

●●● Japanese Studies and Intellectual Exchange Fellowships

Since its establishment, the Japan Foundation has invited more than 5,500 overseas researchers and scholars to visit Japan for study and for networking with experts in Japan under the Japanese Studies Fellowship Program.

In 2005, 137 researchers and doctoral candidates were selected. Fellows Seminars provided public forums for their work at the Japan Foundation Headquarters in Tokyo (5 seminars) and the Kyoto Office (18 seminars). To support intellectual exchange, the Japan Foundation invited 18 young overseas researchers to conduct surveys and research in Japan addressing univer-

sal issues in contemporary society and offered 23 fellowships to Japanese researchers to pursue their studies abroad. It also awarded six Fellowships for Leaders of the Next Generation in Asia to staff members from Japanese non-profit organizations and graduate students to develop human resources for solving common issues across Asia, as well as five Obuchi Japan Foundation Fellowships to Okinawan researchers for joint research at the East-West Center in Hawaii, which aims to strengthen mutual understanding and relationships between the Asia-Pacific region and the United States.

●●● Japanese Studies Surveys

The Japan Foundation conducts surveys of the overall status of overseas Japanese studies to discern current trends, formulate medium- to long-term policies, and develop appropriate support for promoting Japanese studies in each country and region.

In 2005, the survey was conducted in Korea, Southeast Asia, South Asia, the United States, and Europe, with analysis to be completed in

2006. The survey in the United States, which is home to the largest number of Japanese studies institutions and researchers in the world, represented the first full-scale survey in 10 years. Also in 2005, results were published from the Latin America (Hispanic region) survey and a new preliminary survey was conducted in the Middle East and African region.

●●● Support for Japanese Studies Institutions

The Japan Foundation supported overseas institutions that play a central role in Japanese studies through 12 projects for strengthening hub institutions primarily consisting of funding for research and publications and book donations. The Foundation dispatched 28 visiting scholars to Japanese studies institutions including the University of Delhi and Moscow State University. To promote the employment of Japanese studies faculty, the Foundation supported the funding of 5 posts, and it also helped researchers to develop rich networks by offering 42 grants for international conferences and other research efforts. In addition, significant support was provided to the Beijing Center for Japanese Studies. A total of 25 Japanese professors were dispatched as guest

lecturers and 31 graduate students and teachers were invited to Japan.

The Russian Association of Japanese Studies and the European Association for Japanese Studies received grants for publications and websites.

