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# The Japan Foundation Awards 2008

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## The Japan Foundation Award for Arts and Culture Marco MÜLLER

Italy  
Director of the Venice International Film Festival

In his capacity as director of several major international film festivals in Europe, Mr. Müller has made a significant contribution to the creation of a new dimension in global culture through his efforts to seek out outstanding Japanese and other Asian films and to introduce the rich and diverse world of Japanese films to the world.



Commemorative lecture: "Japanese Movies and Me"  
At the Italian Cultural Institute in Tokyo on October 2, 2008  
Jointly held with the Italian Cultural Institute



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## The Japan Foundation Award for Japanese-Language Angela HONDRU

Romania  
Professor of Japanese Literature and Civilization,  
Hyperion University

Professor Hondru has made significant contributions to introducing modern and contemporary Japanese literature and culture to Romania through her translations, as well as to promoting Japanese-language in the country through her longtime devotion as a pioneering teacher, textbook author and more, and through her extensive research on the Japanese-language.



Commemorative lecture: "Encounter with Japanese culture"  
At the JFIC Hall "SAKURA," the Japan Foundation on October 4, 2008  
Held as a JF Supporters Club event



## The Japan Foundation Award for Japanese Studies Kenneth B. PYLE

U.S.A  
The Henry M. Jackson School Professor of History and Asian Studies  
at the University of Washington

With his outstanding achievements in academic research on Japanese history centering on modern and contemporary periods, and as the editor in chief of a Japanese studies journal and a member of leading committees relating to Japan-U.S. relations, Professor Pyle has made significant contributions to fostering greater understanding of Japan and advancing Japanese studies in the U.S., and promoting academic exchange between the two countries.



Commemorative lecture: "Emerging Political Generations in East Asia"  
At Iwasaki Koyata Memorial Hall, the International House of Japan on October 2, 2008

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