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JAPAN

FOUNDATION

The Japan Foundation is Japan's only institution dedicated to carrying out comprehensive international cultural exchange programs throughout the world. With the objective of deepening mutual understanding between the people of Japan and other countries / regions, our various activities and information services create opportunities for people-to-people interactions.



In addition to its Tokyo headquarters, the Japan Foundation has twenty-two offices in twenty-one countries, as well as two Japanese-language institutes in Japan and a Kyoto Office. Using these offices and organizations as footholds, the Foundation is active in all regions of the world. The Japan Foundation also works closely with Japanese embassies and consulates, Japanese-language institutions, and cultural exchange organizations abroad to expand its activities on a global scale.

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What We Do to Engage with People Throughout the World

Arts and Cultural Exchange

Creating opportunities to engage in the values and virtues embodied in art and life

Arts and culture—such as fine arts, performing arts, literature, films, food and fashion—inspire interest in different values and virtues. They give insights into how people think, act, and communicate, and nurture mutual understanding that transcends language and stereotypes. The Japan Foundation creates opportunities for people all over the world to encounter Japanese art and culture by supporting artists, presenting works, and creating international networks.

The Japan Foundation develops programs in three different fields—arts and cultural exchange, Japanese-language education overseas, and Japanese studies and intellectual exchange.



Japanese-Language Education Overseas

The more people learn Japanese, the deeper their understanding of Japan becomes

Learning a language bestows a greater understanding and familiarity towards the culture of the target language. The Japan Foundation supports Japanese-language education around the world to ensure that people get the proper environment and quality of education. Programs include organizing the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test, developing teaching materials, supporting Japanese courses, and providing training programs for Japanese-language teachers, as well as conducting worldwide surveys to meet the needs of all Japanese-language practitioners.



Japanese Studies and Intellectual Exchange

Combining Japan with the world's public intellectuals is key to resolving issues that we all share.

To deepen the understanding of Japan and to maintain good relations between Japan and other countries, aid is granted through fellowships for research in Japan and through diverse grant programs for Japanese studies organizations. To promote networking on an international level, surveys are carried out on overseas researchers and organizations of Japanese studies.

Collaborative research and dialogue projects are also carried out to confront the problems of the world or specific regions and to seek measures to solve such problems.



How We Support People in Cultural Exchange

The Japan Foundation identifies the needs of individuals engaged in various cultural fields, and creates opportunities and supports programs and events, fostering sustained environments for cultural exchange.

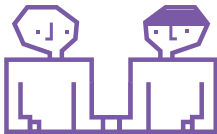


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The Japan Foundation takes initiatives in planning and organizing programs of cultural presentation, language courses and international conferences.

We also coordinate programs that invite cultural leaders to Japan to foster networking and provide hands-on experiences in Japan.

- Organizing international exhibitions and stage performances of leading Japanese and international artists.
- Demonstrations of Ikebana, tea ceremony, cuisine, craft and other examples of Japanese culture.
- Holding international conferences aimed at resolving global issues.
- Inviting overseas researchers, leading cultural figures, and teachers.



SUPPORT

The Japan Foundation provides funding for people actively engaged in cultural exchange, and provides grants for cultural exchange by making available tools, opportunities, and venues that facilitate exchange activities.

- Providing grants to people involved in exhibitions and stage performances related to Japanese arts and culture.
- Supporting individuals and NPOs for Japanese cultural exchange projects.
- Supporting programs to assist the professional skills of Japanese-language teachers.
- Supporting universities and research institutes engaging in Japanese studies.



NETWORK/ INFORMATION

Gathering the information and materials needed by people active in cultural exchange and helping them to develop personal networks, the Japan Foundation is continually building the foundations of international cultural exchange and expanding its outreach.

- Running online database of Japanese performing arts.
- Regularly issuing booklets in English highlighting Japanese books and films.
- Administering the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT).
- Developing online materials for teaching Japanese.
- Developing and deploying the JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education, a reference tool to help think about teaching, learning, and assessment in Japanese-language education.
- Building international networks among scholars and intellectuals researching Japan.

