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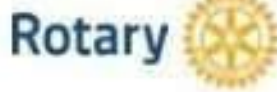
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General Information

The initiation, implementation and continuous coordination of projects between a particular ICC pair of countries is done by working committee in each country mirroring the other. Each country working committee has office bearers: National Section Head, a Vice National Section head, Hony Secretary, Treasurer and two members from each participant district. The office bearers as above alternate between the participant districts



MESSAGE

FROM NATIONAL CO-ORDINATOR
PDG DEEPAK TALWAR

Inter country committees (ICC) In Rotary

The ICC is an affiliate program accredited by Rotary international and similar to rotary action groups (R.A.G.S.) based on common hobbies or service areas of interest. It is not a program administered by the Rotary board of Directors. The ICC is managed by an Executive Council which elects/ selects its office bearers every two years.

The objectives of an ICC are encouraging sustained contact between Rotarians, rotary clubs and rotary districts in two or more paired districts. The sustained contact leads to deep bonds of friendship, sister clubs arrangements, friendship/ family exchange delegations, business delegations, cultural assimilation and joint community service implementation collaboration in each paired country. The program gives a true flavor and experience of Internationality of Rotary. When all districts in a country agree to an ICC with all districts of another country, we have an ICC with its memorandum of Understanding (M.O.U.), charter of activities and an official charter as per template approved by ICC executive committee.

In process of forming an ICC , if minimum two districts in each paired ICC country wish, they may form an sub national ICC and gradually invite other districts in each country to join the program by signing a protocol of Agreement.

The work of the sub national/ National ICC is carried out by following:



1. National Coordinator (NC) in each country who oversees and motivates rotary clubs and districts in his/ her country to form an ICC

A ICC working committee mirrored in each paired country led by a National **Section** head/ President/ Chair person , A vice Chair, a Hon secretary, a treasurer and two Rotarian members deputed by district governor of each participant district

These committees in each paired country will initiate activities in consonance with objectives given above. Each activity is recommended to be monitored, finance arrangements made and recorded and contributions from committee members from each district are expected when their district is involved. The tenure of the working committee is indefinite subject to explicit consent of the National Coordinator in consultation with current district governors and approval of ICC executive committee.

We in India, till date have 36 ICCs at sub national level and 15 more are in pipeline. Since rotary internationally is present in 200 plus countries, the potential to form ICCs is immense. The ethos of an ICC is fellowship and service with humanity at its core over riding technicalities, positions and titles the role of which is just responsibility. Through this periodic E newsletter we will share with you salient information on ICCs formed, those in progress and potentials within our reach. We will also share snippets/ summary of accomplishments of ICCs over a period of time.

I encourage you to contact us and with consent of your district governor become a part of this wonderful program to give true shape and substance to the essence of rotary international mission: "We the people without boundaries join hands to do projects to make a positive sustained impact on lives of challenged world communities and in return earn their blessings which enrich our spirit enveloping it in perennial happiness.

Warm Regards
PDG Deepak Talwar
National Coordinator (ICC)



New Year's Message 2023 from the Chairman of the Executive Board of the Intercountry Committees Rtn. Mohamad Ghammam

Dear Intercountry Committee family,

I would like to wish you all the best for a wonderful new year.

I wish that this new year will provide the world we live in a fair peace, and to the people of our respective countries more prosperity, more serenity, better health, better understanding and reciprocal understanding.

I would like to start my speech by congratulating the Intercountry Committees that have carried out solidarity actions and have generously helped the population and refugees of Ukraine.

My dear friends, we have lived through a long and difficult period of COVID that has not spared any country and that has further accentuated the fragility of poor populations and heightened tensions throughout the world.

The current situation of non-peace that has followed, for almost a year, with disastrous economic and financial repercussions on all populations and particularly on those of impoverished or developing countries. It has slowed down growth, accentuated unemployment and social imbalances, and above all, it has caused the loss of human lives, increased the number of refugees and multiplied the migratory flows.

What can we do?

We are a humanitarian organization in which peace is a cornerstone of our mission. Through our actions and programs, we work to bring people together, build trust and understanding, and create environments where lasting peace is possible.

We know that through our daily Rotary and Intercountry Committee actions, we can address the underlying causes of conflict, such as poverty, discrimination and rejection because of difference, ethnic conflict, frustration, intolerance, lack of access to education, and unequal distribution of wealth.

We strive for more peaceful societies through our ability to come together and mobilize locally with Rotary and Rotaract districts and clubs to create lasting change in the world and positive peace.



What is our action plan for the next few months?

We have planned to gather in the coming months to listen, exchange and reflect on ways to achieve a world at peace.

Four main steps await us in 2023:

- A dialogue on the path to peace with Rotaract on the occasion of the organization of the Interota in Tunisia, in Tunis at the beginning of March.
- An exchange for a peaceful society on the side of the Melbourne Convention.
- A Forum for Peace in the Mediterranean during the Rotary Institute in Rome in September 2023
- A Forum for Peace in Africa in Cairo in November 2023.

