

# RESOLUTION 24R-42

To request the Trustees to consider implementing a cancer eradication project through cancer prevention

**Proposer(s):** District 2710, Japan

1 WHEREAS, based upon its activities and achievements in cancer prevention  
2 projects (primary and secondary cancer prevention, youth cancer education, and  
3 healthy life expectancy extension, etc.) implemented as part of Rotary’s disease  
4 prevention and treatment area of focus (2016), the Cancer Prevention Committee  
5 for District 2710 considers RI to be groundbreaking in its actions and district model  
6 for cancer prevention, and

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8 WHEREAS, these great advances notwithstanding, the number of cancer cases  
9 diagnosed globally is the highest it has ever been (8.2 million), as are cancer  
10 mortality rates, and 70 percent of cancer mortality is in developing countries such  
11 as Africa. By 2030, it is expected that there will be a 50 percent increase in the  
12 incidence of cancer, raising the number of reported cases to 22 million worldwide.  
13 By cancer type, lung cancer is most common (1.59 million), followed by liver cancer  
14 (740,000), stomach cancer (720,000), colorectal cancer (700,000), and breast  
15 cancer (520,000); 30 percent of these cancers can be prevented  
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17 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary  
18 International consider requesting the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to  
19 consider implementing a cancer eradication project through cancer prevention.

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## **PURPOSE AND EFFECT**

20 The introduction of District 2710’s cancer prevention model of practice into  
21 Rotary is not only a natural extension of its disease prevention and treatment  
22 area of focus but also a practical application of Rotary’s vision statement: “We  
23 will act hand in hand to fight cancer through cancer prevention in the world, in  
24 our communities, and within ourselves.”

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

25 If implemented, this resolution would have no substantial financial impact on  
26 The Rotary Foundation. Intervention to support cancer prevention screening,  
27 diagnosis, and treatment are covered under the policy statement for the disease  
28 prevention and treatment area of focus.