

## The Special Programs for Japan-Europe Cultural Exchange

The Special Programs for Japan-Europe Cultural Exchange were established in FY1993.

They aim at:

- 1) promoting dialogue and exchange between Japan and Europe; building a closer relationship between Japan and Europe; and encouraging cooperation between Japan and Europe based upon a global perspective; and
- 2) supporting the further democratization and liberalization of the countries of the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe.

The programs are as listed below.

Program name	Content
Japanese-Language Specialists Dispatch Program in Europe	Dispatch of Japanese language education specialists or young Japanese language teachers upon request from institutes in the subject countries to cooperate with Japanese language education in European countries
Support for Japanese Studies Institutes	Promotion of Japanese studies at Japanese studies institutes that play a core role in the subject countries by granting comprehensive subsidies for the expenses for joint researches, seminars publications, education of researchers, etc.
Support Program for Association of Japanese Studies	Support for horizontal organizing of institutions to promote coordination and mutual cooperation among Japanese studies researchers and research institutes beyond borders and academic fields
Intellectual Exchange Program	Dispatch and invitation of scholars, researchers and other learned persons who play a leading role
Japan-Europe Support Program for Conferences and Symposium	Subsidizing of part of the expenses for seminars and symposiums held by non-profit organizations in Japan and Europe
Dispatch for Local, Grassroots Exchange Teams	Dispatch and invitation of leaders and groups of local communities active in various fields to promote local/grassroots exchange between Japan and Europe
Special Fellowship	Dispatch of young Japanese specialists who study common interests between Japan and Europe to the former Soviet Union and Eastern European countries, and invitation of young specialists in the above regions who study issues of democratization and liberation
Library Support Program for Europe	Donation of books on Japan-related matters to research institutes, educational institutes, public libraries, etc. in Europe