

1. Presenting Japan's Diverse Arts and Culture Overseas (p. 13-15)

(1) Focusing on Important Diplomatic Occasions, Countries, and Regions

① United States

Exhibition *Between Action and the Unknown: The Art of Kazuo Shiraga and Sadamasa Motonaga*
 Exhibition *Raku: The Cosmos in a Tea Bowl*
 Japan-US curators exchange program (in concert with Yokohama Triennale, Sapporo International Art Festival, and Kyoto International Festival of Contemporary Culture)
 Contemporary Japanese Artwork Research Project in U.S.
 Stop motion animation and lecture and demonstration
 Traveling Exhibitions *JAPAN: Kingdom of Characters, Passage to the Future: Art from a New Generation in Japan, Japanese Design Today 100, Parallel Nippon, Japanese Contemporary Clay Work, How Did Architects Respond Immediately after 3/11—The Great East Japan Earthquake, TOHOKU — Through the Eyes of Japanese Photographers* Lectures and demonstrations by dispatched specialists also held in conjunction with the traveling exhibitions.

② China

Japan-China artist, curator, and producer exchange program
 Japan-China-Korea Production of *SHUGEN – Celebration/Expression –*, Repeat performance in Beijing
 International joint production by SCOT (Suzuki Company Of TOGA) and Shanghai Theatre Academy
 WASABI (Japanese classical music) concert in China, Kousuke Atari (music) concert in China
Makoto Shinkai's World Exhibition
 Traveling Exhibitions *Japanese Contemporary Photography, Beautiful Handicrafts of Tohoku, Japan, The Dolls of Japan*
 Lectures and demonstrations by dispatched specialists also held in conjunction with the traveling exhibitions.

③ Korea

Japan-Korea Production of *Half Gods*, performed in Seoul and Tokyo
 NHK Symphony Orchestra concert in Seoul
 Traveling Exhibition *Passage to the Future: Art from a New Generation in Japan*, others

④ ASEAN

Iwatsuki Doll Workshop (Thailand)
 Cultural cooperation: Vietnamese stage design staff invited for medium-term stay, support for ASEAN orchestras, *RUN & LEARN: New Curatorial Constellations* curators' workshop
 Traveling Exhibitions *Beautiful Handicrafts of Tohoku, Japan, How Did Architects Respond Immediately after 3/11—The Great East Japan Earthquake*
 Lectures and demonstrations by dispatched specialists also held in conjunction with the traveling exhibitions.

⑤ 150th Anniversary of Diplomatic Relations between Japan and Switzerland, V4+Japan Exchange Year

Exhibition *Logical Emotion — Contemporary Art from Japan* (Switzerland, Poland)
 Sujoruri and Kabuki dance (Switzerland, Hungary, Poland)
 Manga workshop at Geneva Book and Press Fair
 Seven-city tour of Japan Film Festival (Basel, Bern, Geneva, Lausanne, Lugano, St. Gallen, and Zürich)
 Koji Yakusho at special film screening (Zürich)
 Yosuke Yamashita & LOTUS POSITION concert tour of Central Europe (Czech Republic, Slovakia), Central European curator group invited to Japan
 Traveling Exhibitions *TOHOKU — Through the Eyes of Japanese Photographers, The Metamorphosis of Japan after the War*, and others

⑥ 100th anniversary of Japan-Bolivian diplomatic relations

National Theatre Okinawa Tour of South America (Brazil, Bolivia), Traveling Exhibition *Handcrafted Form: Traditions and Techniques*, etc.

⑦ Japan-Mexico Exchange Year Marking the 400th Anniversary of the Hasekura Mission

Japan as guest country at Festival International Cervantino

⑧ Japan-CARICOM Friendship Year

Lecture and demonstration by dispatched specialists held in conjunction with the traveling exhibition *JAPAN: Kingdom of Characters*.

Karate lecture and demonstration in Haiti
 Sushi-making demonstration (Japanese culture expert in the U.S. dispatched to Central America), etc.

⑨ Japan and Central America Friendship Year

Ichiro Mizuki anime song concert in Costa Rica
 Taiko drumming concert, koto and tabla concert (Japanese culture expert in the U.S. dispatched to South and Central America for both concerts), etc.

⑩ Japan-Russia Martial Arts Exchange Year

Judo lecture and demonstrations

(2) Continuing Programs and Projects for the World

① Japan Foundation Traveling Exhibitions

Traveling exhibitions having diverse themes such as design, architecture, photography, crafts, budo, and pop culture were held in 115 cities in 65 countries.

② Japanese Film Screenings Overseas

Japanese film festivals and film screenings using the Japan Foundation's film libraries held in 152 cities in 68 countries and 1 region. Financial support given to 15 Japanese film screenings in 11 countries. Also, Japanese anime movie DVDs with foreign-language subtitles were distributed to 109 diplomatic missions in 80 countries and 1 region to hold more Japanese film screenings.

③ TV Broadcasting Abroad

Japanese TV programs including dramas and documentaries broadcast in 16 countries.

