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## Governor's Message

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**Imagine that sea levels rose by 1m.  
Roughly 90% of Japan's beaches  
would disappear as a result.**

I hope this message finds you all well. The controversial "Go To" campaign by the Japanese government encouraging domestic travel has gotten underway. One has to wonder how The Official Visits will be affected by this. The shortage of opportunities for us to gather together has been unfortunate. Now, I believe, is precisely the time for us as Rotarians to persevere in our efforts so that our service reaches those who are in need of support, even if only a little. September is Basic Education and Literacy Month at the Rotary. I ask that you provide your cooperation on numerous fronts so that opportunities are equally available to children around the world.

I say "imagine" in the title as an admonition about global warming. Steve Jobs pointed out three concerns that he had about the future: one being pandemics, the second being wealth disparity, and the third being global warming. This third issue is what I would like to touch upon in this message. As of the 2020 Rotary Year, The Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees and The Rotary International Board of Directors have added "supporting the environment" as an area of focus. Until now, there have been six such areas of focus: peacebuilding and conflict prevention; disease prevention and treatment; water, sanitation, and hygiene; maternal and child health; basic education and literacy; and community economic development. Supporting the environment will be the Rotary Club's seventh area of focus and a category of volunteer activities to be carried out through global subsidies.

Incidentally, have you ever pondered what would be the most effective way to support the environment?

Apparently, it's for humans to disappear from the face of the planet. The central issue of supporting the environment, global warming is said to largely be a human-manufactured problem. The electric and thermal power and industrial products that we generate by burning fossil fuels and, surprisingly, the livestock that we cultivate (particularly cattle due to their belching) are supposedly causes of global warming, reason being that they result in emissions of carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide and other forms of greenhouse gases. Moreover, the risk caused by global warming goes beyond climatological disasters and extends to physical damage as well. For example, a consulting company issued a report claiming that in the US State of Florida, by the year 2050, the value of residential property will drop between 15% and 35% due to flood damage, followed by a decrease in tax revenues, higher insurance premiums, and delays in the redevelopment of infrastructure.

Global warming may also seriously impact members from The Pacific Basin Group in the form of islands succumbing to erosion by the sea, reason being that when the sea becomes warmer, not only does the volume of seawater expand, but ice sheets in the Arctic Ocean and Greenland also melt, causing a significant rise in sea levels. It is predicted that 50% to 80% of Kiribati, Tuvalu and other islands in the South Pacific will become inundated.

So what can we do about it? After 2020 commenced, the Japanese government declared its intention to make the country a carbon-free society. More specifically, it announced that it would cease exports of coal-fired power generation systems, and reduce its domestic coal power generation ratio from 32% to 26% by 2030 as it works towards making the shift to renewable energy. While 6% may not sound like much of a difference, given that burning fossil fuels is the single largest factor behind global warming, that difference is a considerable step in attacking that factor.

Change is also evident in our immediate surroundings as well. Plastic bags are no longer handed out at cash registers for free, and paper straws have been developed. Recycling methods for plastics polluting the ocean have also become more diversified, to the point where we now decompose those plastics and return them to nature. It is important that we search out our own concrete, practical solutions in our respective positions. I, for one, have purchased a non-disposable shopping bag for starters. Next, I hope to make further steps forward while soliciting your advice.