What We Have Done

Looking Back on the Achievements of the Last Forty Years

Since its establishment in 1972, the Japan Foundation has introduced leading and established art and culture of the times, continuously developed programs to enrich Japanese-language education all over the world, and created numerous opportunities to exchange wisdom between Japan and other countries.

Note: The years described below indicate Japanese fiscal years (April to March).

70's

1973 Started Japan Foundation Fellowship Program

1973 Established the Japan Foundation Awards

1973 Commenced Training Program for Japanese Language Teachers Abroad

1974 Started quarterly publication of *Kokusai Koryu* (International Exchange)

1974 Published the first issue of *An Introductory Bibliography for Japanese Studies*

1975 Released the first report of Survey on Japanese-language Education Abroad and found approximately 78,000 Japanese-language learners overseas

1975 Held the first Noh theater performance in the Middle East

1977 Invited French cultural anthropologist and ethnologist Claude Lévi-Strauss

1978 Dispatched a sport team to six Asian countries for the first time, having gathered a total of 200,000

1979 Sent a Kabuki troupe to China – the first cultural exchange project under governmental auspices

80's

1983 Started broadcasting of TV skits for Japanese-language learners *Yan and the Japanese People* overseas

1984 Held the first Japanese-Language Proficiency Test overseas. Taken by 4,473 in 19 cities in 14 countries

1986 Published English version of *The Basic Japanese-English Dictionary*, followed by multiple language versions

1986 Exhibited "Japon des Avant Gardes 1910-1970" in France. Visited by 150,000

90's

1991 Started Abe Fellowship Program

1993 Published the first issue of *Japanese Book News*



Andre Malraux, former Minister of Culture in France invited under the Japan Foundation Fellowship Extraordinary program (1974)



The first Asian Traditional Performing Arts (ATPA) exchange program (1976)



"The Great Japan Exhibition: Art of the Edo Period" as the main event of "Japan in London" (1981)



Training Programs for overseas teachers of the Japanese Language (1981)

1994 Held performances of a triple production of Noh, Bunraku, and Kabuki versions of "Shunkan" in Europe

1995 Exhibited "Asian Modernism: Diverse Development" in Indonesia, the Philippines, and Thailand

1996 Organized Japan Pavilion at the 6th Venice Architecture Biennale, having won the International Prize Golden Lion for the best national participation

1996 Launched Asia Leadership Fellowship Program

1998 Published English translation of Shiba Ryotaro's *The Last Shogun: The Life of Tokugawa Yoshinobu*

00's

2001 Co-hosted the first Yokohama Triennale 2001

2002 Launched "Future Leaders Forum: Japan-China-Korea"

2005 Invited Afghanistan potters for peace-building through culture

2006 Held a symposium and workshops "A Wild Haruki Chase: How the World Is Reading and Translating Murakami"

2006 Launched Long-term Invitation Program for Chinese High School Students (Chinese text only)

2006 Initiated Japan-US Dialogue for Cooperation in Reconstruction after Hurricane Katrina

2006 Invited young designers from five countries in Asia and held a joint fashion show with Japanese students

2007 Organized performing arts workshops for children in Aceh, Indonesia for peace-building through culture

2009 Held the first-ever Bunraku performance in Russia

2009 Found 3.6 million Japanese-language learners overseas

2010 Released "JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education 2010"



The Southeast Asia Festival '92 in celebration of the 25th anniversary of the establishment of ASEAN (1992)



A theatrical production "Lear" with staff and cast from six Asian countries (1997)



Kusama Yayoi's *Narcissus Sea*, 2001 (Yokohama Triennale 2001)



"Erin's Challenge! I Can Speak Japanese.", first on TV in- and outside Japan (2006)

How We Keep Step with You

Something useful can always be found among our programs. Learning more about the Japan Foundation may be all that is necessary for you to expand your range of activities and stay connected to Japan and the world.

If you are interested in arts and cultural activities:

We support international activities of artists and NPOs related to arts and culture.

→ The Japan Foundation website → Program Guidelines

Find artist-in-residence programs that fit you.