④ Support Program for Translation and Publication on Japan

Supported the translation and publication of 30 Japanese books in 16 countries.

⑤ International Book Fairs

Exhibited at 17 international book fairs around the world. Besides the exhibition booth, Japanese-language trial lessons held and Japanese culture introduced through lectures, film screenings, traditional performing arts, origami lessons, and manga lessons.

⑥ International Art / Architecture Exhibitions

Planned and executed Japan Pavilion exhibition *In the Real World: A Storehouse of Contemporary Architecture* (Commissioner Kayoko Ota) at 14th Venice Biennale International Architecture Exhibition.

Planned and executed Japan's official participation in Asian Art Biennale Bangladesh 2014 (Curator: Mizuki Takahashi, Artist: Chim ↑ Pom).

(3) Building a Foundation to Introduce Japanese Culture and Promoting Cultural Exchange

① Networking of specialists

Curators from India and other countries invited for international symposiums with Japanese and overseas curators.
 Art-related people from overseas invited during the Yokohama Triennale, Sapporo International Art Festival, and Kyoto International Festival of Contemporary Culture.
 The Japan P.E.N. Club *Japan Culture Seminar—History, Society, and Literature* (Kyrgyzstan).
 Japan and United Arab Emirates (UAE) Exchange Program of Persons of Art and Culture (United Arab Emirates), others

② Information Services

Performing Arts Network Japan: Japanese and English bilingual website providing information on contemporary Japanese performing arts. Annual page views 486,074, e-mail magazine subscribers 1,256

Japanese Film Database (JFDB): Annual page views 1,243,445
Japanese Book News: Quarterly English newsletter providing information on Japan's new books and publications.

Japanese Literature in Translation Search: Annual page views 3,840

Worth Sharing —A Selection of Japanese Books Recommended for Translation—: Vol. 3 Illuminating Love in Japan published.

2. Contributing to the World through Arts and Culture (p. 16-17)

(1) Interactive, Collaborative Exchange Programs

① International Co-productions of Performing Arts

Japan-Korea Production of *Half Gods* (Hideki Noda, director)
 Japan-China-Korea Production of *SHUGEN –Celebration/Expression–*, Repeat performance in Beijing
 Asian College Student Package Design Competition (Korea, Thailand, Indonesia, Japan)

② Interactive Exchange / Creating a Network of Experts

Invitation of winners of the 8th International MANGA Award organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (China, Malaysia, Mongolia)
 IETM Satellite Meeting in Melbourne (Australia)
 Japan-Korea theatre work showcase project
 Beijing Performing Arts Theatre workshop

(2) Taking on Global Challenges

① Preservation and restoration of cultural heritage, sports instruction

Kaman Kalehöyük Archaeology Museum *Conservation and Restoration Training* field course in Turkey
 Dispatch of wrestling coach to Sudan, other projects

② Cultural Cooperation Programs for ASEAN Countries

Support for ASEAN orchestras
 Support for ASEAN art-related specialists
 Support for Vietnam Youth Theater

③ Projects to Support Recovery from the Great East Japan Earthquake

Japan-China-Korea Production of *SHUGEN –Celebration/Expression–*, Repeat performance in Beijing
 Traveling Exhibitions *How Did Architects Respond Immediately after 3/11—The Great East Japan Earthquake, TOHOKU — Through the Eyes of Japanese Photographers, Beautiful Handicrafts of Tohoku, Japan* and related lectures and demonstrations held. Screenings of DVD drama films and documentaries set in Tohoku or about the post-disaster recovery and reconstruction were also held.

Arts and Cultural Exchange Programs

(Excluding those for which numbers are given in the main text)
 Dispatching Artists and Cultural Specialists 37 projects (39 countries, 71 cities)
 Biennials / Triennials..... 2 projects (2 countries, 2 cities)
 Art Exhibitions..... 8 projects (5 countries, 6 cities)
 Networking of specialists... 19 projects (20 countries, 24 cities)
 Grant Program for Dispatching Artists and Cultural Specialists 136 projects (67 countries, 261 cities)
 Exhibitions Abroad Support Program 55 projects (27 countries, 52 cities)
 Performing Arts Japan (PAJ) for North America 9 projects (2 countries, 15 cities)

Performing Arts Japan (PAJ) for Europe 11 projects (10 countries, 36 cities)
 Cultural cooperation..... 5 projects (7 countries, 17 cities)
 Grant program for Cultural cooperation... 5 projects (5 countries, 9 cities)

3. Youth Exchange with China (p. 18)

(1) Long-term Exchange Program for Chinese High School Students

The 30 students on the 8th program cycle completed the program and returned home. The 31 students on the 9th program cycle arrived in Japan.

(2) Opening of New Centers for Face-to-Face Exchanges

Centers for Face-to-Face Exchanges are operating in 12 cities in China (include one that is closed for moving). In fiscal 2014, a total of 31,561 visited the centers (including readers of publications at the venues).

(3) Building a Network for Japan-China exchange

Planned and implemented 12 China visitation projects and five Japan invitation projects. Heart to Heart website provides program information and promotes information sharing and coordination between participants.