We also wish to organize another Peace Forum in the Ukraine/Russia region and we hope that this regrettable conflict will come to an end soon and that Peace will win this part of the World soon.

We hope, with the help and support of the Rotary international services, to bring together with us in all these events, all the organizations concerned with peace and acting within the great Rotary family.

We have also programmed in our Action Plan 2023, the organization of dialogues within the family of Intercountry Committees in the geographical regions of the world with the help of the regional leaders of the Expansion Task Forces and the National Coordinators Intercountry Committees. Our meetings will cover and reach all continents.

Our goal is to make the 675 CIP sections and those to be created in the near future better organized, more active, and more diversified, bringing together more Rotarians, Rotaractors, and people of action who care about peace, involving more Rotary clubs, and acting together, Each section with its counterpart in the other country to bring together more and better the populations of the countries concerned and to strengthen the bonds of friendship, to set up together plans of action aiming among others at the creation of twin clubs, the assembly of Global Grants and the development of the exchanges of rotarians, rotaractors and young people with the participation of the Rotary clubs, Rotaract and the districts concerned.



My recommendation to all of my friends in the CIP family is that they spread the word about their successes and share them with us and with Rotary International.

Finally, I ask the Intercountry Committees of the world to imagine new formulas of action and collaboration between them, each one according to its own culture, allowing them to better bring together the peoples in their region.

On this occasion, I salute the beautiful initiative taken recently by our friends IPC Coordinators of the South East Asian countries (India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Maldives) that I congratulate on the occasion and that are creating an association within the framework of the IPCs aiming at facilitating the establishment of a climate of understanding, peace and prevention of conflicts and of collaboration to achieve the objectives of Rotary in their neighboring countries

My dear friends, let us continue to act together for a peaceful world and for peaceful and prosperous societies.

Mohamed Ghammam

President of the Executive Council of the CIP (2022-2024)



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TURKEY, FRANCE, TANZANIA-UGANDA
GREECE, LEBANON, EGYPT, MALAYSIA
PORTUGAL, ITALY-MALTA- SAN MARINO
ISRAEL, LITHUANIA, BRAZIL, BOLIVIA
MOLDOVA, SRILANKA-MALDIVES, UAE
BELGIUM-LUXEMBURG, PAKISTAN, SPAIN
GEORGIA, ARMENIA, CYPRUS, RUSSIA
GREAT BRITAIN-IRELAND, JORDAN,
SWITZERLAND – LIECHTENSTEIN
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M.O.U.s IN PROCESS

INDIA

BAHRAIN, TUNISIA, PHILLIPINES,

HONGKONG, NEW ZEALAND,

TAIWAN, AUSTRALIA, NEPAL,

TIMOR-LESTE, INDONESIA, USA,

SINGAPORE, THAILAND, CANADA

ZAMBIA



PROMOTION OF ICC AT ROTARY INSTITUTE AT ABU DHABI U.A.E.
DECEMBER 2-42022 (By National Coordinator ICC India PDG Deepak Talwar)

The Rotary Institute 2022 of Zones 1 b, 9 and 10 had over 1100 Registrants from 42 countries.

At a plenary session on sustainable community service projects I made a presentation where my fellow panellists were TRF Trustee Lin and RID Patrick. The session was moderated by RID Drew Kessler.

On ICC, we achieved the following:

1. Agreement prima facie to form an ICC of South Asia association for regional cooperation (S.A.A.R.C) countries of Afghanistan, Pakistan , Bangladesh, India, Bhutan , Nepal, Sri Lanka and Maldives . An MOU is under preparation and will be spearheaded by RID Faiz Kidwai of Pakistan.
2. An ICC between India and Bangladesh was agreed upon and process leading to chartering same is in progress.
3. Major representatives countries at the institute such as Hong Kong, Taiwan, Phillipines , Bangladesh, Nepal , Afghanistan , Srilanka, Indonesia and Thailand were sensitised to the inter country concept, its goals and process of formation as per notes sent by you on a one to one basis by a dedicated Rotarian team from India, Pakistan and Bangladesh.

However we did manage to get major south Asian and south East Asian countries interested in the ICC and I am sure we will be initiating the process of forming multiple ICC sections in very near future.



SAMPLE M.O.U.



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ICC BETWEEN INDIA AND MALAYSIA

The undersigned Rotarians, PDG Rtn. Deepak Talwar and Past Assistant Governor Rtn. Dato Ram Nair, ICC National Coordinators of India and D3300, Malaysia, respectively, agree to sign this MOU in order to encourage contacts between Rotarians, Rotary Clubs, and Districts of both countries to promote fellowship and intercultural understanding between India and Malaysia. To reach these main objectives, Rotarians, Rotary Clubs and Districts of India and Malaysia are strongly urged to promote individual or group friendship exchanges and in doing so develop a network of twin clubs as well as to stimulate and support current and future Rotary club or District projects, including the Rotary Foundation Global Grants.

Based on the above, an Official Agreement and Charter will be prepared by the two national sections of ICC India - Malaysia, including the constitution of the ICC India - Malaysia, will be signed by the respective District Governors and the ICC National Coordinators of the representative countries, according to the Rotary International bylaws. Once the Official Agreement and Charter is signed as mentioned above, it is agreed that India - Malaysia Inter-Country Committee (ICC) between Rotary International Districts 3190, 3232 of India and Rotary International District 3300 of Malaysia, is established.

