyo-City Nihonbashi	31	27	-4
Tokyo-Chuo Shin	58	58	0
Tokyo-Akebono	19	20	1
Tokyo-Sanno	40	40	0
Tokyo-Barrier Free Mind	27	30	3
Tokyo-Imagine Join Us	21	26	5
Subtotal	969	974	5

Yamanote West Group

Club Name	24/07/01	25/3/31	Variations
Tokyo-Setagaya	38	47	9
Tokyo-Meguro	31	36	5
Tokyo-Seijo	10	10	0
Tokyo-Crosscity	90	91	1
Tokyo-Jonan	10	13	3
Tokyo-Yamanote	76	76	0
Tokyo-Seijo Shin	21	21	0
Tokyo-Aoyama	24	32	8
Tokyo-Jiyugaoka	14	14	0
Tokyo-Yoneyama Yuai	33	33	0
District 2750, Tokyo Yoneyama	35	34	-1
Tokyo Daikanyama	30	31	1
Subtotal	412	438	26

Tama East Group

Club Name	24/07/01	25/3/31	Variations
Tokyo-Fuchu	48	46	-2
Tokyo-Chofu	66	67	1
Tokyo-Tama	16	18	2
Tokyo-Inagi	23	23	0
Tokyo-Musashi Fuchu	37	42	5
Tokyo-Tamagawa	24	24	0
Tokyo-Tama Green	14	13	-1
Tokyo-Chofu Murasaki	64	69	5
Tokyo i City	18	19	1
Subtotal	310	321	11

Keihin Group

Club Name	24/07/01	25/3/31	Variations
Tokyo-Haneda	54	53	-1
Tokyo-Shinagawa	39	41	2
Tokyo-Omori	29	25	-4
Tokyo-Shinagawa Chuo	24	24	0
Tokyo-Denenchofu	34	34	0
Tokyo-Konan Marine	9	8	-1
Tokyo-Osaki	26	24	-2
Tokyo-Kamata	63	61	-2
Tokyo-Keihin	26	25	-1
Tokyo-Denenchofu Midori	18	24	6
Tokyo-Shirokane	20	21	1
Tokyo-Takanawa	17	18	1
Subtotal	359	358	-1

Tama South Group

Club Name	24/07/01	25/3/31	Variations
Tokyo-Hachioji	59	67	8
Tokyo-Machida	67	70	3
Tokyo-Hino	33	33	0
Tokyo-Hachioji West	110	118	8
Tokyo-Machida-Naka	26	29	3
Tokyo-Hachioji East	34	36	2
Tokyo-Hachioji South	83	85	2
Tokyo-Machida-Salvia	42	43	1
Tokyo-Tobihino	26	27	1
Tokyo-Machida East	27	28	1
Tokyo-Hachioji North	46	47	1
Subtotal	553	583	30

Pacific Basin Group

Club Name	24/07/01	25/3/31	Variations
Guam	47	44	-3
Saipan	42	38	-4
Tumon Bay	68	55	-13
Northern Guam	22	22	0
Pohnpei	15	15	0
Palau	14	13	-1
Guam Sunrise	14	14	0
Truk Lagoon	10	10	0
E-Club of Pago Bay Guam	25	21	-4
Subtotal	257	232	-25

Total in Japan - 89	4,245	4,350	105
Total in 2750 dis. - 98	4,502	4,582	80

ROTARACT CLUB

Club Name	Number of active members
Tokyo Fuchu	9
Tokyo West	18
Tokyo Hino	0
Tokyo Ginza	22
Tokyo Shinagawa	8
Tokyo Hachioji	7
Tokyo Shinagawa Chuo	5

Club Name	Number of active members
Tokyo Akishima	5
Tokyo Denenchofu	8
Tokyo Nihonbashi	15
Tokyo Orchid Setagaya South	13
Shibuya	12
Marianas	27
Chuo Univ.	90

Club Name	Number of active members
Saipan	11
Tokyo Ebis	11
Tokyo Central	9
Tokyo Vision	10
Rotaract of the ICU	17
Total in Japan - 16	248
Total in 2750 dis. - 19	297