→ AIR_J <http://en.air-j.info/>

Find the latest information on the performing arts, books and films in Japan.

→ *Performing Arts Network Japan* <http://performingarts.jp/>

→ *Japanese Book News* → The Japan Foundation website
→ Useful data

If you're interested in Japanese-language education abroad:

Find elements that can be freely incorporated into Japanese-language teaching materials.

→ *Minna no Kyozaï* website
<http://minnanokyozai.jp/kyozai/home/en/render.do>

We publish books and resources on the state of Japanese-language education and teaching methods.

→ The Japan Foundation website → Publications and Goods

→ *The JF Standard for Japanese-language Education* (in Japanese) <http://jfstandard.jp/top/ja/render.do>

If you are a learner of Japanese language:

Find information about the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) here.

→ Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) <http://www.jlpt.jp/e/>

You can learn Japanese and take simple tests on the Internet.

→ Online version of *Erin's Challenge! I can speak Japanese*
<https://www.erin.ne.jp/en/>

→ *Japanese in Anime & Manga* <http://www.anime-manga.jp/>

→ *Nihongo de Care-navi* (language-learning tool for nursing and care work) <http://eng.nihongodecarenavi.jp/>

→ *MARUGOTO Plus Japanese Learning*
<https://marugotoweb.jp/>

If you are a researcher:

The Foundation provides grants for international conferences and other opportunities for networking between researchers in different countries and fields of study, and fellowships to Japanese studies researchers.

→ The Japan Foundation website → Program Guidelines

We have a wide range of publications on Japan available in various languages.

→ Contact the closest Japan Foundation library near you or the JFIC library at the Tokyo headquarters.

For more on the Japan Foundation:

Find stories of international cultural exchange on our online periodical *Wochi Kochi*.

→ *Wochi Kochi Magazine* <http://www.wochikochi.jp/>

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→ The Japan Foundation website → E-mail magazine

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Europe and Middle East

1	L'Istituto Giapponese di Cultura (The Japan Cultural Institute in Rome)	http://www.jfroma.it/
2	Japanisches Kulturinstitut (The Japan Cultural Institute in Cologne)	http://www.jki.de/
3	Maison de la culture du Japon à Paris (The Japan Cultural Institute in Paris)	http://www.mcjp.fr/
4	The Japan Foundation, London	http://www.jpff.org.uk/
5	The Japan Foundation, Madrid	http://www.fundacionjapon.es/
6	The Japan Foundation, Budapest	http://www.japanalapitvany.hu/
7	The Japanese Culture Department "Japan Foundation" of the All-Russia State Library for Foreign Literature	http://www.jpfmw.ru/
8	The Japan Foundation, Cairo	http://jfcairo.org/

Asia and Oceania

9	The Japan Foundation, Seoul	http://www.jpff.or.kr/
10	The Japan Foundation, Beijing	http://www.jpfbj.cn/
11	The Japan Foundation, Jakarta	http://www.jpff.or.id/
12	The Japan Foundation, Bangkok	http://www.jfbkk.or.th/
13	The Japan Foundation, Manila	http://www.jfmo.org.ph/
14	The Japan Foundation, Kuala Lumpur	http://www.jfkl.org.my/
15	The Japan Foundation, New Delhi	http://www.jfindia.org.in/
16	The Japan Foundation, Sydney	http://www.jpff.org.au/
17	The Japan Foundation Center for Cultural Exchange in Vietnam	http://jpff.org.vn/

The Americas

18	The Japan Foundation, Toronto	http://www.jftor.org/
19	The Japan Foundation, New York The Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership, N.Y	http://www.jfnny.org/ http://www.cgpg.org/
20	The Japan Foundation, Los Angeles	http://www.jflalc.org/
21	The Japan Foundation, Mexico	http://www.fjmex.org/
22	The Japan Foundation, Sao Paulo	http://fjfsp.org.br/

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●	Headquarters (Tokyo)	http://www.jpff.go.jp/
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●	Japanese-Language Institute, Kansai	http://www.jfkj.jp/
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