The Chairperson of the ICC India - Malaysia from India, will be PDG Rtn. Dr. Sameer Hariyani and from D3300, Malaysia will be Past Assistant Governor Rtn. Dato Ram Nair.

Signed through email on Thursday, August 19th, 2021

For the Committee of Malaysia

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Rtn. Bindi Rajasegaran

ICC National Coordinator - D3300, Malaysia
PAG Rtn. Dato Ram Nair

For the Committee of India

RI District 3190 District Governor

Rtn. Fazal Mahmood

RI District 3232 District Governor
Rtn. Sridhar J.

ICC National Coordinator - India
PDG Rtn. Deepak Talwar



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SAMPLE CHARTER



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**Inter-Country Committee
India - Malaysia
Charter**
Date December 2nd 2021

To Promote Peace and International Understanding
while Improving Awareness,
Engaging Diversities and Bridging Communities



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ICC President, Malaysia



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SAMPLE CHARTER OF ACTIVITIES.

Objectives:

- To provide a network which will unify Rotarians of India and Pakistan.
- IP-ICC will be a vehicle which will bring Rotarians together on common issues. • IP-ICC will hold activities for bilateral humanitarian and peace efforts, using programs and initiatives fitting into RI Strategic Plan. It will increase fellowship and inter cultural understanding amongst the people of both nations.
- To focus and coordinate to work as a team for long term commitments and create a climate of Goodwill and peace.
- Rotarians, spouses, retractors to participate in IP-ICC activities giving local expertise in each of the two countries and serving as ambassadors of Countries. Every member of the team is the ambassador of the partner country in his or her country.
- To work as team for common cause.
- To address for peace and conflict resolution which is one of the focus areas of the Rotary Foundation.
- To provide significant support to all programs of Rotary international.

Charter of Activities:

1. Identification of one major community service project to be implemented in RI 3271 or 3272 and one major community service project to be implemented in RI 3011 or 3012 with major resources Contribution by Rotarians in the other country with your without being a Global Grant.
2. Have youth exchange teams.
3. Conduct essay competition and debating competition at school and college level. Maybe we can have participants through video link.
4. Have a joint Facebook page of India and Pakistan, what's app and other social media tools for all Rotarians from Pakistan and India. Similarly, we can have one for the retractors. Singing competition between youth of both countries.
5. Have dress also member of committee on both sides.
6. We can also have District teams visiting both districts.
7. Sister clubs can have joint meetings once a month or once in two months though Skype in which we can invite social activists, media reps, Business community, youth representatives, professionals and Intellectuals to share views through video link.



8. We have a joint bimonthly or quarterly newsletter called ICC - India Pakistan, Bulletin.
9. We ask all dgs to dedicate one page for views and news of Rotary clubs in each other's countries. We can name it India Pakistan ICC corner!
10. Send delegations in RYLA held in both countries.
11. Make sister rotary clubs by pairing clubs of RI 3011 with clubs in RI 3271 and 3272 and pairing rotary Clubs of RI 3012 with club s in RI 3271 and 3272.
 - 5 clubs 3011 to be paired with 5 clubs in 3271
 - 5 clubs 3011 to be paired with 5 clubs in 3272
 - 5 clubs 3012 to be paired with 5 clubs in 3271
 - 5 clubs 3012 to be paired with 5 clubs in 3272
12. Proposed activities of paired clubs:
 - One community service project each, one in Pakistan and one India with major resources by Pakistan club for India club project and vice versa. Project may be financed by global grant or otherwise. Once these projects are implemented, they should be widely publicized through print media, social media, and electronic media and in district conferences and other rotary meetings
 - One reciprocal per annum by club members to the sister club on home hospitality basis.
 - Each sister club to create what's App/telegram groups of members of each club and keep each club apprised or major activities of the sister club.
 - Each sister club to create a blog/social media film on common life in the area of the rotary club Including its community service activities/fellowship activities and widely share with the sister Club/other district through social media.
 - Send one representative at least to an annual peace conference organized by the Inter country Committee in India and Pakistan on an alternate basis on annual basis. f) Make a business directory of self-club and sister club members and circulate via social media/digital basis.
13. Hold an annual Peace Conference, one year in India and next year in Pakistan. Topics to be interactive with aim to generate positive ideas, discussions on resolution and reconciliation of pending disputes as perceived by both countries.
14. Hold one business/trade fair annually in each country on alternate basis for list of selected business of Rotarians or otherwise where attendees would be interested Rotarians or non-rotarians of host/guest country.
15. India districts to propose one delegation of maximum 10 persons for a period of maximum seven nights to Pakistan and vice versa annually:
 - a) School students or College students
 - b) Members of the Press corps of the other country



(Each visit will have a definite approved agenda full of opportunities to imbibe the culture and life ethos of the other country.)

Home hospitality will be the basis of visit to maximum extent possible.

