Dear＊＊＊＊,

This letter is to inform you about our new requirement for all students visiting Japan to enroll in "RIJYEC Insurance Plan for RYE Inbound Students".

RIJYEC (Rotary International Japan Youth Exchange Committee) is the core organization of Rotary Youth Exchange Program in Japan, which consists of the representatives from all the 34 districts in Japan.

RIJYEC Insurance Plan for RYE Inbound Students is compliant with the Rotary Code of Policy 41.060.11(RCOP).

The new RIJYEC Insurance Plan for RYE provided in 2016 has been reviewed by the RI Risk Management Team, and listed as an RCOP compliant insurance policy in the “YOUTH EXCHANGE DIRECTORY” issued in October 2015. It’s outline is stated in the attached file on page 11.

According to RCOP 41.060.11, ”Evidence of student travel insurance shall be submitted to, received by, and accepted by the HOST DISTRICT prior to the student’s departure from home”. Additionally, the host Rotary district (not the sponsor district,) must be responsible in arranging medical attention and insurance coverage for the students in case of emergency.

When such immediate medical attention is needed, host families and host Rotary club members are the ones that must handle the situation first hand, although most of them are usually not fluent in foreign languages including English.

Our primary goal is to ascertain the safety of all the exchange students during their stay in Japan. Because the students will be faced with different customs, laws and regulations than what they are used to, the ones that can provide the best and adequate means of care are the Rotarians in the host country.

Therefore, as one of the requirements of acceptance of incoming Youth Exchange students in Japan, all the 34 districts in Japan have agreed to make it a requirement for all the incoming students to purchase the Japan unified insurance policy. This not only meets RCOP, but also complies with our customs, laws and regulations in Japan.

We would like to ask you to place yourselves in our shoes, where you are expected to be responsible for the well-being of the inbound students while dealing with a large variety of insurance plans from different foreign countries.

If your district accepts students from multiple countries, it would pose a great practical challenge for your host districts, host clubs and host families to understand the details of each and every one of the insurance policies brought from variety of countries, and take an immediate action in response to an issue at hand.

We hope you will understand that using the insurance plan of your own country is the best and most certain way for the district, host clubs and host families to be familiar with the proper steps needed to initiate action.

Likewise, when we send our students to your districts, we stand ready to instruct them to purchase the insurance plan designated by your district, as long as it complies with the RCOP provisions.

This is because we strongly believe that it would provide the most certain way for our students to live safely in your district.

We have already contacted all the districts in the world that have arrangements for student exchange with us in Japan, informing them that all the 34 Japanese districts have decided to adopt the RIJYEC Insurance Plan for RYE Inbound Students.

We would like to ask for your kind understanding that our fundamental rule, when an insurance plan provided by the host country is in compliance with the RCOP, joining such a plan shall in principle be required, is the most certain way for us to provide security to the students. It would also be greatly appreciated if you would kindly take note that from herewith a condition for our acceptance of the exchange students would be for them to join the RIJYEC Insurance Plan for RYE inbound Students.

Yours in Rotary service,

(委員長の名前)

Chairman

Youth Exchange Committee

District 2XX0, JAPAN