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The history of Rotary in Asia

Rotary's presence in Asia began in 1919 with the establishment of the first club in Manila, Philippines.

This was the start of a rapid expansion across the continent.

During the 1920s and 1930s, Rotary clubs were founded in China, India, and Japan, among other countries.

The Rotary Club of Shanghai was established in 1919, and India's first club was formed in Calcutta in 1920.

Post-World War II, Rotary continued to grow despite political and social challenges, playing a key role in reconstruction and development efforts.

The organization supported local initiatives and promoted international peace and understanding.

Today, Rotary in Asia is vibrant, with thousands of clubs and hundreds of thousands of members.

Asian clubs are actively involved in humanitarian projects, such as eradicating polio, improving access to education and clean water, and promoting health.

Asia also hosts numerous Rotary events and conferences, underscoring its significant role in the global Rotary community.