We will expect the press corps members of delegation after the visit to publicize the community service projects which Rotarians in other country are implanting in India or Pakistan and create an aura of goodwill and an ambience of her love affection and trust in which to work towards resolution of perceived inter country disputes

16. Planned liaison with Embassies of the other country and ministry of interior/home in own country on regular basis with aim of:

- Facilitation of obtaining visit visa for Rotarians and others of the other country.
- Creation of a list of Rotarians and prominent society members of the other country to which the Embassy/ Got of other country grants long term visit visas with minimum restrictions on a regular basis.
- Incorporation of other country Rotary events in a rotary year on calendar of Interior/home ministry in host country so that visas applied for are issued easily.



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D) With the exception of a multidistrict PETS, which shall be under the direct authority and control of the governors-elect in cooperation with governors, the ultimate responsibility for multidistrict events, activities, projects and organizations lies with the governors of the districts involved.

E) Recognition of a multidistrict activity, project or organization by RI in no way implies legal, financial or other obligation or responsibility on the part of RI. A multidistrict organization may not act on behalf of RI, or represent or imply that it has authority to act on behalf of RI. A multidistrict organization is not an agency of RI. Multidistrict organizations must be self-sustaining financially, administratively, and otherwise.

F) In instances where multidistrict activities, projects and organizations are incorporated, the members of the corporation should be the governors of the districts involved or their appointees. The board of directors of any such incorporated activity, project or organization should be elected by the members of the corporation. Corporate structures not in harmony with these provisions will generally be considered as not in conformance with RI policy regarding supervision of multidistrict activities, projects and organizations by the governors. (January 2019 Mtg., RI Doc. 85)

Source: May 1960 Mtg., RI Doc. 278; February/March 1967 Mtg., RI Doc. 272; June 1968 Mtg., RI Doc. 304; June 1969 Mtg., RI Doc. 308; March 1967 Mtg., RI Doc. 237; January 2013 Mtg., RI Doc. 261; November 2014 Mtg., RI Doc. 58; November/December 2019 Mtg., RI Doc. 59; September 2017 Mtg., RI Doc. 40; January 2018 Mtg., RI Doc. 178; July 2019 Mtg., RI Doc. 19; September 2019 Mtg., RI Doc. 76; January 2022 Mtg., RI Doc. 87; January 2019 Mtg., RI Doc. 85; December 2019 Mtg., RI Doc. 288.

Cross References

11.010.2. *Multidistrict Activities—Approval to Select Cooperation*

20.070.8. *Multidistrict PETS Guidelines*

11.040.7. *Requests for Exception to Guidelines for Use of "Rotary" Name*

21.020. Intercountry Committees

Intercountry committees promote relationships between two or more international districts or two or more countries to increase fellowship and intercultural understanding among the people of various nations, foster stronger ties between members, clubs, and districts from different countries, and establish networks across borders, continents, and oceans.

While only districts may form and join intercountry committees, individual Rotarians, their partners, Rotaractors, and Rotary and Rotaract clubs may participate in their activities. (October 2018 Mtg., RI Doc. 43)

Source: June 2017 Mtg., RI Doc. 263; January/June 2018 Mtg., RI Doc. 43.

21.020.1. Activities of Intercountry Committees

Recommended activities for Intercountry Committee participants include, but are not limited to: visiting each other's countries and homes, strengthening friendships and projects or formed by encouraging clubs and districts to connect with clubs and districts in other countries, and contributing to world peace.



Intercountry Committees may also:

- exchange best practices for sponsoring new clubs
- develop a sister or twin club relationship between clubs in participating countries
- conduct Friendship Exchanges between the two countries
- initiate or carry out International Service projects
- initiate or carry out Vocational Service projects. *(October 2019 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 47)*

Source: June 2007 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 281. Amended by September 2011 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 38, October 2019 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 47.

21.020.2. Establishing an Intercountry Committee

Intercountry Committees can be national or sub-national relationships between two countries. National intercountry committees require the consensus of all districts in a country. Sub-national intercountry committees require the consensus of all districts participating in the relationship. An established Intercountry Committee shall inform the Executive Council of its formation.

A. Establishing a national Intercountry Committee

To form an Intercountry Committee between two or more countries, approval from all of the countries' district governors must be obtained. District governors from a given country who wish to delegate decision-making authority for establishing new national Intercountry Committees may do so with unanimous consent of all district governors in the country.

Interested Rotarians in each country should form a planning committee to establish an Intercountry Committee. The responsibilities of the planning committee include obtaining approval to organize an Intercountry Committee from each district's governor, electing an Intercountry Committee chair to lead the relationship, identifying potential projects, and activities for the ICC participants to undertake, and organizing a planning meeting. The name of an intercountry committee shall be taken from the names of the participating countries. Should a district decide to leave the relationship, the relationship shall evolve into a subnational Intercountry Committee.

B. Establishing a subnational Intercountry Committee

To form a subnational Intercountry Committee between two or more districts, approval from all of the district governors must be obtained.

