

# Summary of Japanese Studies and Intellectual Exchange Programs

## 1—Support for Japanese Studies Organizations

We support a number of programs by leading Japanese studies institutions worldwide aimed at improving these institutions' research capabilities and developing high-caliber academic talent. In fiscal 2007, we began to provide more comprehensive, cross-functional support tailored to the needs of recipients. This includes supporting visiting professors, providing grants for research and conferences, funding increases in teaching staff, and supporting libraries.

### ① Support Recipients in the Americas [16 institutions]

United States: University of Colorado; University of Virginia; University of Hawaii; Inter-University Center for Japanese-Language Studies; North American Coordinating Council on Japanese Library Resources, among others.

Central and South America: El Colegio de México; Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México; University of São Paulo; University of Brasilia, among others.

### ② Support Recipients in the Asia Pacific [26 institutions]

East Asia: Seoul National University; Nankai University; Fudan University; National University of Mongolia, among others.

Southeast Asia: Universitas Indonesia; Chulalongkorn University; Tammasat University; University of the Philippines; the University of Malaya; Hanoi VNU, among others.

South Asia: Jawaharlal Nehru University; the University of Delhi

Australia: Australian National University

### ③ Support Recipients in Europe, the Middle East, and Africa [23 institutions]

Europe: University of Milan; University of Venice; Universidad de Salamanca, Université Catholique de Louvain; Tashkent State University of Oriental Studies; University of Zagreb; Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski," among others

Middle East: University of Bagdad; University of Teheran; Ain Shams University, among others.

### ④ Beijing Center for Japanese Studies

We supported a program run by the Beijing Center for Japanese Studies at the Beijing Foreign Studies University, by sending a 15 teaching staff (including Japanese professors), inviting 22 graduate students and university staff to Japan, and providing grants for research and publishing projects. We also supported Peking University by sending 11 Japanese professors to its Center for Japanese Studies and inviting 24 graduate students and staff to Japan.

## 2—Japanese Studies Fellowships

Long-term fellowships: 82 scholars/researchers (28 countries) and 101 PhD candidates (30 countries)

Short-term fellowships: 35 researchers (19 countries)

The Japan Foundation has been inviting scholars and researchers engaged in Japanese studies to Japan since its establishment. Through this fellowship program, more than 4,500 academics have visited Japan to date to advance their studies in Japan and develop networks with Japanese specialists. In fiscal 2009, we provided long-term fellowships to 82 scholars and researchers from 28 countries and 101 PhD candidates from 30 countries as well as awarding short-term fellowships to 35 researchers from 19 countries to support their research projects in Japan. We also organized Fellow Seminars at our Headquarters and Kyoto Office for these fellows to present their academic achievements to the public.

## 3—Strengthening Japanese Studies Networks

Support projects: 9

We continued to promote the development of cooperative and collaborative international and interdisciplinary networks for

Japanese studies. Specific activities include the support of annual conferences of major overseas societies of Japanese studies researchers and a survey on Japanese studies in China. We also supported the activities of associations of ASEAN intellectuals who have studied in Japan, with the view of promoting mutual understanding between people in Southeast Asia and Japan.

## 4—Intellectual Exchange Conferences and Programs

International conferences/intellectual forums: 25 events

Funding for events: 81 grants

We organized international conferences and intellectual forums to address global and regional issues and provided funding for external events.

### ① Invitation of Group of Chinese Researchers and Intellectuals (November 2009 and January 2010)

This program aims to develop a forward-looking intellectual network connecting China and Japan outside of the field of Japanese studies. A delegate of 8 Chinese public academics, who have limited association with Japan, visited Japan for 9 days to meet and exchange views with Japanese researchers, visit organizations, and travel to regional cities.

### ② Japan-Korea Symposium on Social Entrepreneurs (January 28-29, 2010)

In Seoul, we organized a public symposium and meetings on social entrepreneurship in Japan and Korea, in view of the similar social structure the 2 countries share. The events provided a meaningful opportunity for social entrepreneurs who have started their own organizations and researchers engaged in the study of social enterprises to meet and exchange views.

### ③ Traveling Seminars in the Middle East for Intellectual Exchange (Egypt and Bahrain, March 2010)

Traveling seminars were held in Egypt and Bahrain under the theme "A Balance between Development of a Country and the Environment: Apply the Lessons of the Past to the Future." Two Japanese academics were sent to introduce the postwar development of Japan's economy and the measures taken to tackle resulting environmental destruction. They also held discussions with local government officials, scholars, researchers and students on how to achieve a balance between development and environmental conservation in the Middle East, which has seen a rapid increase in environmental degradation amid the rapid development of the local economy, by comparing Japan's traditional ecosystem "village forests" and the Arabian Peninsula's traditional natural resources management system, known as "hema."

### ④ Japan-Argentina Exchange Symposium (January 15, 2010)

We worked with foreign affairs ministries of Japan and Argentina, the Embassy of Argentina in Japan and the Embassy of Japan in Argentina to hold a symposium in Tokyo, with the aim of promoting cultural exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and Argentina. Academics from various fields, such as literary, art and mass media, from both countries were invited to discuss the future development of cultural exchange between the 2 countries.

