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

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

WHEREAS, at the same time, there have arisen various issues that are specific to a given culture or region that are entirely unrelated to RI’s policies or decisions, and

WHEREAS, if each region with a common language or culture is able to provide a forum for the region’s clubs to exchange opinions and resolve its unique issues, that will help Rotary to develop and expand as an organization

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

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PURPOSE AND EFFECT

Each region or zone with a common language or culture has issues that are entirely unrelated to RI’s policies or decisions. But there is no official mechanism to resolve those region-specific issues within the region or zone.

Rotary has become increasingly more diverse in recent years, and the environment that surrounds Rotary has been changing rapidly. By having a decision-making body or forum in each region that resolves its region-specific issues, while integrating opinions from the region or zone and coordinates a solution in accordance with Rotary’s policies, it is ensured that Rotary activities in the region will become more effective.

Such decision-making forums would naturally be subject to RI’s direction and follow RI’s decisions, their sole purpose being the implementation and interpretation of RI’s decisions under the close supervision of the relevant director for the zone.

The proposers believe that such decision-making forums will greatly aid in the development and expansion of Rotary in each region.
If implemented, this resolution could have a financial impact on RI which cannot be determined at this time. Cost would be dependent on the scope and extent of support provided by the RI Board to accomplish this goal.