Interested Rotarians in each district should form a planning committee to establish a district-level Intercountry Committee. The responsibilities of the planning committee include obtaining approval to organize a subnational Intercountry Committee from each participating district governor, electing an Intercountry Committee chair to lead the relationship, inviting club presidents from each district to participate, identifying potential projects and activities for ICC participants to undertake, and organizing a planning meeting. The name of a subnational Intercountry Committee shall be taken from the names of the participating districts. Should a district decide to leave the relationship, the name of the ICC shall be updated to reflect the remaining participants. *(October 2019 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 47)*

Source: June 1994 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 248. Amended by June 2007 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 281, October 2019 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 47.

21.020.3. Governance

An Intercountry Committee is led by an Intercountry Committee chair, elected from participating districts for a three-year term. Intercountry Committees must abide by the rules governing organizations in their country and shall have officers including a chair, secretary, and treasurer. The chair should serve for three years while the other leaders should rotate on an annual basis. *(October 2019 Mtg., Rd. Dec. 45)*

Source: June 2007 Mtg., Rd. Dec. 28; May 2015 Mtg., Rd. Dec. 118; October 2019 Mtg., Rd. Dec. 45

21.020.4. Relationships with Districts

Intercountry Committees are encouraged to collaborate with the district governors of participating districts as well as their district international service committees, if one is appointed.

Intercountry committee chairs may contact district governors, district governors-elect, and district international service committee chairs in their country regarding the formation of a new ICC or to annually invite participation in an existing ICC relationship. *(September 2020 Mtg., Rd. Dec. 36)*

Source: June 2007 Mtg., Rd. Dec. 28; Amended by October 2019 Mtg., Rd. Dec. 45; September 2020 Mtg., Rd. Dec. 36

21.020.5. ICC Executive Council

The ICC Executive Council is a resource for districts and countries wishing to form a new Intercountry Committee. The Executive Council collects and shares best practices for forming Intercountry Committees and subsequent projects and activities. The Executive Council maintains a list of Intercountry Committee Chairs and active Intercountry Committees, made available through its website.

The Executive Council is led by a president, secretary and treasurer, elected by reported Intercountry Committee chairs. The president of the executive council serves a three year term, acts as the liaison between intercountry committees and Rotary International and submits an annual report to RI in July each year. The annual report shall include contact information for Intercountry Committee chairs, a list of Intercountry Committee relationships, and a summary of major projects and activities. Failure to submit an annual report by 1 August will result in termination of the president's term and will require the Executive Council members to elect a new president. The Executive Council may collect modest optional fees from established ICCs to cover website expenses. The Executive Council may not create additional governance or leadership positions for individual Intercountry Committees, nor does it have authority to approve or decline the formation of new ICCs. *(October 2019 Mtg., Rd. Dec. 45)*

Source: June 2007 Mtg., Rd. Dec. 28; Amended by October 2019 Mtg., Rd. Dec. 45

21.020.6. Relationship with Rotary International

Establishing an Intercountry Committee in no way implies legal, financial or other obligation or responsibility on the part of RI, or any district or club. An Intercountry Committee may not act on behalf of RI, or represent or imply that it has authority to act on behalf of RI. An Intercountry Committee is not an agency of RI. Intercountry Committees



must be self-sustaining financially, administratively, and otherwise. Intercountry Committees may not exist or function in any country in violation of the laws of such country. *(October 2019 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 45)*

Source: January 1958 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 115; Amended by October 2019 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 45

21.020.7. Finances

Intercountry Committees shall function without financial support from Rotary International. Modest optional fees may be collected from participating districts to cover operating costs of an Intercountry Committee. The fees may be used for administrative purposes or to support humanitarian projects and cannot be used to offset travel or other expenses incurred by an individual as a result of participating in activities organized by an Intercountry Committee or the Executive Council. If an Intercountry Committee or the Executive Council elects to collect fees, the Intercountry Committee's leadership or Executive Council's leadership shall prepare a budget of estimated income and estimated expenditures for the year at the beginning of each fiscal year. All bills shall be paid by the treasurer, or other authorized officer, only after approval by two other officers. An annual financial review by a qualified person shall be made of all the Intercountry Committee's and Executive Council's financial transactions and be shared with all participating districts. *(October 2019 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 45)*

Source: June 2007 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 281; Amended by October 2019 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 45

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INTER COUNTRY COMMITTEE MISSION DEFINED

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**675 NATIONAL ICC SECTIONS
IN 93 COUNTRIES
IN ALL CONTINENTS**



Rotary  **WHAT IS OUR MISSION ?**



WHAT IS ROTARY INTERNATIONAL ICC ORGANISATION ?

ICC NATIONAL SECTION
NATIONAL COORDINATION
EXPANSION TASK FORCE BY CONTINENT
ICC EXECUTIVE COUNCIL



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WHAT IS OUR ROLE IN GUIDING THE PATH OF PEACE ?



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WHAT CAN WE DO BESIDES PEACE THROUGH SERVICE ?

