

The Japan Foundation Awards

Since 1973, the Japan Foundation has been presenting awards each year to individuals and organizations that have made outstanding contributions to the advancement of mutual international understanding. The awards are presented in three categories: Arts and Culture, Japanese Language, and Japanese Studies and Intellectual Exchange.

Award Recipients for Fiscal 2010



Arts and Culture

Sato Tadao

Japan
Film Critic

A leading film critic in Japan and a pioneer in Asian film studies, Sato Tadao actively promoted international exchange in the field of cinema, shedding light especially on outstanding Asian films that received little attention in the past and making great contributions to raising the awareness and interest of film audiences around the world.

Commemorative Lecture : "Encountering the World through Cinema"
November 2, 2010, at the International House of Japan



Japanese Language

Savitri Vishwanathan

India
Former Professor of Japanese Studies,
University of Delhi

Savitri Vishwanathan studied and lectured on Japanese language, history, and politics at the University of Delhi for many years and laid the foundation for Japanese studies and Japanese-language education in India. She made significant contributions to educating young people in Japanese studies.

Commemorative Lecture : "India-Japan : Changing Perceptions"
October 29, 2010, at the International House of Japan



Japanese Studies and Intellectual Exchange

Ben-Ami Shillony

Israel
Professor Emeritus,
Hebrew University
of Jerusalem

As a leading scholar in Japanese studies in Israel, Ben-Ami Shillony made great achievements in the study of Japanese history, and contributed to the understanding and promotion of Japanese culture as well as academic exchange and advancement of Japanese studies around the world, especially in the United States and European countries.

Commemorative Lecture "Japan and I : New Prospects on Japanese Studies"
October 28, 2010, at the International House of Japan, in cooperation with the International House of Japan

The Japan Foundation Prizes for Global Citizenship

These prizes are presented to organizations whose community-based international cultural exchange activities are exemplary. Originally established in 1985 as the "Prizes for the Promotion of Community-based Cultural Exchange," they were renamed in 2005 as the "Japan Foundation Prizes for Global Citizenship." To date, 79 prizes have been presented, including one president's special award.

Prize Recipients for Fiscal 2010

NPO Action



Action organized a campaign in Japan and the Philippines to help children rise up to challenge their dreams. A brand was also launched to promote job creation and self-independence among women in the Philippines.

Tabunka Machizukuri Kobo



Tabunka Machizukuri Kobo (multicultural community development center) held Japanese-language classes for foreign nationals living in a housing complex in Yokohama, offering a venue for foreign and local Japanese residents to gather and create a model community.

NPO Dance Box



Based in Shin-Nagata, which sustained heavy damage in the Kobe earthquake of 1995, Dance Box held contemporary dance projects in Kobe and cities around the world. In addition to hosting community-based activities, it helped deepen cross-cultural understanding with other countries.