

## Vocational Service is the origin

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Mr. Reijiro Kobayashi served as governor in 1999-00, is now passed away on August 13 because of cerebral infarction. He was a good speaker with a compelling charm, and I think he was one of the able governors. I just feel sorry that he would have given a lot more to the district. I sincerely pray for his soul.

Well, October is the month of Vocational Service and Yoneyama. Vocational Service is especially important since the concept is related to the establishment of Rotary. "Those who serve best, most rewarded" and "Service, Above Self", these slogans are often cited as a guideline for vocational service, I think these philosophies are the raison d'etre of Rotary and the message of the RI President can comprehend as a supplement subtitle.

This year's emphases matter for the district is "Promotion of the five services based on the principles of vocational service". The five great services are the club service, vocational service, community service, international service and new generation service, but considering the recent social situation, I think that vocational service should be practiced as a foundation. As Rotarians we are professionals, or as a leader in economic activity, while providing skills and expertise throughout our career, let us give motivation and excitement to the people involved.

On another note, the decision about the handling of donations for the East Japan earthquake has been made at the governors meeting. We have already distributed some of the donations to the affected areas. However, a variety of proposal has been given for the balance of approximately 880 million yen, and it was not able to aggregate into a single opinion. The donations for the district that favor scholarship is entirely up to the disaster recovery committee and for the district that wish to do their own support activities will be returned to the district according to the stake. I think more information can be reported in the next issue.

In addition, past governor Mr. Isao Ichikawa has been recently appointed to the member of the RI member maintain/increase committee member. Only eight members are to take part in this important role, the primary role is the growth and retention of membership and to develop the young generation to consider the revitalization of activities of the Rotary Club. The number of Rotarians worldwide is increasing, but Japan, USA, UK, etc. have decreased the number of subscribers every day. We expect much of Mr. Ichikawa.

## District 2750 Membership Attendance Report August 2011

Club Name	Regular meeting	Attendance percentage	Member quantity			Club Name	Regular meeting	Attendance percentage	Member quantity						
			July 1, 2011	End of Aug., 2011	Variations				July 1, 2011	End of Aug., 2011	Variations				
<b>Chiyoda Group</b>						<b>Tama South Group</b>									
Rotary Club of Tokyo-South	3	72.13	181	182	1	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Hachioji	3	95.52	54	55	1				
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Shiba	4	90.89	92	93	1	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Machida	3	75.79	54	56	2				
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Shimbashi	4	73.47	51	53	2	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Hino	4	81.32	34	34	0				
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Akasaka	3	73.00	43	43	0	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Hachioji West	3	85.40	69	70	1				
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Minato	4	88.12	46	47	1	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Machida-Naka	4	74.54	36	37	1				
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Rainbow	4	77.35	32	32	0	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Hachioji East	4	95.24	20	21	1				
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Azabu	4	70.80	20	20	0	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Hachioji South	4	89.47	58	58	0				
<b>Ginza/Nihonbadhi Group</b>						<b>Tama Middle Group</b>									
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Ginza	4	79.50	157	159	2	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Tobihino	4	80.35	28	28	0				
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Nihonbashi	4	80.25	175	181	6	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Machida East	3	73.33	25	26	1				
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Tsukiji	4	80.54	69	69	0	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Hachioji North	4	70.27	37	37	0				
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Nihonbashi East	4	78.91	47	47	0	<b>Tama East Group</b>									
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Chuo	3	84.20	216	215	-1	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Tachikawa	3	93.75	98	99	1				
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Nihonbashi West	4	85.49	41	42	1	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Koganei	3	90.21	33	33	0				
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Ginza New	3	78.26	68	69	1	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Kokubunji	3	94.66	41	42	1				
Rotary Club of Tokyo-City Nihonbashi	2	82.55	47	47	0	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Mitaka	4	86.50	37	37	0				
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Chuo Shin	4	62.50	40	39	-1	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Akishima	3	84.40	46	49	3				
<b>Keihin Group</b>						<b>Tama East Group</b>									
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Haneda	4	73.90	42	43	1	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Kunitachi	4	98.90	49	50	1				
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Shinagawa	3	83.27	56	57	1	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Tachikawa Kobushi	4	90.65	77	81	4				
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Omori	3	96.82	46	46	0	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Inokashira	4	95.50	21	22	1				
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Shinagawa Chuo	4	79.67	55	55	0	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Akishima Chuo	3	75.00	41	43	2				
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Oi	5	72.22	18	18	0	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Musashi Kokubunji	4	90.00	47	48	1				
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Denenchofu	3	76.89	48	49	1	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Koganei-Sakura	4	75.74	23	23	0				
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Konan	4	72.06	17	18	1	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Kunitachi Shiroume	4	85.85	22	23	1				
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Osaki	3	84.24	35	33	-2	<b>Tama East Group</b>									
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Kamata	4	91.46	62	62	0	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Fuchu	3	74.84	60	60	0				
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Keihin	3	85.71	21	22	1	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Chofu	4	87.50	60	60	0				
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Denenchofu Midori	4	84.88	26	26	0	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Tama	4	82.70	25	26	1				
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Marine	4	80.77	13	13	0	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Komae	3	85.93	29	29	0				
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Shirokane	3	85.90	25	26	1	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Inagi	3	81.33	27	27	0				
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Takanawa	2	76.63	22	23	1	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Musashi Fuchu	2	74.07	53	53	0				
<b>Yamanote East Group</b>						<b>Tama East Group</b>									
Rotary Club of Tokyo-West	2	80.64	154	154	0	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Tama Green	4	77.88	34	34	0				
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Josai	4	64.81	73	73	0	Rotary Club of Tokyo-Chofu Murasaki	3	87.08	78	80	2				
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Seinan	4	89.42	49	49	0	Rotary Club of Tokyo i City	3	81.30	25	25	0				
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Harajuku	4	76.09	23	23	0	<b>Pacific Basin Group</b>									
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Suginami	3	74.44	39	39	0	Rotary Club of Guam	4	51.00	75	76	1				
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Jingu	4	71.42	28	28	0	Rotary Club of Saipan	5	66.22	43	45	2				
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Ebisu	4	87.20	90	93	3	Rotary Club of Tumon Bay	5	48.14	86	86	0				
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Hiroo	2	74.99	18	18	0	Rotary Club of Northern Guam	5	43.00	34	34	0				
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Shibuya	4	68.57	32	33	1	Rotary Club of Pohnpei	4	70.00	23	23	0				
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Roppongi	3	74.00	50	52	2	Rotary Club of Palau	4	70.00	20	19	-1				
<b>Yamanote West Group</b>						<b>Tama East Group</b>									
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Setagaya	4	81.16	57	57	0	Rotary Club of Guam Sunrise	5	43.00	30	31	1				
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Meguro	3	62.99	43	43	0	Rotary Club of Truk Lagoon	5	33.00	11	12	1				
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Seijo	4	82.47	21	21	0	<b>Total in Japan - 83</b>									
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Setagaya South	4	76.00	95	98	3	<b>Total in 2750 dis. - 91</b>									
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Jonan	2	64.00	31	33	2	Chiyoda Group		77.97	Tama South Group		81.93				
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Yamanote	3	84.13	61	63	2	Ginza/Nihonbadhi Group		79.13	Tama Middle Group		88.43				
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Seijo Shin	3	72.80	38	38	0	Keihin Group		81.74	Tama East Group		81.14				
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Aoyama	3	73.80	29	29	0	Yamanote East Group		76.16	Pacific Basin Group		53.05				
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Jiyugaoka	3	81.34	19	20	1	Yamanote West Group		77.23	Av.		78.39				
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Setagaya Central	3	88.89	16	19	3										
Rotary Club of Tokyo-Yoneyama Yuai	3	82.00	30	31	1										