# District 2750 Membership Report July 2020

Club Name	Regular meeting	Member quantity			Club Name	Regular meeting	Member quantity			
		July 1, 2020	End of July 2020	Variations			July 1, 2020	End of July 2020	Variations	
<b>Chiyoda Group</b>					<b>Yamanote West Group</b>					
Rotary Club of Tokyo-South	2	184	187	3	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Jiyugaoka	4	16	16	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Shiba	4	56	56	0	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Yoneyama Yuai	3	35	36	1	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Shimbashi	3	56	56	0	Rotary E-Club of District 2750, Tokyo Yoneyama	2	34	34	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Akasaka	3	45	46	1	Rotary Club of Tokyo Daikanyama	2	28	27	-1	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Minato	4	32	31	-1	<b>Tama South Group</b>					
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Azabu	2	15	15	0	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Hachioji	4	63	64	1	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Global	2	20	20	0	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Machida	4	57	57	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Sunrise Shiodome	3	16	17	1	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Hino	4	34	34	0	
<b>Ginza/Nihonbashi Group</b>					Rotary Club of Tokyo-Hachioji West	4	111	111	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Ginza	4	180	180	0	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Machida-Naka	2	28	28	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Nihonbashi	3	204	206	2	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Hachioji East	4	32	33	1	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Tsukiji	2	69	69	0	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Hachioji South	5	78	78	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Nihonbashi East	3	41	42	1	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Machida-Salvia	4	35	35	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Chuo	3	203	206	3	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Tobihino	4	22	22	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Nihonbashi West	3	45	45	0	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Machida East	4	30	30	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Ginza New	4	79	80	1	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Hachioji North	3	43	43	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-City Nihonbashi	4	38	38	0	<b>Tama Middle Group</b>					
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Chuo Shin	3	56	59	3	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Tachikawa	4	119	121	2	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Akebono	3	20	20	0	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Koganei	4	38	38	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Sanno	4	36	36	0	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Kokubunji	3	32	33	1	
<b>Keihin Group</b>					Rotary Club of Tokyo-Mitaka	3	42	41	-1	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Haneda	2	55	55	0	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Akishima	4	55	55	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Shinagawa	4	41	41	0	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Kunitachi	2	47	47	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Omori	4	35	37	2	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Tachikawa Kobushi	4	87	89	2	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Shinagawa Chuo	3	30	30	0	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Inokashira	3	23	24	1	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Denenchofu	4	48	48	0	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Akishima Chuo	4	48	48	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Konan Marine	5	18	18	0	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Musashi Kokubunji	3	42	42	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Osaki	4	24	25	1	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Koganei-Sakura	4	25	25	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Kamata	4	59	59	0	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Kunitachi Shiroume	3	17	17	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Keihin	3	26	26	0	Rotary E-Club of Tokyo Peace Wing	5	23	23	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Denenchofu Midori	2	18	18	0	<b>Tama East Group</b>					
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Shirokane	4	24	27	3	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Fuchu	3	55	55	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Takanawa	2	23	22	-1	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Chofu	4	64	64	0	
<b>Yamanote East Group</b>					Rotary Club of Tokyo-Tama	3	20	21	1	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-West	3	197	197	0	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Komae	3	14	14	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Josai	4	67	68	1	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Inagi	4	28	28	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Seinan	3	44	44	0	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Musashi Fuchu	3	39	38	-1	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Harajuku	4	17	16	-1	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Tamagawa	2	20	20	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Suginami	4	41	41	0	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Tama Green	3	29	29	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Jingu	5	24	24	0	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Chofu Murasaki	4	66	67	1	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Ebisu	3	117	117	0	Rotary Club of Tokyo i City	2	18	18	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Hiroo	3	24	24	0	<b>Pacific Basin Group</b>					
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Shibuya	1	35	37	2	Rotary Club of Guam		55	55	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Roppongi	1	53	53	0	Rotary Club of Saipan	4	42	40	-2	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Atago	3	31	31	0	Rotary Club of Tumon Bay		62	62	0	
<b>Yamanote West Group</b>					Rotary Club of Northern Guam		32	32	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Setagaya	3	44	44	0	Rotary Club of Pohnpei		23	23	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Meguro	4	33	33	0	Rotary Club of Palau	2	14	14	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Seijo	2	17	17	0	Rotary Club of Guam Sunrise		16	16	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Setagaya South	2	97	96	-1	Rotary Club of Truk Lagoon		8	8	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Jonan	3	13	16	3	Rotary Club of Pago Bay Guam E		13	13	0	
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Yamanote	4	70	72	2	<b>Total in Japan - 89</b>			4,364	4,396	32
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Seijo Shin	4	31	31	0	<b>Total in 2750 dis. - 98</b>			4,629	4,659	30
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Aoyama	1	16	15	-1						