

The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International



# **GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE HANDBOOK**

**for Districts  
and Clubs**

## INTRODUCTION

The fact that you are reading this handbook probably means that your district is planning a Group Exchange program. If so, you are beginning one of the most rewarding experiences that a Rotarian can have as a participant in The Rotary Foundation program. But in order to get the full benefit of the program, it is important that you study all parts of this handbook carefully.

What is the Group Study Exchange program? Briefly, it is an educational activity in which two Rotary districts, in different parts of the world, agree to exchange teams of five young business and professional men. One year the sending district selects the team members, prepares them for their experience abroad, and arranges travel plans. The following year the receiving district becomes the sender. The visit may not last less than four weeks nor more than six weeks, the exact period to be agreed upon by sending and receiving districts. The host district develops an itinerary for the team, pays for its travel within the district, and provides lodging and meals. The Rotary Foundation, which must approve the study plans, pays the cost of round trip transportation between the two districts for the team and the district governor's representative who accompanies it.

### Objectives

The Rotary Foundation Group Study Exchange is an educational program designed to:

- a. provide to outstanding young business and professional men opportunities for studying another country, its people and institutions, through participation in an organized program of study and discussion in the country concerned;
- b. further international understanding by allowing men of goodwill to meet, talk and live with each other in a spirit of fellowship so that they may get to know each other's problems and aspirations, and to permit such personal contacts to ripen into lasting friendships; and

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