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On 19 June, the Rotary Peace Fellowship Alumni Association will host a virtual 24-hour program, the Global Peace Conference: Weaving a Shared Future Together. The conference will include online regional programming from Africa, the Americas, Asia, Europe, the Middle East, and Oceania. This year's conference will be the largest alumni-led peace conference to date and will have a truly global reach!

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Generous gift will fund new Rotary Peace Center in Middle East or North Africa

The Otto and Fran Walter Foundation has pledged \$15.5 million to The Rotary Foundation to start a Rotary Peace Center in the Middle East or North Africa. The new center will offer a **professional development certificate program** focused on peacebuilding and development issues in the region. The Rotary Foundation will select a partner institution to host the Otto and Fran Walter Rotary Peace Center in 2024, and the first Rotary Peace Fellows are expected to start studying there in 2026.



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Rotary Peace Fellow sheds light on multicultural identities in Japan

Farrah Hasnain (ICU, 2020-22) traveled to Japan as a high school English teacher with the JET Program in 2014. She was living and working in Hamamatsu, a city with one of the largest immigrant populations in Japan. “I learned that Japan had a long history of migration between [it and] Brazil and Peru, dating back to as early as 1873,” Hasnain says. “However, although many of my students and friends carried rich multicultural identities, they often saw their non-Japanese roots as a hindrance instead of an advantage.” As a current peace fellow, Hasnain is researching multicultural Japanese identities and hopes this discourse can encourage acceptance in the future.



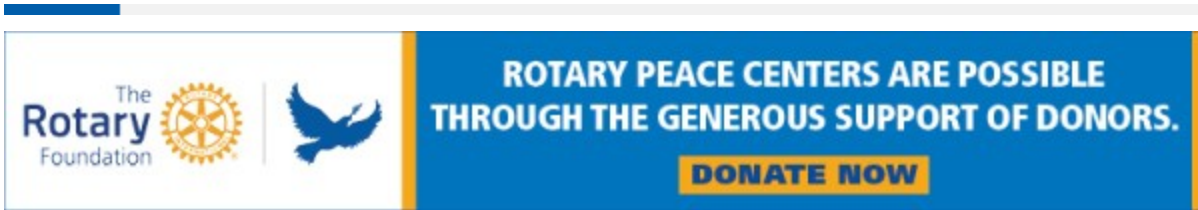
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Would you like to enhance your Virtual Rotary Convention experience this year? Do you want to connect with members from around the world? Join us for Intercountry Committees: Opening Opportunities for Peace, a two-day, virtual preconvention on 10-11 June. Intercountry committees offer the opportunity for fellowship and service between clubs in two countries. You’ll learn how to start an intercountry committee or expand an existing one to foster peace, international goodwill, and service. Hear from inspiring speakers, participate in interactive breakout sessions, and build relationships through networking.



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