

## Sharing the Wonder of Japanese Culture with the World

The Japan Foundation is a Japanese public organization dedicated to implementing comprehensive international cultural exchange projects in every region of the globe. Through its activities, it contributes to the deepening of mutual international understanding and the building of peace in the international community. These activities are implemented in the following three areas.

### Outline of the Organization

Around 1970 it was recognized that, given Japan's remarkable economic growth, more proactive efforts would have to be made to present the country and its culture on the international stage. It was for this reason that, in 1972, the Japan Foundation was established as a special legal entity under the auspices of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Since then, the Japan Foundation has continued to expand its activities as a public organization representing Japan in the field of international cultural exchange. In October 2003, it became an independent administrative institution. Currently, in addition to the headquarters in Tokyo and an office in Kyoto, it also operates two affiliated organizations (the

### Purpose of the Japan Foundation

The purpose of the Japan Foundation is: 'to contribute to a better international environment, and to the maintenance and development of harmonious foreign relationships with Japan, through deepening other nations' understanding of Japan, promoting better mutual understanding among nations, encouraging

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#### Arts and Cultural Exchange

The Japan Foundation carries out arts and cultural exchange programs in order to develop deeper understanding of Japanese culture amongst the people around the world.



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#### Japanese Studies and Intellectual Exchange

The Japan Foundation supports Japanese studies overseas and promotes intellectual exchange between Japan and other countries.



Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute, Urawa and the Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute, Kansai) in Japan. Globally, the Japan Foundation's reach extends to 19 offices in 18 countries, and it has a number of active partnerships with external organizations.

Based on a financial foundation of government investment (¥111 billion), the Japan Foundation's operations are funded by revenues from investment income from this capital, by government subsidies and by donations from the private sector. As of March 31, 2007, the Japan Foundation has 229 staff members.

friendship and goodwill among the peoples of the world, and contributing to the world in culture and other fields through the efficient and comprehensive implementation of international cultural exchange activities' (Loose translation of "The Law of the Japan Foundation Independent Administrative Institution, Article 3").



### The Japan Foundation's Network

The Japan Foundation has 19 overseas offices in 18 countries around the world. This global distribution enables the Japan Foundation to develop its programs in a manner which meets the constantly-changing needs of each region of the world.

Furthermore, the Japan Foundation also benefits in its activities from the cooperation of Japan's diplomatic

missions. The Japan Foundation cooperates with various cultural exchange organizations overseas in its efforts to deepen relations, including the Goethe-Institut (Germany), the Japanese-German Center Berlin (Germany), Casa Asia (Spain), the Korea Foundation, and the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR). It has also overseas advisors in South Africa, Iran, South Korea, and Turkey.

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## Japanese-Language Education Overseas

The Japan Foundation responds to a broad level of demands from overseas in such forms as the dispatch of specialists to overseas organizations involved in Japanese-language education and the training of local Japanese-language teachers.