WE PROPOSE THREE INITIATIVES ON THE
WAY TO PEACE





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MEDITERRANEAN INITIATIVE PEACE
AFRICA PEACE INITIATIVE



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I.C.C ACTIVITIES

SRILANKA

Neona Heart Surgery Project Global Grant Project : Rotary Club of Colombo West and Rotary Club of Cochin @ Amritamayi Hospital / Cochin . IN.

4th Batch of 5 children with Parents and 5 Nurses departed to Cochin by 8 AM Flight.

PDG Karu , PP Jit , Rtn Mal , Rtn Tilak , Rtn Sanjeev Perera , Rtn Nalinaksha , Rtn K P Nagaraja went to Airport to see them off and organized Breakfast for all.





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THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF ICC SECTION INDIA / LEBANON MEMBERS ON VIRTUAL PLATFORM ZOOM HEALD IN NEW YEAR 2023





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11-14 MAY 2023 BEIRUT-LEBANON

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District Governor 22-23
GEORGE AZAR

District Conference Chair
AHMAD HUSSEINI



TURKEY

A Massive earthquake destroyed parts of Turkey and Syria. The magnitude of human suffering and tragedy cannot be expressed. The news media is delivering poignant and heart rending pictures of badly injured populations displaced from destructed homes and habitat. From old people to young children showing faces of horror, shock and fear, the biting extreme cold weather accompanied by food and fuel shortages made the scene an epitome of human pain.

It is estimated that more than thirty thousand persons have passed away and still counting. Many times more persons are injured. Loss of livelihood and emotional suffering cannot be estimated.

ICC India members sent heaters to mitigate the effects of very cold weather conditions. More such heaters are on the way.

There is a need for shelter boxes and other basic necessities of life to sustain minimal human dignity.

We appeal to all ICC districts and others to join in the relief efforts immediately required.

We give below an appeal for assistance from Ms. Canan Ersoz.

Dear DRFCC,

Please allow me to introduce myself. I am PDG Canan Ersoz from District 2430 – Turkey and currently I am serving as DRFCC in my district.

As you know, Turkey was hit by a big earthquake two days ago. The earthquake region is in D2430. The time of the earthquake was recorded at 04:17 at a depth of 7 kilometers, with a magnitude of 7.7. The earthquake caused many deaths and property loss in the south and southeast regions of Turkey. Many buildings, homes, hospitals, schools and government offices were severely damaged. Many main roads collapsed. The terrible news and images keep coming and coming.

Thankfully, Rotary world has been trying to help and has been showing their support. We kindly invite you to join these efforts to help recovery of the affected areas. So, what can you do:

Cash donations to D2430's Earthquake account (with this money we purchase most needed items such as blankets, clothing, hygienic items, food, water etc. locally and deliver them to the affected areas with the help of local Rotarians):

USD Account Number

Bank Name: AKBANK

Bank Account Name: ROTARY 2430.BÖLGE FEDERASYONU

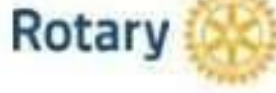
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IBAN Number: TR04 0004 6006 3100 1000 0949 00



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SWIFT CODE: AKBKTRIS
IBAN Number: TR38 0004 6006 3103 6000 1239 44

Online donations: <https://rotary2430.org.tr/deprem-bagisi>

Transfer from your DDF to D2430's DDF (please see the link:
https://rotary.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9ztdKml8KEamNmt?Q_JFE=qdg)

Lastly, below I would like to share DG Emre Ozturk's recent update from today regarding the earthquake.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours in Rotary,

PDG Canan Ersoz
DRFCC – D2430, Turkey

Dear Deepak,

I am sending as attached the project review of the GG project which we are going to apply within this week and get a GG number. When we get it I will share also.

We will ask the districts and/or Rotary Clubs to direct their donations to the GG project however the Rotarians can send donations to the below given District 2420 account.

I will be sending out this information also however you can share with the people you know too. Any amount of support will be appreciated.

Thanks and regards.

PDG Murat Çelik

EURO- Account

ROTARY 2420.BÖLGE FEDERASYONU
İŞ BANKASI GAYRETTEPE BRANCH
Address: Esentepe, Büyükdere Cad. No: 121/B
(34394) Şişli/İstanbul/TR
İban No:TR67 0006 4000 0021 0801 6011 72
Swift code: ISBKTRISXXX
SUBJECT: DONATION



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India Turkey Inter Country Committee

New Delhi February 13th 2023

Dear fellow Rotarians and friends of Rotary,

As you know, Turkey was hit by a big earthquake a few days ago. The earthquake region is in Rotary International District 2430.

We have received various enquiries for information on sending help/relief to Turkey.

As India side head and President of the India Turkey Inter Country Committee, it is my privilege to provide complete information as up to date.

There are options and ways to help. Immediate need is for shelters, blankets, heaters, food items, clothing, socks and shoes etc. Needless to say, that every little bit matters.

We are in touch with The Rotary Foundation, DRFC of District 2430 Dr. PDG Canan Ersoz who is also my counterpart on the Turkey side. The District Governor for 2430 is Rtn. DG Emre Ozturk.

