



透過教育實現和平

我 接任國際扶輪社長的時刻，來得既迅速又出乎意料之外。這讓我思考到世界如何在瞬間改變，以及扶輪如何能成為這變革中一股穩定的向善力量。這個月是國際扶輪的基礎教育與識字月，我們有一個明確的行動號召：在我們服務的每一個社區中，強化學習的基礎。

全世界仍有數百萬人無法識字。數百萬兒童缺乏接受基礎教育的機會。然而，我們知道解決方案：永續、包容、公平的教育，特別是針對女孩及弱勢的年輕人。識字不只是讀寫的能力。它是人類尊嚴、經濟流動，及和平的關鍵。每一本打開的書、每一個獲得支持的教室，以及每一位獲培訓的老師，都可成為和平的基石。

今年，我們的主題是「團結行善」。「團結」指的是我們在彼此身上找到的力量。當我們團結彼此的才能及資源——不僅在社之間，也涵蓋夥伴、組織，及社區——我們就能擴大影響力。當我們經年累月持續這麼做，便能創造持恆的改變。扶輪服務不能僅僅以年度目標來衡量。我們在教育方面的工作必須超越單一年度的範疇。識字計畫需要時間來扎根、成長，方能開花結果。

現在是我們大膽且發揮創造力思考的時刻。新型態的扶輪社可以幫助我們以新的方式，吸引教育工作者、學生，及倡議者加入。讓我們利用這個月歡迎對教育懷抱熱情的新社員，並讓現有社員增能來推動反映在地需求的服務計畫。無論是興建圖書館、發送教科書，還是輔導學生，各位的行動都至關重要。

教育也是締造和平。我們提供的每一份獎學金、我們支持的每一個學前教育計畫、我們資助的每一個成人識字班，都是一項和平的行動。扶輪以這種方式締造和平已超過一個世紀。

我們不應忘記，為識字而戰不僅關乎機會，更關乎公平。這關乎確保每一位學習者，無論其背景如何，都有機會發揮他們的潛力。這也關乎於我們跨越國界、語言、世代，共同站出來，大聲疾呼教育是一項權利，而非特權。

讓我們透過致力於永續的識字教育，來落實團結行善。讓我們夢想一個每個孩子都能學習識字的世界。然後，身為採取行動的人，讓我們共同努力，將這個夢想化為現實。

攜手同心，我們便能從教育的力量開始改變生命。攜手同心，我們團結行善。

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Peace through education

When I stepped into the role of Rotary International president, the moment came swiftly and unexpectedly. It got me thinking how the world can change in an instant, and how Rotary has the power to be a steady force for good in that change. This month, Rotary's Basic Education and Literacy Month, we have a clear call to action: to strengthen the foundation of learning in every community we serve.

Millions of people worldwide remain unable to read. Millions of children lack access to basic education. And yet, we know the solution: sustainable, inclusive, and equitable education, especially for girls and marginalized youths. Literacy is more than the ability to read and write. It is the key to human dignity, economic mobility, and peace. Every book opened, every classroom supported, and every teacher trained becomes a building block of peace.

This year, our message is *Unite for Good*. "Unite" speaks to the strength we find in each other. When we unite our talents and resources — not only among our clubs but across partners, organizations, and communities — we expand our reach. And when we do so consistently over time, we create lasting change. Rotary service cannot be measured only in annual goals. Our work in education must extend beyond a single year. Literacy projects take time to take root, grow, and bear fruit.

Now is the time to think boldly and creatively. New types of clubs can help us engage educators, students, and advocates in new ways. Let us use this month to welcome new members with a passion for education and empower existing ones to lead service projects that reflect local needs. Whether you're building libraries, distributing textbooks, or mentoring students, your actions matter.

Education is also peacebuilding. Every scholarship we provide, every early childhood program we support, every adult literacy class we fund is an act of peace. And Rotary has been building peace in this way for more than a century.

Let us not forget that the fight for literacy is not only about access, it's about equity. It is about ensuring every learner, regardless of background, has the opportunity to reach their potential. And it is about standing together — across borders, languages, and generations — to say that education is a right, not a privilege.

Let's *Unite for Good* by committing to literacy that lasts. Let's dream of a world where every child learns to read. And then, as people of action, let's work together to make that dream a reality.

Together, we can change lives, starting with the power of education. Together, we *Unite for Good*.

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