

RIJYEM District Risk Management Committee Basic Guideline

Part 6(6th December, 2020)

Preface:

On the Emergency Session of National YEO Meeting in 15 November, respective Youth Exchange Officers presented current intentions of youth exchange towards the coming year - 14 Districts saying yes (will carry out the exchange), 11 Districts reserving the decision (to be further decided), and 9 Districts saying no (will cease the exchange for the coming year). Those who intend to send youths are to be poised, observing student visa conditions in countries to accept the youths.

Judging from the status quo, we at the Risk Management Committee of RIJYEM issue the RIJYEM Guideline 6 as follows.

We request respective District Governors - who are responsible for RYE programs - to come to the final decision upon execution of youth exchange programs after sufficient discussions with the Risk Management Committee and Youth Exchange Committee in the District. The following specific points should be thoroughly reviewed with due consideration for groups and individuals involved and about situations to change.

★Basic Guideline:

We firmly share the recognition again that securing the lives and safety of youths to participate in our exchange programs is of foremost importance.

★ Decisions made:

1) As of 6 Dec., 2020, execution of 2021-22 Rotary Youth Exchange is subject to the criteria as presented in three orders as shown below.

1. Observe and take precedence over policies of Japan and countries to exchange youths.
2. Observe decisions and guidelines made by R.I. within the limits of those issued by governments of respective countries.
3. Observe decisions and guidelines of RIJYEM

Based upon the points 1. and 2. stipulated above, RIJYEM Guideline part 6 is issued as follows:

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In such cases where Japan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs Travel Advice and Warning on Infectious Diseases remains Level 1(Exercise caution) or Level 2(Avoid Non-essential Travel) by 30 June 2021, youth exchange programs should be permitted with a safety guideline as well as a risk management and contingency plan as instructed by R.I., also supported by confirmations that both Districts of despatch and acceptance are well-eligible of securing life and safety of each and every youth to be exchanged.

2) Respective Districts in Japan are highly expected to exchange documents of agreement upon youth exchange with a district/ districts to be the counterpart conformable to safety guidelines and risk management and contingency plans, observing this RIJYEM Guideline, having due discussions and information sharing with those concerned overseas regarding the exchange under sensible consideration for youths in the exchange program surrounded by different situations in their Districts, and arranging thoughts and ideas of both sides.

3) Presentations and/or explanations as well as agreements to and with sponsor Rotary club, youths to be despatched and their parents along with the school(s) to be involved are essential in case the exchange program will become unable. Groups and individuals concerned in each District are highly expected to make the best effort to stand close to those involved in the program(s), especially the candidates to be despatched based upon specific local situations.