

Governor's MONTHLY LETTER



CREATE LASTING IMPACT

A LASTING GIFT FOR THE FUTURE, WOVEN THROUGH ACTION AND COLLABORATION

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Connecting for the Future — A New Shape of Rotary

The Governor's Official Visits, which began in July, have now reached the Yamanote West Group. At each club I have visited so far, I have been warmly welcomed by the presidents, secretaries, and members, and I would like to express my sincere gratitude to everyone.

During these Official Visits, I have had the opportunity to hear directly about each club's history and unique character, its service activities, and the challenges it currently faces. Each visit has brought new discoveries for me and has once again reminded me of the diversity of District 2750 and the strength that each individual club possesses.

One issue that many clubs share a strong interest in is member retention and membership growth.

Of course, welcoming new members is important. At the same time, however, I believe we must also ensure that those who are already part of Rotary can continue to enjoy their Rotary journey, while opening the door to people who, for various reasons, have previously found it difficult to participate in Rotary.

My Official Visit to the Yamanote West Group provided me with an opportunity to reflect once again on this issue. I would like to introduce Tokyo Yoneyama Rotary E-Club 2750. This club is led primarily by former Yoneyama scholars and is made up of members connected not only to Japan but also to various countries and regions, particularly across Asia. Because its members are geographically dispersed, the club holds its meetings using online platforms such as Zoom.

I also participated in this Official Visit online. To be honest, before the visit, I had wondered how a club centered around online meetings could conduct its Rotary activities.

However, after speaking with the members, my impression changed significantly.

Even when separated by distance, they are firmly connected. And they are actively putting service into practice.

I was not only greatly impressed but also deeply inspired by what I saw.

I felt that they reminded me once again that what truly matters is not where we meet, but why we come together and what we do together.

I believe this is also an important perspective when considering satellite clubs.

Satellite clubs are often thought of simply as a way to "create a new club" or "attract younger people." But I believe they offer much broader possibilities.

Today, people's lifestyles and values are becoming increasingly diverse. Some find it difficult to attend traditional meetings because of work or family commitments. Others may be younger, live far away, or wish to devote themselves to particular areas of service. In such an environment, there is no reason why participation in Rotary must take only one form.

By introducing greater flexibility in meeting times and locations, membership fees, and ways of participating in activities, we may be able to connect with new members. At the same time, we may also be able to help existing members maintain their connection with Rotary when changes in their circumstances make it difficult for them to continue participating in the traditional way.

I believe that membership growth in the years ahead should not be measured solely by the question, "How many members can we add?" We should also ask, "How many different ways can we create for each individual to engage with Rotary in a way that suits them?"

The form may be different, but the spirit of service remains the same. Whether we meet in person or online, whether we belong to an established club or a satellite club, if there is a connection among members, a commitment to service, and the willingness to take action, that is truly Rotary.

My theme for this Rotary year is:

"A Lasting Gift for the Future, Woven Through Action and Collaboration."

"Collaboration" does not simply mean being in the same place. It means working together toward a common purpose—across distances, across generations, and across national borders—while recognizing and respecting our differences.

I believe that evolving the Rotary we have inherited into a form that makes it easier for the next generation to participate, and passing it on to the future, is itself an important "lasting gift for the future."

Basic Education and Literacy Month

September is Basic Education and Literacy Month.

Education gives children the ability to think for themselves, broaden their possibilities, and choose their own futures. Even within our local communities, there are many ways in which we can make a difference, including creating safe places for children, providing learning support, and supporting children whose first language is not Japanese.

This month, I encourage each of you to consider "what our club can do as a lasting gift for the future" and turn those thoughts into action.

Rotary-no-Tomo Month

September is also Rotary-no-Tomo Month.

Rotary-no-Tomo offers many ideas and sources of inspiration, including examples of service activities and innovative approaches to club management from Rotary clubs across Japan.

Learning about what other clubs are doing can inspire us to take new action ourselves. I encourage you to take a little more time than usual this month to open Rotary-no-Tomo and discover new ideas and insights through the activities of our fellow Rotarians across Japan.

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District 2750 Membership Report

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2026 July

ROTARY CLUB

Chiyoda Group			
Club Name	26/7/1	26/7/31	Variations
Tokyo-South	189	190	1
Tokyo-Shiba	69	72	3
Tokyo-Shimbashi	36	36	0
Tokyo-Akasaka	45	45	0
Tokyo-Minato	35	35	0
Tokyo-Azabu	13	13	0
Tokyo-Global	16	17	1
Tokyo-Sunrise Shiodome	14	14	0
Subtotal	417	422	5

Ginza/Nihonbashi Group			
Club Name	26/7/1	26/7/31	Variations
Tokyo-Ginza	173	174	1
Tokyo-Nihonbashi	200	200	0
Tokyo-Tsukiji	62	62	0
Tokyo-Nihonbashi East	54	55	1
Tokyo-Chuo	165	169	4
Tokyo-Nihonbashi West	34	34	0
Tokyo-Ginza New	66	67	1
Tokyo-Chuo Shin	50	51	1
Tokyo-Akebono	22	23	1
Tokyo-Sanno	41	41	0
Tokyo-Barrier Free Mind	25	25	0
Tokyo-Imagine Join Us	26	26	0
Tokyo All For Smile	14	14	0
Subtotal	932	941	9

