

RESOLUTION 17R-09

To request the RI Board to consider establishing a regional decision-making body in Japan

Proposer(s): District 2650, Japan

Endorsed by: District 2650 through an annual district conference, Echizen, Fukui, Japan, 9 April 2017

1 WHEREAS, Rotary in Japan encompasses a region with 34 districts, 90,000
2 members, and its own language and culture, and

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4 WHEREAS, RI promotes diversity

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6 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
7 International consider establishing a regional decision-making body in Japan.

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PURPOSE AND EFFECT

8 Rotary in Japan currently encompasses a large region of 34 districts and 90,000
9 members and is an area with the singular language of Japanese, excluding the
10 Micronesian Islands. The current governors of these 34 districts periodically
11 hold a governors' council with the purpose of consolidating the opinions of
12 Japan's Rotarians and supporting Rotary activities in Japan as a whole.
13 However, the governors' council in Japan is neither an official decision-making
14 body nor an official authority. If there were a decision-making body unifying the
15 entirety of Japan, then Rotary in Japan could be governed more flexibly and the
16 policy recommended by RI could be reflected more promptly in actual activities.
17 Of course, this organization would be an organization under the direction of RI
18 and would further promote and ingrain the fine details of the decisions of RI. As
19 a result, it is believed that this organization would greatly contribute to the
20 development and expansion of Rotary in Japan.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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