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The Five-Year Plan for Japan-Korea Cultural Exchange Released

The Japan Foundation has formulated the Five-Year Plan for Japan-Korea Cultural Exchange to foster and enhance relations between the two neighboring countries from a longer-term perspective. The plan lays particular emphasis on strengthening people-to-people exchanges and networking.

To discuss the prospective projects to be handled by the Foundation and the course of Japan-Korea exchange, the Japan Foundation has set up the Council on Japan-Korea Cultural Exchange headed by Masaya Fujimura, chairman of the Japan-Korea Cultural Foundation. The Council consists of 19 intellectuals and opinion leaders from the business, media, and academic circles.

At the first meeting held on April 11, members reaffirmed in an active discussion the importance of seeking results that are not immediately discernible but will become apparent in due time. They also agreed that it was essential to maintain dialogue between the two countries even in times of diplomatic conflict.

The gist of the Five-Year Plan for Japan-Korea Cultural Exchange and the report of the first meeting of the Council on Japan-Korea Cultural Exchange are available at the following URL in Japanese:

http://www.jpf.go.jp/j/others_j/news/0605/05-04.html

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