

●●● Japan Foundation Award and Japan Foundation Special Prizes 2005

Since 1973, we have annually presented the Japan Foundation Award to individuals and groups who have made an outstanding contribution over a period of time, while the Japan Foundation Special Prizes are presented to individuals and groups who have demonstrated rich creativity and a pioneering spirit with significant potential for future contributions. The Japan Foundation Special Prizes are presented in the three fields of arts and culture, Japanese-language education and Japanese studies (intellectual exchange), which represent the three pillars of the Japan Foundation's operations.

In 2005, final decisions were made after deliberation by a separate meeting of experts in each field. The award ceremony was held at Hotel Okura Tokyo on October 4, 2005.

The Japan Foundation Award



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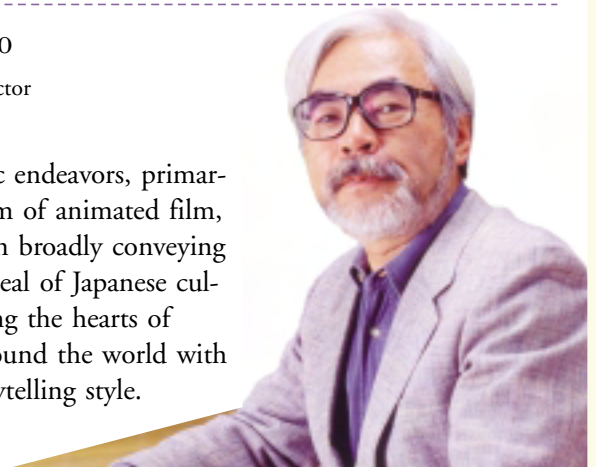


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Miyazaki Hayao

Animated Film Director
(Japan)

Miyazaki's artistic endeavors, primarily in the medium of animated film, have succeeded in broadly conveying the universal appeal of Japanese culture and capturing the hearts of young people around the world with a distinctive storytelling style.



The Japan Foundation Special Prizes

Special Prize for Arts and Culture

Philippine Educational Theater Association (PETA) (The Philippines)

PETA has been conducting educational and community-building efforts through its theatrical presentations and has undertaken collaborative initiatives with artistic and civic groups in many Asian countries, including Japan. It is also expected to play a key role in the formation of an Asian art network.



Special Prize for Japanese-Language Education

China-Japanese Education Association (China)

The Association has served as the central, coordinating body for Japanese-language instructors at various Chinese universities and has been a major factor behind the enhanced quality of Japanese-language instruction in China. It is expected to continue to lead as



Japanese-language education spreads throughout East Asia.

Special Prize for Japanese Studies

Dr. Tabassum Kashmiri (Pakistan)

Dr. Tabassum has significantly advanced the research of the Urdu language and Urdu literature in Japan and is expected to contribute to academic and cultural exchange between Japan and Urdu-speaking peoples, as well as to deepen mutual understanding between Japan and Pakistan.

