

# Information Services and Other activities

The Japan Foundation collects, organizes and provides information on international cultural exchange activities. Furthermore, the Foundation establishes partnerships with local governments, and cultural institutions, presents awards to individuals and groups who carry out international cultural exchange activities in Japan, and undertakes various efforts to facilitate domestic partnerships.



## Creative Forum: Stimulating Cities with Art

Today, the powers of culture and of art are harnessed in order to bring new life to cities, and cultural exchange is also a driving force for sustainable urban regeneration. Thus there has been a great deal of interest in creativity as an indispensable element of urban development. Given this interest, the Japan Foundation co-sponsored the symposium “Stimulating Cities with Art” together with the 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art, Kanazawa, on March 9, 2008, in order to provide a platform to discuss the nature and role of art in regenerating cities with creativity, by inviting artists, museum directors and curators who have played active roles in pilot projects in China, France, Thailand, and Japan.





Other activities

## Prizes for Global Citizenship

The Japan Foundation Prizes for Global Citizenship are awarded to organizations and individuals whose activities go beyond simple exchanges and mutual understanding, contributing to the promotion of inter-regional exchanges and cultural exchanges at international level that lead to reform and reinvigoration of communities. Three prizes are awarded every year.

In FY2007, the prize winners were: NPO The Conference on Art and Art Projects (C.A.P.) (Hyogo Prefecture), which organizes international exchange

of artists and citizens through various unique, joint international projects (Representative: Sugiyama Tomoko); NPO Ehime Global Network (Ehime Prefecture) which helps to build peace and supports the rebuilding of war-torn Mozambique through sending bicycles Left around the city to be exchanged for weapons (Representative: Takeuchi Yoshiko); and NPO Asian Women's Center (Fukuoka Prefecture) which supports foreign-registered women and children suffering from domestic violence.



## Project Development and Corporate Partnership

During FY2007, the Office for Project Development and Corporate Partnership worked on the CSR Collaboration Project and the development of products that make use of intellectual properties of the Japan Foundation.

The CSR Collaboration Project was a survey of philanthropic activities being carried out overseas by Japanese companies, with the aim of collaborating and cooperating with Japanese companies active overseas. The survey was carried out in China and Korea in FY2006, and following this in FY2007 it was carried out in six countries: the UK, France, and Germany in Europe, and Thailand, India, and Mexico. In addition, a briefing session giving the results of the survey was held in China and a report was drawn up. The Japan Foundation is promoting philanthropic activities of

Japanese companies by sharing information with Japanese companies in China and promoting collaboration projects between companies and the Japan Foundation.

At the same time, the Japan Foundation is promoting the product development of saleable PR goods making use of design and other intellectual assets of the Japan Foundation. In FY2007, a series of designs by top designers from five Asian countries was developed into washcloths as the second round of this initiative.



Report on the Survey into Social Contribution Activities of Japanese Companies in China (published June 2006)

## Kyoto Office

The Kyoto Office was opened as a branch office at the time of the establishment of the Japan Foundation. The Kyoto Office works to build networks with related organizations in the Kansai region, and it also gives follow-up support to recipients of Japanese studies fellowships living in the Kansai region and carries out a range of independent projects.

International exchange activities are becoming increasingly widespread in the Kansai region, and networks are advancing among international exchange organizations. The Kyoto office is increasing its

collaboration with outside organizations, and also uses its library as a base for providing information on international cultural exchange. The library houses 6,804 books and audiovisual materials.



“An Evening of Noh and Kyogen”

The Kyoto Office held Fellows' seminars on six occasions during FY2007, and also held “An Evening of Noh and Kyogen” at the Kongo Nohgakudo, which has been a regular event since 1973.

## More Information about the Japan Foundation

The Japan Foundation newly renovated its Information Center (JFIC) for the public in July 2008. In addition to the conventional services offered by the former Japan Foundation Library, JFIC has now expanded its functions to become a clearinghouse of general information on international exchange and cultural policies, as well as on Japanese culture, by creating additional facilities such as the common space and JFIC shop, and by providing further information and services.

### JFIC Library

<http://www.jpff.go.jp/e/jfic/lib/>

Following the relocation of the headquarters, the Japan Foundation Library was renovated and reopened as the JFIC Library on July 2008.

The Library is open to the public. Approximately 33,000 titles of books on Japan written in languages other than Japanese and on international cultural exchange, along with 250 titles of periodicals, are available. The library itself is particularly strong on publications on Japan issued before 1945.

#### [OPEN]

- Monday - Friday 10:00-19:00
- 3rd Saturday of every month 10:00-17:00 (except August)



#### [CLOSED]

- Sundays and national holidays, Saturdays except the 3rd Saturday of every month, and Monday following opening Saturday, the last day of every month, year-end and new year's holidays. Inventory period

#### [COLLECTION]

- Japan-related books in English and other foreign languages
- Japanese-language study and teaching materials
- Periodicals and newspapers in Japanese and English
- Videos, DVDs on Japan
- Japan Foundation publications

Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC) is available on the website.

The collection is located in the reading area (1F and 2F), and in the closed stacks. Please consult with the Library staff in order to use them.

#### [SERVICE]

- Loan services: five books for two week
- Copying: 10 yen per page
- Information searching
- Reference

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### The Japan Foundation Website

<http://www.jpff.go.jp/e>

The Japan Foundation's official website not only features the latest news and reports of its activities, but also provides detailed information on the Japan Foundation's diverse programs as well as many other links to useful resources.



### E-mail Magazine

The Japan Foundation website provides a delivery service of the Japan Foundation E-mail Magazine, each in Japanese and English version. These e-mail magazines provide the latest information and news on the Japan Foundation's activities and Japanese cultural issues. The service is free of charge, and it is easy to Subscribe from our official website.