

RESOLUTION 17R-24

To request the Trustees to consider allowing arts and culture global grants

Proposer(s): District 2630, Japan
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1 WHEREAS, the Ambassadorial Scholarship program was terminated due to the
2 Future Vision Plan of the Foundation and a scholarship system aligned with
3 Rotary’s areas of focus was established, and
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5 WHEREAS, the Ambassadorial Scholarship program was successful in fields such
6 as culture and the arts, and
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8 WHEREAS, world peace rests upon the shoulders of those who have a spirit of
9 service and enriched humanity. The understanding of both arts and culture is
10 significant, and
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12 WHEREAS, we often see culture and art exchanges even in areas of conflict and
13 between hostile countries, and
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15 WHEREAS, “arts and culture foster creativity, improve the means of expression,
16 provide a rich ground upon which emotional connections and mutual
17 understandings and respect are built among people, create an emotionally
18 affluent society that encompasses diversity, and contribute to world peace” (from
19 the preface of the Basic Act for the Promotion of Culture and the Arts)
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21 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
22 International consider requesting the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation, with its
23 longer and wider perspective, to consider that although it is already a well-known
24 fact that Rotary focuses on humanitarian activities, it should also provide global
25 grants for activities in the field of arts and culture.

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PURPOSE AND EFFECT

26 By expanding the range of eligible applicants for scholarships, the number of
27 applications will increase, which facilitates the development of talented human

1 resources. Also, it will help Rotary show its great vision, which would enhance
2 the public image of Rotary. Fostering talented young people with a spirit of
3 service in various fields would promote understanding about Rotary and
4 contribute to building a peaceful world.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

5 If implemented, this resolution would result in an increase in expenses for The
6 Rotary Foundation which cannot be determined at this time. To provide global
7 grants for activities in the field of arts and culture would require an additional
8 program area of focus. Annual administrative expenses to support an additional
9 area of focus are estimated at US\$125,000. In addition, extensive modifications
10 to existing grant application software would be required and project estimates are
11 currently not available for this expense.