

RESOLUTION 17R-08

To request the RI Board to consider proposing legislation to a future Council to create regional Rotary club constitutions

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Takayama Chuo, District 2630, Japan
District 2650, Japan

Endorsed by: District 2630 through a ballot-by-mail, 30 May 2017
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1 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
2 International consider proposing legislation to a future Council on Legislation to
3 provide for regional Rotary club constitutions.

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PURPOSE AND EFFECT

4 At its October 2015 meeting, the Board took decision 50, stating that “Rotary’s
5 institutional culture should be flexible in light of global market trends and yet
6 still focus on Rotary’s core purpose and historical values.”

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8 Also, at the 2016 Council on Legislation, the Standard Rotary Club Constitution
9 was drastically revised, allowing greater flexibility and autonomy for clubs,
10 resulting in much freer management under the Recommended Rotary Club
11 Bylaws.

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13 Under these circumstances, while considering the flexibility of Rotary in Japan
14 during its proud 100-year history, there are now many who desire a unified
15 Japanese constitution based on the concept of emphasizing the historical values
16 kept through Rotary’s proud traditions.

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18 Rotary in Japan encompasses a region which has 34 districts, 90,000 members,
19 and a single language, excluding the Micronesian Islands. Therefore, by creating
20 Rotary club constitutions for each region, unified Rotary activities in Japan will
21 be implemented as a whole and collaboration with other clubs will be fostered.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

22 If implemented, this resolution could have a financial impact on RI which cannot
23 be determined at this time. Cost would be dependent on the scope and extent of
24 support provided by the RI Board to accomplish this goal.