

## **Want to go on a Rotary Group Study Exchange !**

**Sponsored by The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International, Group Study Exchange (GSE) is a unique and exciting cultural and vocational experience for business and professional men and women between the ages of 25 and 40. The program is designed to develop professional and leadership skills while promoting international understanding through organized travel and personal contacts with individuals in another country.**

**The exchange in 2009/10 is with District 3280 in Bangladesh. A GSE team will visit California in October, and we will send a GSE team to Bangladesh in January 2010. A GSE team consists of 4 to 5 non-Rotarian team members and a Rotarian team leader. All members of the team must meet important qualifications and make certain commitments, listed below.**

### **Qualifications and Requirements to be a GSE Team Member**

- Be committed to remain in the work force well after the exchange**
- Be in the early stages of their careers or professions**
- Citizens of the USA and reside in or be employed in District 5240 (Ventura, Santa Barbara, Kern and San Luis Obispo counties and Westlake Village/Agoura area)**
- In good health and able to fulfill the rigorous and/or extensive demands of international travel**
- Be willing to learn the basics of the country's language**
- Neat in appearance and able to express themselves clearly and logically**
- Have a sound, general educational background—be open minded, tolerant and flexible**
- Interested in and clearly enthusiastic about their chosen vocations, and in possession of outstanding vocational skills**
- Team members cannot be a Rotarian, honorary Rotarian, an employee of a Rotary club, or of another Rotary entity, or related to a Rotarian legally or by blood.**
- Team members can be an employee of a Rotarian in a private business**
- Spouses may not accompany team members while on the tour, but may join them afterwards**

## **Commitments**

- \*Participate in at least 20 hours of pre-departure orientation and training**
- \*Remain with your team at all times, except for scheduled free time**
- \*Attend all visits in your host country as scheduled**
- \*Submit a final report and evaluation**
- \*Accept five speaking engagements after your return at Rotary clubs and functions**

## **Finances**

**Rotary provides the most economical round trip fare between home and the host country. Host Rotarians provide for meals, lodging and group travel. Team members are responsible for all personal and incidental expenses incurred before, during and after the study tour, which include visa fees, immunization fees, travel insurance. Sponsors are usually found for host gifts and team member outfits.**

**Applications are due by August 9<sup>th</sup>.**

**Forms are found at:**

[http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en\\_doc/161en.doc](http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_doc/161en.doc)

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