

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

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

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

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

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

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PURPOSE AND EFFECT

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

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

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29 Given that Rotary is an organization whose aim is to build world peace, we should
30 provide many more such opportunities for peace-building. To exponentially

1 increase the number of peace fellows, it is necessary to establish more peace
2 centers.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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