



通往和平的道路

這個月，扶輪朝向支持中東及北非的和平邁進一步。

11月，扶輪及 2420 地區將為我們與伊斯坦堡巴赫塞希爾大學 (Bahçeşehir University) 合作設立之最新的和平中心，舉辦簽約儀式。

這場儀式是慶祝巴赫塞希爾大學新和平中心及扶輪促進和平工作之系列活動的第一場。5月的 2024 年國際扶輪年會將慶祝第一個扶輪和平中心設立 25 週年，恰逢 1999 年新加坡國際扶輪年會距今 25 週年。巴赫塞希爾大學第一批和平生力軍的招生工作也從 2024 年開始，獲選的申請人將從 2025 年年初開學。

和平中心計畫自開辦以來已經在 140 多個國家培養超過 1,700 人，努力建立更和平的世界。這當然值得慶祝，但是扶輪和平獎學金學生不只是紙上的統計數字而已。他們的行動已協助為世界創造希望，並將持續下去。

舉例來說，珍妮佛·蒙哥馬利 (Jennifer Montgomery) 及葛瑞特·寇姆瑞比 (Goret Komurembe)——來自烏干達馬克里爾大學 (Makerere University) 的和平獎學金學生——乃是「紅紫女孩提案」(Magenta Girls Initiative) 的共同創辦人。這個國際非營利組織給予烏干達女孩及年輕女性支持及工具，以克服不當性別規範、跨世代貧窮、性別暴力、人口走私，及創傷。

另一位在馬克里爾大學就讀的和平獎學金學生恩德茲·恩賈西 (Ndzi Divine Njamsi) 修讀了「積極和平」的課程，正將其與他自己在喀麥

隆的學生分享。他在親眼目睹喀麥隆的極端主義、網路仇恨言論，及暴力之後，對「扶輪積極和平啟動者」(Rotary Positive Peace Activator) 訓練計畫很感興趣。自從完成學業之後，他已經把他所學到的和平課程傳授給雅溫德國際商業學校 (Yaoundé International Business School) 及這個中非國家其他機構的學生。

世界需要更多像馬克里爾和平中心的畢業生及其他和平獎學金學生這樣的人。為了達到這個目標，我們可以鼓勵我們當地的和平締造者更加認識扶輪，申請這項獎學金，以利增進和平。扶輪社員也可以輔導獎學金申請人。或是你們可以與畢業的和平獎學金學生合作。他們很可能已經有一、兩個提案可受益於各位的協助。

我們在北美洲、歐洲、非洲、澳洲，及亞洲的和平中心也仰賴財務支持。馬克里爾大學的中心得以設立便是拜沃爾特基金會 (Otto and Fran Walter Foundation) 慷慨捐贈 1,550 萬美元給扶輪基金會之賜。

這間新的扶輪和平中心將提供一年期的和平及發展研究專業進修證書，給研究中東及北非區域和平議題的學生。

和平必須持續推進；它是希望扎根的土壤。可是就像任何旅程一樣，我們一次只能走一步。讓我們一起攜手跨步前進。

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The road to peace

This month, Rotary takes a step toward supporting peacebuilding in the Middle East and North Africa region.

In November, Rotary and District 2420 are hosting a signing ceremony for our newest peace center in partnership with Bahçeşehir University in Istanbul.

The ceremony is the first in a series of events recognizing the new center at BAU and Rotary's work to promote peace. The 2024 Rotary International Convention in May will mark 25 years since the first Rotary Peace Centers were announced — coincidentally at the Rotary Convention in Singapore in 1999. Recruitment for the first cohort of Rotary Peace Fellows at BAU also starts in 2024, and selected candidates will begin their program in early 2025.

Since its beginning, the peace centers program has prepared more than 1,700 peace fellows working in more than 140 countries to create a more peaceful world. That is certainly worth celebrating, but Rotary Peace Fellows are more than statistics on a page. Their actions have helped *Create Hope in the World* and will continue to do so.

For example, Jennifer Montgomery and Goret Komurembe — peace fellows from the program at Makerere University in Uganda — are co-founders of Magenta Girls Initiative. The international nongovernmental organization equips Ugandan girls and young women with the support and tools to overcome harmful gender norms, generational poverty, gender-based violence, trafficking, and trauma.

Ndzi Divine Njamsi, another peace fellow who studied at Makerere, has taken lessons learned about

Positive Peace and is sharing them with students of his own in Cameroon. He became interested in the Rotary Positive Peace Activator training program after witnessing extremism, online hate speech, and violence in Cameroon. Since completing the program, he has brought his lessons on peace to students at the Yaoundé International Business School and other organizations in the Central Africa country.

The world needs more people like the graduates of the program at Makerere and our other peace fellows. To that end, we can all advance peace by encouraging our local peacebuilders to learn more about Rotary and apply for this impactful fellowship. Rotary members can also mentor candidates for the fellowship. Or you can work with peace fellows who have already graduated. They probably have an initiative or two that would benefit from your help.

Our peace centers in North America, Europe, Africa, Australia, and Asia depend on financial support as well. The program at BAU was made possible thanks to a generous gift of \$15.5 million to The Rotary Foundation from the Otto and Fran Walter Foundation.

This new Rotary Peace Center will offer a one-year professional development certificate in peace and development studies for fellows focusing on peacebuilding within the Middle East and North Africa region.

Peace must be waged persistently; it is the soil where hope takes root. But as with any journey, we take one step at a time. Let's take those steps together.

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