

# RESOLUTION 22R-12

To request the RI Board to consider recommending charging certain beneficiaries in order to provide broader and more sustainable community service

**Proposer(s):** Rotary Club of Tokyo Hongo, District 2580, Japan

1 WHEREAS, Rotarians endeavor to carry out service activities in accordance with  
2 the ideal of service, but their time, financial resources, and the amount of service  
3 they can offer are limited, and

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5 WHEREAS, Rotarians are accustomed to providing community service activities  
6 free of charge. While this is obviously necessary under circumstances such as  
7 emergencies, Rotarians would be able to offer more sustainable assistance and a  
8 wider range of services, if the associated costs were borne voluntarily, either fully or  
9 partially, by the beneficiaries, and

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11 WHEREAS, it should be remembered that Rotary provides a wide range of  
12 sustainable paid vocational service

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14 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary  
15 International consider recommending charging certain beneficiaries in order to  
16 provide broader and more sustainable community service.

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## **PURPOSE AND EFFECT**

17 To aid families of three Tohoku-region prefectures in their recovery process  
18 following the Great East Japan Earthquake, the Rotary Club of Tokyo Hongo  
19 sponsored a youth baseball tournament at the Tokyo Dome stadium, a dream  
20 venue for young Japanese baseball players, for three consecutive years. This  
21 service activity was highly regarded by many in the region. However, funding  
22 restrictions limited the number of students and family members that could be  
23 invited to participate on each occasion. Having learned of this issue, people of the  
24 disaster-affected areas asked the club whether they could subsidize these trips  
25 themselves so that more students and their families could participate. This is an  
26 example of how beneficiaries may be comfortable with covering the cost of  
27 quality service activities. Knowing that beneficiaries may at least partially pay the  
28 cost, Rotarians would be able to plan a wider variety of service activities that are  
29 more sustainable and diverse.

1 For many years, Rotarians have been making a sustained and widespread  
2 contribution to society through the performance of their everyday paid vocational  
3 service activities.

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5 There are obvious situations, such as disaster assistance, that cannot be  
6 addressed with paid service.

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8 By offering not only free service activities but also some in which certain  
9 beneficiaries pay a fee, we will be able to provide a broader range of sustainable  
10 service activities, thereby enabling us to better achieve the Object of Rotary of  
11 encouraging, fostering, and practicing the ideal of service.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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

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16 Rotary typically does not receive payment for community or vocational services.