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Dear fellow Rotarians,

I am pleased to support the Inter-Country Committee Peace Project Challenge Contest. This is a wonderful way to encourage the work that ICCs do for peace through the Rotary Foundation. The Peace Project Challenge Contest will award US\$10,000 to the best peace project involving both national sections of an ICC.

I was introduced to Rotary as a high school student. Right away, I saw it was something I wanted to be a part of. Rotary was a prestigious organization in Taiwan when I was growing up, and at first, I mostly wanted the status of being a Rotarian.

But it didn't take long for me to realize that Rotary was about much more than having lunch with important people. Through Rotary, I have made my community and the world a better place. I have been touched by the stories of those we've helped in countries far from my own.

Rotary is something special and it is something I am proud to be a part of—not for what it gives me, but for what it lets me give to others. By putting *Service Above Self*, we set an example that cannot help but inspire those around us.

My motto is always “be positive, be active, be a friend,” and Rotary embodies these values. In Rotary we set high goals, we work hard, and we care. In Rotary we find solutions, not excuses. Rotary is a light in our communities and a light in our hearts. It creates hope in our world and gives meaning to our lives. It fulfills a basic human desire to reach out a hand to others, to know we have made a difference.

I am excited to see the projects proposed by different ICCs that will help us to ***Light Up Rotary***.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the name "Gary C.K. Huang" in a stylized, cursive script.

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