

# RESOLUTION 19R-12

To request the RI Board to consider establishing regional forums

**Proposer(s):** Rotary Club of Tsuruga, District 2650, Japan

**Endorsed by:** District 2650 through a ballot-by-mail, 18 April 2019

1 WHEREAS, Rotary has become progressively more diverse, and a variety of people  
2 are now able to become Rotarians, and

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4 WHEREAS, at the same time, there have arisen various issues that are specific to a  
5 given culture or region that are entirely unrelated to RI's policies or decisions, and  
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7 WHEREAS, if each region with a common language or culture is able to provide a  
8 forum for the region's clubs to exchange opinions and resolve its unique issues, that  
9 will help Rotary to develop and expand as an organization

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11 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary  
12 International consider allowing each region with common cultural characteristics to  
13 establish a forum in which the region's clubs can exchange opinions and resolve  
14 issues that are specific to the region.

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## PURPOSE AND EFFECT

15 Each region or zone with a common language or culture has issues that are  
16 entirely unrelated to RI's policies or decisions. But there is no official mechanism  
17 to resolve those region-specific issues within the region or zone.  
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19 Rotary has become increasingly more diverse in recent years, and the  
20 environment that surrounds Rotary has been changing rapidly. By having a  
21 decision-making body or forum in each region that resolves its region-specific  
22 issues, while integrating opinions from the region or zone and coordinates a  
23 solution in accordance with Rotary's policies, it is ensured that Rotary activities  
24 in the region will become more effective.

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26 Such decision-making forums would naturally be subject to RI's direction and  
27 follow RI's decisions, their sole purpose being the implementation and  
28 interpretation of RI's decisions under the close supervision of the relevant  
29 director for the zone.  
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32 The proposers believe that such decision-making forums will greatly aid in the  
development and expansion of Rotary in each region.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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