Yamanote East Group			
Club Name	26/7/1	26/7/31	Variations
Tokyo-West	178	179	1
Tokyo-Josai	45	45	0
Tokyo-Seinan	32	32	0
Tokyo-Harajuku	12	12	0
Tokyo-Suginami	36	37	1
Tokyo-Jingu	27	27	0
Tokyo-Ebisu	92	95	3
Tokyo-Hiroo	29	29	0
Tokyo-Shibuya	40	40	0
Tokyo-Roppongi	55	55	0
Tokyo-Atago	36	36	0
Tokyo-International	14	15	1
Subtotal	596	602	6

Yamanote West Group			
Club Name	26/7/1	26/7/31	Variations
Tokyo-Setagaya	52	53	1
Tokyo-Meguro	33	35	2
Tokyo-Seijo	10	10	0
Tokyo-Crosscity	89	89	0
Tokyo-Jonan	13	14	1
Tokyo-Yamanote	71	72	1
Tokyo-Seijo Shin	19	20	1
Tokyo-Aoyama	31	31	0
Tokyo-Jiyugaoka	10	10	0
Tokyo-Yoneyama	26	26	0
District 2750, Tokyo Yoneyama	30	30	0
Tokyo Daikanyama	32	32	0
Subtotal	416	422	6

Tama Middle Group			
Club Name	26/7/1	26/7/31	Variations
Tokyo-Tachikawa	116	117	1
Tokyo-Koganei	40	40	0
Tokyo-Kokubunji	39	38	-1
Tokyo-Mitaka	40	40	0
Tokyo-Akishima	53	52	-1
Tokyo-Kunitachi	40	40	0
Tokyo-Tachikawa Kobushi	90	90	0
Tokyo-Inokashira	24	24	0
Tokyo-Akishima Chuo	50	50	0
Tokyo-Musashi Kokubunji	44	47	3
Tokyo-Koganei-Sakura	30	30	0
Tokyo-Kunitachi Shiroume	12	12	0
E-Club of Tokyo Peace Wing※	26	26	0
Subtotal	604	606	2

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

Tama East Group			
Club Name	26/7/1	26/7/31	Variations
Tokyo-Fuchu	47	47	0
Tokyo-Chofu	69	70	1
Tokyo-Tama	14	16	2
Tokyo-Inagi	20	21	1
Tokyo-Musashi Fuchu	45	45	0
Tokyo-Tamagawa	24	25	1
Tokyo-Chofu Murasaki	69	70	1
Tokyo i City	18	19	1
Subtotal	306	313	7

Keihin Group			
Club Name	26/7/1	26/7/31	Variations
Tokyo-Haneda	52	53	1
Tokyo-Shinagawa	40	41	1
Tokyo-Omori	28	27	-1
Tokyo-Shinagawa Chuo	26	27	1
Tokyo-Denenchofu	31	31	0
Tokyo-Konan Marine	7	7	0
Tokyo-Osaki	28	29	1
Tokyo-Kamata	60	59	-1
Tokyo-Keihin	25	25	0
Tokyo-Denenchofu Midori	27	27	0
Tokyo-Shirokane	23	23	0
Tokyo-Takanawa	19	20	1
Subtotal	366	369	3

Tama South Group			
Club Name	26/7/1	26/7/31	Variations
Tokyo-Hachioji	58	58	0
Tokyo-Machida	66	67	1
Tokyo-Hino	31	32	1
Tokyo-Hachioji West	118	120	2
Tokyo-Machida-Naka	39	38	-1
Tokyo-Hachioji East	31	31	0
Tokyo-Hachioji South	83	83	0
Tokyo-Machida-Salvia	45	45	0
Tokyo-Tobihino	28	28	0
Tokyo-Machida East	30	30	0
Tokyo-Hachioji North	49	50	1
Subtotal	578	582	4

Pacific Basin Group			
Club Name	26/7/1	26/7/31	Variations
Guam	45	45	0
Saipan	30	30	0
Tumon Bay	54	54	0
Northern Guam	24	24	0
Pohnpei	12	12	0
Palau	15	15	0
Guam Sunrise	14	14	0
Truk Lagoon	6	6	0
E-Club of Pago Bay Guam	26	26	0
Subtotal	226	226	0
Total in Japan - 89	4,215	4,257	42
Total in 2750 dis. - 98	4,441	4,483	42

ROTARACT CLUB

Club Name	Number of active members
Tokyo Fuchu	2
Tokyo West	16
Tokyo Hino	0
Tokyo Ginza	25
Tokyo Shinagawa	7
Tokyo Hachioji	5
Tokyo Shinagawa Chuo	7

Club Name	Number of active members
Tokyo Akishima	2
Tokyo Denenchofu	6
Tokyo Nihonbashi	18
Tokyo Orchid Setagaya South	13
Shibuya	13
Marianas	24
Chuo Univ.	130

Club Name	Number of active members
Saipan	18
Tokyo Ebis	18
Tokyo Central	11
Tokyo Vision	12
ICU	13
Total in Japan - 16	285
Total in 2750 dis. - 19	340