

Governor's MONTHLY LETTER

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Rotary International District 2750 2025-26 Governor *Yasushi Tanaka*

Youth Service

April is Youth Service Month in Rotary, and I would like to introduce programs related to youth, together with a brief account of my own experience. Representative youth programs include Interact Clubs, Youth Exchange, RYLA, Rotary Foundation Scholarships, and the Yoneyama Memorial Scholarship Program.

1. Interact Clubs

Interact Clubs are for young people aged 12 to 18, typically at junior high and high school levels. Sponsored by Rotary clubs, Interact clubs provide opportunities for service in the local community and for international exchange with fellow Interactors. Through these activities, participants broaden their perspectives, develop international understanding, and cultivate a spirit of service.

2. Youth Exchange

The Youth Exchange program enables students aged 15 to 19 to spend approximately one year abroad with the aim of promoting international understanding and goodwill. While learning language and culture, participants also serve as “young ambassadors,” sharing Japanese culture with their host communities. Alumni of this program are known as Rotex.

3. RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards)

RYLA is a leadership development program designed to foster the next generation of leaders in communities and organizations. In our district, we conduct a two-night, three-day program for participants aged 18 to 30. Graduates of this program are called RYLarians.

4. Rotary Foundation Scholarships

These scholarships are funded through Rotary Foundation resources at the district level. In our district, we utilize Global Grants to support students studying in Rotary’s seven areas of focus. Notable alumni include former United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Sadako Ogata and former astronaut Naoko Yamazaki.

5. Yoneyama Memorial Scholarship Program

The Yoneyama Program supports international students studying in Japan. Scholars engage with their host Rotary clubs through meetings and service activities, gaining a deeper understanding of Japanese culture and customs. They are expected to serve in the future as goodwill ambassadors linking their home countries with Japan.

Allow me to share a story about a Yoneyama scholar. It concerns an individual whom my father, a Rotarian, supported approximately 40 years ago. Having faced significant hardships during his own student days, my father placed great importance on supporting international students in Japan. He not only cared for Yoneyama scholars but also extended his hospitality to their friends and even to international students who happened to visit his dental clinic for treatment. Every Thursday evening, he invited them to dinner. As a dentist himself, he likely encountered many such students through his profession. Consequently, our Thursday nights were always lively gatherings filled with international guests.

One of those former students visited me for the first time in 40 years. She had been a Yoneyama scholar from Taiwan, frequently joining our family for meals and occasionally seeking my father’s advice. Even after completing the program, she remained in touch with him. She later married, moved to Canada, and successfully operated a restaurant. Two years ago, she transferred ownership of the business and has since been traveling freely around the world.

She told me that one of the first purposes of her journey was to pay her respects at my father’s grave, which led her to visit me. The moment I met her again after four decades, I felt a profound and mysterious connection. As I spoke about my father and she shared her memories, our hearts gradually bridged the passage of time. Through her words, I came to understand a part of the spirit with which my father had engaged with international students, and there were many moments that deeply moved me.

The single seed my father had sown had taken firm root over more than 40 years and blossomed into a beautiful flower. Witnessing this, I felt an indescribable sense of emotion and deep pride. Most gratifying of all was that this connection did not remain a memory of the past, but continues into the present. The bonds my father nurtured have transcended generations and live on as a new friendship. Today, we remain in regular contact as friends.

Encounters between people may seem fleeting, yet they endure across time. Through Rotary, my life has been enriched beyond measure.

District 2750 Membership Report

2026 March

ROTARY CLUB

Chiyoda Group			
Club Name	25/7/1	26/3/31	Variations
Tokyo-South	184	190	6
Tokyo-Shiba	68	71	3
Tokyo-Shimbashi	41	41	0
Tokyo-Akasaka	48	45	-3
Tokyo-Minato	36	33	-3
Tokyo-Azabu	11	11	0
Tokyo-Global	19	18	-1
Tokyo-Sunrise Shiodome	14	13	-1
Subtotal	421	422	1

Yamanote East Group			
Club Name	25/7/1	26/3/31	Variations
Tokyo-West	181	183	2
Tokyo-Josai	57	57	0
Tokyo-Seinan	34	33	-1
Tokyo-Harajuku	13	12	-1
Tokyo-Suginami	35	37	2
Tokyo-Jingu	27	29	2
Tokyo-Ebisu	97	94	-3
Tokyo-Hiroo	32	31	-1
Tokyo-Shibuya	38	43	5
Tokyo-Roppongi	56	55	-1
Tokyo-Atago	39	39	0
Tokyo-International		16	16
Subtotal	609	629	20