General Information received from RISAO:

You can Give to **The Rotary Foundation's Disaster Response Fund**. Gifts to this fund help clubs and districts provide disaster recovery and support rebuilding efforts where the need is greatest. Donors can donate directly by logging into your **MyRotary** account. However, for the Turkey disaster, one may contribute to the general Disaster Response Grant fund at this point. Contributions to The Rotary Foundation's Disaster Response Fund are disbursed to impacted communities through Disaster Response Grants. The fund can accept cash contributions and District Designated Funds (DDF) and contributions are eligible for recognition. Contributions are combined into one fund and cannot be designated to support a specific disaster.

Direct Aid to Rotary District 2430 Turkey:

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DG Emre Ozturk's recent update regarding the earthquake:

If you wish to send goods in trucks: We will need special permission. You need to send us the exact list of the items in the truck. With this list we will inform and ask for permission. With this permission, the truck can enter Turkey and travel to the D2430's check point.

If there is a problem the driver can contact: Rtn. MUSTAFA GULER (+90 532 205 1606) OR
 (PDG CANAN ERSOZ +90532 335 6969)

The check point in Adana:

Adress:

Sanat Kahvesi
 Beyazevler mah.Adnan Kahveci Bulvarı 80021 sok.No:22
 01170

Çukurova/ADANA

Contact person: Rtn. TAYFUN SEVİMLİ

Mobile phone: +90 532 763 3584 E-mail: tayfunsevimli@gmail.com

Once the items are delivered to the check point in Adana they will distribute them in the disaster region in coordination and help of the DG and local Rotarians.

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Support local initiatives. As Rotary learns about local response efforts being led by clubs and districts in the impacted region, Rotary publicizes information about supporting these response projects through the disaster response webpage. Interested supporters/ volunteers work directly with the local Rotary members to assist their response efforts. We advise members to check back periodically to learn about local relief efforts they may wish to support. Direct information about local response efforts for possible feature on Rotary's disaster response feed to relief@rotary.org

Please feel free to connect with me, with PDG Deepak Talwar who is national head for ICCs and with PDG Canan Ersoz,

Yours in Service

Rtn. Namrata Suri

PP Namrata Suri,
Rotary Club of Delhi Humanity
District Chair Admin 2023-24
District Chair Admin 2021-22
District Chair 2021-22 Available Blindness Program
District Chair 2021-22 Cancer Detection Program
District Chair Peace & Conflict Resolution 2021-22
(and in 16-17, 17-18, 18-19, 19-20)
District Co-ordinator 2021-22 Rotary Cares - Sanitary Pads Distribution
Chair India of Inter Country Committee (ICC) for India -Turkey
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Turkey Earthquake Disaster Support





CURRENT STATUS

After two devastating earthquakes with magnitudes of 7.7 and 7.6 respectively, Turkey has suffered irreparable loss in 10 cities. More than 20,000 people have died and that number is rising rapidly.

These 10 cities hosted 13.5M Turkish citizens and 1.7M Syrian refugees which adds up to 15.2M affected people. 1 of every 6 inhabitants in Turkey is affected by this disaster.

Not only the residences collapsed during the earthquake, but also the government institutions. Most importantly hospitals were affected. Some cities suffer from a complete loss of hospitals after the earthquake. The remaining hospitals are trying to work over their capacity to serve the demand.

In a short time period the problems that are expected are as follows:

- Shortage of clean water
- Sewage and disposal problems
- High risk of epidemic diseases
- Other infections and diseases that would require immediate intervention
- Interruptions in the care of chronic diseases like diabetics, high blood pressure
- Discontinuation of continuous treatments like dialysis



THE SOLUTION

As District 2420, we believe that supporting the healthcare services will go a long way. Thus we have decided to establish a field multi-clinic center to serve the victims in the affected area.

This Project will be done together with authorities, ensuring the continuance of:

- Doctors and healthcare staff
- Consumables needed in the care of the patients

Multi-clinic will be mobile, so it can be moved and re-assembled in other needed areas. The clinic will be consisting of a mixture of tent and containers. It will be an expandable structure, other modules or new beds could be added in the future.



*- The images are from a similar project realized.



THE MULTI-CLINIC

The multi-clinic will be consisting of:

- Emergency Room
- Patient observation area with 4 beds
- Laboratory
- Clean and used water tanks
- Electric generator
- WC & Showers
- Storage

The basic medical equipment and consumables will be supplied with the initial project. Continuation of the healthcare staff and consumables will be ensured by the Ministry of Health. It is planned to expand the structure and to equip the clinic with further diagnostic and treatment equipment short term.





THE GLOBAL GRANT

The budget needed to realize this project is:

300.000 USD

Caddebostan RC has stepped up to be the host of this Global Grant, which will be supported by the funds accumulated District budget.

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<https://www.news18.com/news/world/photo-of-turkish-woman-hugging-indian-army-officer-in-turkeys-quake-hit-hatay-will-melt-your-heart-7042981.html>



ARMENIA

Congratulations! Your global grant application for funding to set up an audiology lab to Bharat Vikas Parishad Social Welfare Trust in Faridabad, Haryana, India, submitted by the Rotary Club of Delhi South Central and the Rotary Club of Gyumri, has been approved by Rotary Foundation (India) (RF(I)) and the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation (TRF). The award is in the amount of US\$57,929.



