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The Secretary
Rotary Club of Somewhere

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Dear Secretary,

re – Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA), 18th – 20th April 2008

It is time to contact your local Secondary Schools and to register your delegation(s) to this year's MUNA. We are aiming for 25 delegations from across the District. Based on our experiences over the past three years I can assure you that choosing to sponsor a delegation (\$440 for two persons) will prove to be a great investment in New Generations.

Two examples. In the short life of MUNA we have achieved an visit to the Wellington Shire and the Rotary Clubs of that area by the Iraqi Ambassador because delegates who represented his country met him at the National MUNA and invited him to their district. We have also seen another delegate who represented Brazil 'graduate' to being an exchange student to that country because of the interest that MUNA generated.

A valuable but unintended benefit of the program is the change in perception of Rotary by the participants. Many have commented that they thought Rotary was a conservative, politically correct organisation for older members of the community. Their MUNA experiences changed their views and they have become another group of ambassadors for the work of Rotary in their communities.

When discussing MUNA with teachers you should point out that in addition to the personal growth opportunity for the selected participants their preparation can also be beneficial for their classmates if they are encouraged to be involved in helping the delegation to research and prepare their material. The delegates, of course, also learn about the broad range of views held by countries represented by other delegations. The topics debated are all based on issues that have been before the UN General Assembly.

I am sure that some of your members will have seen the printed promotional material distributed in past years about MUNA. I have enclosed a set of the documents relating to this year's event. I also refer you to the District website where you will find a link to the MUNA page under Youth Services where all relevant forms and a Power point presentation can be found.

Your registration and payments for each delegation should be submitted ASAP along with your Club's preferred contact point for MUNA information and communications using the enclosed proforma, or send me an email containing the same information.

Yours sincerely

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District Chairman MUNA