RESOLUTION 19R-25

To request the Trustees to consider significantly increasing the number of peace centers

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Tsuruga, District 2650, Japan
Endorsed by: District 2650 through a ballot-by-mail, 18 April 2019

WHEREAS, Rotary Peace Centers, established at seven universities around the
world to develop leaders who help build peace in their communities and the globe,
have produced over 1,000 fellows, and

WHEREAS, although The Rotary Foundation plans on establishing four additional
Centers by 2030, the pace is not fast enough to provide opportunities for Rotarians
in non-leadership positions to build close relationships with Rotary Peace Fellows
and understand their activities, and

WHEREAS, this relationship-building and understanding are important for further
development of Rotary’s peace program

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
International consider requesting the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to
consider establishing 20 additional Peace Centers by 2030, as a means of further
advancing Rotary’s peace initiatives through the peace fellowships program.

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PURPOSE AND EFFECT

Rotary started the peace fellowship program in 2002. At its six peace centers,
located at seven prestigious universities around the world, the fellows devote
themselves to studying peace and conflict prevention/resolution and developing
practical skills through applied field experiences.

So far, over 1,000 fellows have been trained worldwide and have made use of
their leadership at various levels in international organizations, government
agencies, regional organizations and other institutions. However, with only
about 50 fellows graduating each year, there are not sufficient numbers to permit
Rotarians to build close relationships around the world nor for them to effectively
advocate for the program on a global scale.

Given that Rotary is an organization whose aim is to build world peace, we should
provide many more such opportunities for peace-building. To exponentially
increase the number of peace fellows, it is necessary to establish more peace centers.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

If implemented, this resolution would have a significant financial impact on The Rotary Foundation which cannot be determined at this time. The cost for establishing 20 additional Peace Centers by 2030 would be dependent on the location and the type of programs offered by the Peace Centers. On average, the cost per Peace Center ranges between US$700,000 and US$1.1 million per year. In addition, there will be a significant increase in staffing expenses to support the additional Peace Centers.