## Pacific Basin Group: Service From Within

Pacific Basin Group' Adg Cindy S. MORI (Rotary Club of Truk Lagoon)

The Pacific Basin Group is comprised of eight (8) clubs: Rotary Club of Guam, Rotary Club of Guam Sunrise, Rotary Club of Tumon Bay, Rotary Club of Northern Guam, Rotary Club of Saipan, Rotary Club of Palau, Rotary Club of Pohnpei, and Rotary Club of Truk Lagoon.

Although we belong to one group, we have clubs located on different islands aside from Guam such as the Rotary Clubs of Palau, Saipan, Truk Lagoon and Pohnpei.

At our past conference this February the PBG group made it a priority to, as much as possible; participate in the Rotary International conference to be held in Bangkok, Thailand in 2012. We feel that this is an excellent opportunity to experience the unique Rotary spirit at an international level. We hope to bring to the conference our own island challenges as well as our beautiful culture and island spirit as we forge new partnerships.

Also discussed among the PBG clubs is the need to perhaps begin to formulate the plans of holding PBG meetings via internet communication to bridge the communication gap, a challenge due to our demographics. Members have been assigned to researching this possibility.

Currently there are a few PBG projects nearing completion including the solar distiller project which has been PBG's largest endeavor. The solar distiller project elevated to a district project receiving much attention due to the humanitarian need the project would provide on a large scale. Many outer islands in Micronesia are low lying coral islands that depend on rain water all year round. During the frequent bouts of drought these islands are left without a reliable water source. The water distillers provide families on these islands clean and safe drinking water year round by distilling brackish or sea water making it safe for human consumption. The final distribution of water stills were made mid year 2011. The PBG clubs have common goals of increasing membership, which is particularly difficult given the small populations. Different methods of recruiting have been

utilised by the clubs such as inviting family members as new members, and encouraging younger individuals to join.

The need to assist the communities we serve in the areas of health, education, and elimination of poverty, literacy, youth, elderly, and promotion of sports is recognised at the club level. The majority of club projects focus on at least three or more of these areas, with larger clubs managing to simultaneously run projects in all of the mentioned areas.

As Assistant District Governor for this Rotary year, I continue to foster the fellowship and communication between our PBG clubs and Dist 2750 that many AdGs have done in the past. My tenure as AdG coincides with a time of difficulty for our District 2750 with the disaster in Northern Japan this year. All of us at PBG recognise and share our hearts with our Japan clubs and friends in their time of need. The PBG clubs were able to raise funds that were presented to Governor Katakura to be used towards the rebuilding of Northern Japan. Although this is still a difficult time, we realise the need for normalcy and the need to move ahead.

PBG will continue their relationships with their "group for one" counterparts and their sister clubs in Japan. The district has encouraged the PBG clubs to go beyond their group counterparts, finding clubs that have interests in the Pacific area and therefore are receptive to joining-in on projects in the islands.

We at PBG continue to forge ahead, doing the best we can with the limited resources that we possess in the interest of helping those in need. This is not an easy task given the economic conditions we are faced with. Many areas at the grassroots level are in desperate need of assistance. Poverty and serious health and social complications are imminent. Our governments must deal with this reality, and as Rotarians we must be prepared as well.