Tama Middle Group			
Club Name	25/7/1	26/3/31	Variations
Tokyo-Tachikawa	116	111	-5
Tokyo-Koganei	41	43	2
Tokyo-Kokubunji	44	42	-2
Tokyo-Mitaka	38	41	3
Tokyo-Akishima	46	50	4
Tokyo-Kunitachi	41	40	-1
Tokyo-Tachikawa Kobushi	93	89	-4
Tokyo-Inokashira	23	24	1
Tokyo-Akishima Chuo	51	51	0
Tokyo-Musashi Kokubunji	44	44	0
Tokyo-Koganei-Sakura	29	30	1
Tokyo-Kunitachi Shiroume	13	13	0
E-Club of Tokyo Peace Wing※	26	25	-1
Subtotal	605	603	-2

※Including members of the Tokyo Peace Wing Next Rotary Satellite Club

Ginza/Nihonbashi Group			
Club Name	25/7/1	26/3/31	Variations
Tokyo-Ginza	171	176	5
Tokyo-Nihonbashi	203	208	5
Tokyo-Tsukiji	58	61	3
Tokyo-Nihonbashi East	34	35	1
Tokyo-Chuo	174	172	-2
Tokyo-Nihonbashi West	39	35	-4
Tokyo-Ginza New	70	71	1
Tokyo-City Nihonbashi	19	20	1
Tokyo-Chuo Shin	55	51	-4
Tokyo-Akebono	21	23	2
Tokyo-Sanno	41	38	-3
Tokyo-Barrier Free Mind	23	27	4
Tokyo-Imagine Join Us	21	26	5
Tokyo All For Smile	-	15	15
Subtotal	929	958	29

Yamanote West Group			
Club Name	25/7/1	26/3/31	Variations
Tokyo-Setagaya	50	51	1
Tokyo-Meguro	33	32	-1
Tokyo-Seijo	10	11	1
Tokyo-Crosscity	90	88	-2
Tokyo-Jonan	13	13	0
Tokyo-Yamanote	74	74	0
Tokyo-Seijo Shin	19	23	4
Tokyo-Aoyama	35	36	1
Tokyo-Jiyugaoka	10	11	1
Tokyo-Yoneyama	34	35	1
District 2750, Tokyo Yoneyama	33	33	0
Tokyo Daikanyama	31	32	1
Subtotal	432	439	7

Tama East Group			
Club Name	25/7/1	26/3/31	Variations
Tokyo-Fuchu	47	48	1
Tokyo-Chofu	68	68	0
Tokyo-Tama	18	16	-2
Tokyo-Inagi	20	21	1
Tokyo-Musashi Fuchu	40	46	6
Tokyo-Tamagawa	22	23	1
Tokyo-Chofu Murasaki	68	72	4
Tokyo i City	19	20	1
Subtotal	302	314	12

Keihin Group			
Club Name	25/7/1	26/3/31	Variations
Tokyo-Haneda	51	53	2
Tokyo-Shinagawa	43	43	0
Tokyo-Omori	26	29	3
Tokyo-Shinagawa Chuo	23	25	2
Tokyo-Denenchofu	34	33	-1
Tokyo-Konan Marine	7	7	0
Tokyo-Osaki	29	28	-1
Tokyo-Kamata	60	63	3
Tokyo-Keihin	24	25	1
Tokyo-Denenchofu Midori	27	27	0
Tokyo-Shirokane	20	25	5
Tokyo-Takanawa	17	19	2
Subtotal	361	377	16

Tama South Group			
Club Name	25/7/1	26/3/31	Variations
Tokyo-Hachioji	63	64	1
Tokyo-Machida	68	67	-1
Tokyo-Hino	33	34	1
Tokyo-Hachioji West	114	119	5
Tokyo-Machida-Naka	30	32	2
Tokyo-Hachioji East	34	34	0
Tokyo-Hachioji South	85	83	-2
Tokyo-Machida-Salvia	42	43	1
Tokyo-Tobihino	28	28	0
Tokyo-Machida East	29	29	0
Tokyo-Hachioji North	47	48	1
Subtotal	573	581	8

Pacific Basin Group			
Club Name	25/7/1	26/3/31	Variations
Guam	45	45	0
Saipan	32	31	-1
Tumon Bay	54	51	-3
Northern Guam	22	23	1
Pohnpei	13	13	0
Palau	12	12	0
Guam Sunrise	14	16	2
Truk Lagoon	5	7	2
E-Club of Pago Bay Guam	23	18	-5
Subtotal	220	216	-4
Total in Japan - 90	4,232	4,323	91
Total in 2750 dis. - 99	4,452	4,539	87

ROTARACT CLUB

Club Name	Number of active members
Tokyo Fuchu	5
Tokyo West	19
Tokyo Hino	0
Tokyo Ginza	25
Tokyo Shinagawa	6
Tokyo Hachioji	5
Tokyo Shinagawa Chuo	5

Club Name	Number of active members
Tokyo Akishima	3
Tokyo Denenchofu	7
Tokyo Nihonbashi	19
Tokyo Orchid Setagaya South	8
Shibuya	8
Marianas	24
Chuo Univ.	97

Club Name	Number of active members
Saipan	18
Tokyo Ebis	19
Tokyo Central	11
Tokyo Vision	10
ICU	11
Total in Japan - 16	247
Total in 2750 dis. - 19	300