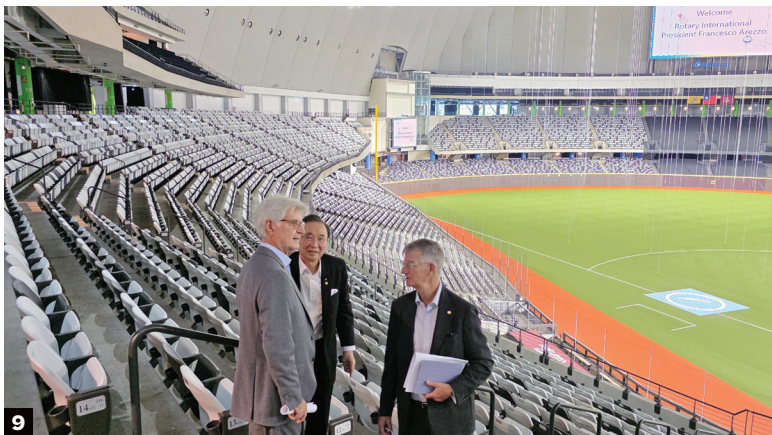


# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



**1.** Rotary President Francesco Arezzo and his wife, Anna Maria Arezzo-Criscione, are welcomed by Rotarians in Nigeria during a tour of Africa. **2.** Wrapping up a visit to Ethiopia, Arezzo attends a Kick Out Polio event featuring young soccer players. **3.** Will the real Francesco please stand up? The president meets his doppelgangers in Chennai, India. **4.** At a Rotary event in Chennai, Arezzo and his wife enjoy a lighthearted moment with aide John de Giorgio and his partner, Monique Chambers. **5.** Planting a tree in Nigeria.



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**6.** Arezzo cuts the ribbon on a maternal and child health project in Uganda. **7.** With Rotary Youth Exchange students (and Foundation Trustee Chair Holger Knaack) in Brazil. **8.** Helping launch the Pink Auto Project in Chennai with Rotary District 3234 to provide women with motorized rickshaws to secure a livelihood and economic independence. **9.** Inspecting the venue for the general sessions at this month's Rotary International Convention in Taipei, Taiwan. **10.** With Anna in Chennai.

## Let's carry the momentum

**A**s my year as president of Rotary International comes to a close, I offer my heartfelt thanks to each member of our global Rotary family. Your kindness, warmth, and dedication have changed my life.

During this year, I had the privilege of traveling across our world, from San Francisco, birthplace of the United Nations, to the innovative Rotary clubs of Nigeria. In every place, I saw Rotary members and our partners working side by side to create lasting, positive change, reminding me that our strength lies in shared purpose.

That spirit leads naturally to a simple truth: Rotary is not something we attend, but something we do. We are not spectators. We act, and through that action, we transform our communities and ourselves.

As we continue this work, we must keep our focus on building conditions for peace. Rotary is, at its core, a peace machine. But maintaining that machine requires intention, commitment, and steady effort.

That same resolve is needed now as we push toward polio eradication. The final mile is often the hardest, but we cannot falter in our promise to the children of the world.

You have shown that when we *Unite for Good*, there is no challenge we cannot meet if we stand together. Let us carry this momentum forward with courage, compassion, and an unwavering commitment to the safety and prosperity of all.

**FRANCESCO AREZZO**  
*President, Rotary International*