### ⑤ Lecture by John Holden (March 6, 2010)

The Japan Foundation, British Council, and the Association for Corporate Support of the Arts, Japan jointly invited Prof. John Holden, former Head of Culture at British independent think-tank Demos, to provide an open lecture and take part in a panel discussion with Japanese academics on "by whom and for what cultural diplomacy should be promoted." Active discussions took place among participants regarding the increasing importance of culture in the area of foreign relations.

## ⑥ Invitation Programme for US Graduate Students of Journalism (August 16-25, 2009)<sup>(see p.31)</sup>

As part of our support program for Emerson College in the United States, we invited American graduate students majoring in journalism to Japan, with the aim of facilitating their appreciation and understanding of Japan before they begin their careers as professional journalists. During their 10-day stay in Japan, they met many experts in the fields of foreign relations, economy and civil activity.

## ⑦ Invitation of Young Muslim Intellectuals from Southeast Asia (November 2009)<sup>(see p.29)</sup>

Seven young university lecturers specializing in Islamic studies in Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines were invited to Japan to promote their understanding of Japan. Lectures were given to them by Japanese researchers on “social modernization,” using Japan as an example, as well as “harmony in Islam.” They also exchanged views about these issues. In March 2010, we held a seminar, as a follow-up program, at State Islamic University in Jakarta, Indonesia for researchers and students, in which the 7 participants spoke about their experience in Japan.

## 5—Intellectual Exchange Fellowships

Fellowships: 23

Through these fellowships, we supported young researchers in the humanities and social sciences from East Europe, the Middle East, and Africa who are striving to respond to the common global issues faced by contemporary societies by providing them with opportunities to conduct research in Japan and build networks with Japanese specialists for future intellectual exchange.

## 6—Intellectual Leaders' Exchange

Under the Asia Leadership Fellow Program, 7 intellectuals invited from various countries in Asia, including Japan, spent 2 months together in Tokyo. The participants, who are all active in addressing social issues, attended specialist lectures, engaged in intensive discussions on global challenges, and developed networks with individuals and organizations in Japan and among themselves. Through a wide variety of programs, they were also able to obtain better understanding of Japanese society and culture.

## 7—Support for Southeast Asian Studies

We sponsored the Southeast Asian Studies Regional Exchange Program, a program organized by the SEASREP Foundation with the aim of promoting Southeast Asian studies by Southeast Asian scholars, nurturing talented academics, and creating a network of universities and other organizations.

## 8—Center for Global Partnership (CGP)

Programs organized and co-organized by CGP: 15 programs

### ① Abe Fellowship

A total of 14 researchers and other specialists became fellows in fiscal 2009. The purpose of this fellowship program is to encourage research on pressing global issues that need urgent international, government-level response, and to develop and foster a collaborative

relationship and network of Japan and U.S. experts in this field.

During the year, we granted 4 journalists under the Abe Fellowship, which was created last fiscal year with the aim of supporting media reporting that contributes to promoting mutual understanding between Japan and the United States.

### ② Japan Outreach Initiative (JOI)

Five Japanese coordinators were sent to the United States under the JOI program, which aims to develop a deeper understanding of Japan and promote a grassroots level of cultural exchange in the U.S. cities where there are relatively few opportunities to participate in Japan-related activities or to interact with Japanese individuals and organizations.

### ③ The Other Programs

We have executed many programs, include a program to promote interaction and communication between Japanese citizens and Japanese-Americans, a program to invite American graduate students majoring in international relations, and the International Forum on Telling Live Lessons from Disasters.

## Grant Programs

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Under the CGP's grants program, 17 grants were provided to joint projects by Japanese and U.S. organizations in 3 areas: traditional and non-traditional approaches to security and diplomacy, global and regional economic issues, and the role of civil society. In the United States, 45 smaller-scale grants were offered, consisting of 4 grants for intellectual exchange, 2 grants for grassroots exchange, and 39 educational outreach grants. In addition, 17 grants were provided under the participatory grants program.

### ② Initiatives to Strengthen Japan-U.S. Exchanges

During Prime Minister Fukuda's visit to the United States in November 2007, then he announced initiatives to strengthen Japan-U.S. exchanges in 3 major areas: intellectual exchange, grassroots exchange, and Japanese-language education. As part of these initiatives, the CGP provides grants to 5 leading think tanks in the U.S. (the Center for Strategic and International Studies, the American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research, the Brookings Institution, the Council on Foreign Relations, and the RAND Corporation), supports Japan-America Societies based in the United States, and operates an invitation program to promote exchange with Japanese-Americans living in the U.S.

## 9—CULCON

The U.S.-Japan Conference on Cultural and Educational Interchange (CULCON), whose U.S. secretariat is the Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission, held the FULBRIGHT/CULCON Joint Symposium on “Japan & U.S. Soft Power: Addressing Global Challenges,” with the participation of nearly 300 people from government, business, academic, mass media, cultural and civil society circles, NPOs, including American Fulbright scholars in Asia.

Left: Report on the symposium "Intercultural City and Multicultural Symbiosis," an event co-organized with the Council of Europe  
Middle: Report on the International Symposium "Children for the Future, Future of the Children," which was held in Tokyo in cooperation with Friedrich Ebert Foundation  
Right: Report on the invitation of a group of young Southeast Asian intellectuals specializing in Islamic studies