SAMPLE OF STEPS FOR FORMATION OF INTER COUNTRY COMMITTEE (ICC)
(INSTEAD OF SPAIN PLEASE SUBSTITUTE NAME OF FOREIGN COUNTRY INVOLVED)

Step 1

1. Paco Chapa is National Coordinator Spain
2. Deepak Talwar is National Coordinator India
3. Aniel Sahni will be the President
4. Let Rtn. Paco Chapa National Coordinator of ICC Spain give you names of at least two district governors in Spain and names of president and Vice President from Spain
5. Finalise the MOU in consultation with NC ICC Spain and president ICC India Spain section for Spain
6. Prepare a tentative agenda for max 60 minutes meeting as follows:

MOC

Welcome address: National Coordinator India

National Anthems of both countries

Short film on India

Inspirational address DG 1 India

Inspirational address DG 2 India

Meeting handed over to MOC in Spain

Short film Spain

Inspirational address DG 1 Spain

Inspirational address DG 2 Spain

Reading of MOU by NC Spain

E signing of screen shared MOU by verbal acceptance of same by each signatory on MOU

Toast and congratulations to all present for MOU digital signing ceremony.

Vote of thanks ICC Coordinator Spain

Meeting adjourned by National Section Head / president ICC Spain section of India / Spain ICC

7. In coordination with Paco Chapa and all MOU signatories and agenda participants fix a date and time on zoom for signing the MOU.

Step 2

Based on Step 1, I will get official charter issued by ICC executive committee Rotary international

Step 3

In India and Spain separately an ICC working committee should be set up such as:



India

President: RI 3011

Vice President: RI 3170

Secretary: RI 3170

Treasurer. : RI 3011

Member: 1. RI 3011

Member: 2 RI 3011

Member: 3. RI 3170

Member: 4. RI 3170

Same committee for Spain formed by President ICC Spain sharing positions between involved districts and having two members separately from each district which is part of ICC India/ Spain.

Step 4

In consultation with President Spain, you finalize an annual charter of activities for the said ICC

Step 5

Start virtual activities immediately and physical when feasible

Step 6

National Coordinator India to write letter to each district in India asking them to join ICC India /Spain and depute two members from accepting districts to join working committee.

National Coordinator of other ICC country to write to other districts in said country inviting them to join ICC and depute two members in the ICC working committee for that country.

If you need any clarification feel free to contact me

PDG Deepak Talwar
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“To promote peace and international understanding while improving cross-cultural awareness, Engaging diversities, and bridging communities”



Editorial

PP Rtn. Subhash Dewan

Dear friends in Rotary,

Dear friends in Rotary,

It is heartening that for the first time, we have a lady RI President Rtn. Jennifer Jones, in a long history of rotary international.

Essence of all human beings is the same existence, that we merely are bestowed different individual talents & Gender roles. We are like actors on a stage called Planet Earth, giving our one life time performance. The Creator gave us abilities not for our own use but for the benefitting the world.

In the Rotary year 2000-01, when I was President of my R.C. Delhi South-West,

R.I .President, Frank Delyn on his visit to our R.I. district said, we the Rotarians in your country India & ones in mine Mexico, should thank ourselves that we have never-ending opportunities to do our best in our developing world, otherwise Rotarians in the affluent western world have to literally look around For such avenues.

Friends, we Homo sapiens have devastated this beautiful planet in the last 200 years, which was not done in past millions of years before. It becomes our solemn duty to save it for our future generation, for the better life for our Children. The greatest hope can come from our Rotary World, spread out in 200 countries. It was Rotary which with help of WHO, decimated crippling diseases Like Polio & others, but this journey, has to go on, till it reaches the last person in misery.



Here is our PDG Deepak Talwar of R.I. Dist. 3011, India, who has taken the challenge of doing well to society by clubbing two binary nations & Rotarians, in R.I. Districts together to alleviate poverty & hunger, illiteracy, malnutrition, sanitation, clean water & health issues; plus bring International understanding, conflict resolution, through goodwill for all.

At recent Armenian Rotary conference PDG Deepak Talwar's address was very motivational and musical. We wish the cold & hot war between Armenia & Azerbaijan. Rotary can be act like mediation. No longer can a bigger nation bully a small neighbour, we're saying in going on between Russia and Ukraine.

I can prove this by self-example, as in his year of his Dist. Governorship 2005-6, Deepak chose me to write his 'Governor Monthly Letter' as Editor. It was in that year he took us, a good number of Dist. Rotarians to Pakistan (our estranged neighbour) on good-will mission to resolve conflict & to bring human- touch, at least between our two peoples, who have same roots, culture & language. I wrote the awesome experience in our Mega issue, to show, how his initiative brought such enormous bonhomie thru' people to people contacts, which continues till date.

So my appeal to DGs & PDGs of all our friendly countries, to join his "ICC & Rotary" crusade in order to take Rotary to pinnacle of "Service above Self"

Warm Regards
PP Rtn Subhash Dewan
