

Grant Program for Enhancing Cultural Exchange and Networks in Asia

Section in Charge: Networking Initiatives Section, Arts and Culture Department

◆ Outline

On the occasion of the 50th Year of ASEAN-Japan Friendship and Cooperation (2023), the Japan Foundation (JF) will implement intensively through fiscal year 2033 the "Partnership to Co-create a Future with the Next Generation: WA Project 2.0," ("WA Project 2.0") a comprehensive people-to-people exchange initiative that aims to promote exchange among the next generation and develop human resources in Japan and ASEAN.

The Japan Foundation "Partnership to Co-create a Future with the Next Generation: WA Project 2.0"

<https://www.jpf.go.jp/e/project/special/bunkanowa2/index.html>

In this initiative, we will implement and support projects aimed at achieving the following five objectives in order to promote people-to-people exchange between Japan and ASEAN.

- Build a strong relationship of trust between Japan and ASEAN for the future
- Strengthen multi-faceted human networks
- Collaborate to address global issues
- Nurture the next generation to serve as bridges
- Contribute to the further development of a multicultural society

As part of the initiative, this program aims to promote the exchange and development of the next generation in the Asia region, with a focus on Japan and ASEAN countries. The program provides partial funding support to Japan-based organizations that implement projects in the cultural and artistic fields, centering on people-to-people exchange through collaboration among specialists and organizations.

◆ Eligible Area and Activities

Network-building projects, collaborative initiatives, and dissemination activities aimed at developing the next generation of human resources, carried out by specialists and organizations in fields such as visual arts, performing arts, music, literature, film, lifestyle culture, and sports, with a primary focus on the 10 ASEAN member states, Timor-Leste, and Japan.



◆ Eligibility

Applicant organizations must be Japan-based legal entities actively engaged in the field of culture and the arts, or organizing committees led by such entities.

◆ Grant Coverage

Partial support for the following expenses:

- Honoraria (Excluding personnel costs for members of the applicant organization)
- Travel expenses (International and domestic transportation, accommodation, etc.)
- Venue rental
- Production costs (venue-related)
- Equipment rental
- Preparation and printing of materials and reports
- Publicity (including publicity video production)
- Freight and shipping

◆ Past Awardees (for Reference)

Not applicable (Program newly established in FY2026)

◆ Selection Policy

Applications will be evaluated comprehensively based on the submitted documents, with particular attention to the following aspects:

- Project plan (originality, potential for future development, overall quality)
- Track record of the applicant organization and participants
- Project implementation structure (preparation status, feasibility, appropriateness of the schedule, etc.)
- Budget plan (cost-sharing with other organizations, reasonableness of unit costs, etc.)

◆ Application Deadlines

Apply through Online Application Portal by 1 p.m., December 2, 2025
(Japan Standard Time)



◆ Notification of Results

April 2026

◆ Notes for all Applicants

Please refer to the Japan Foundation website for information on application procedures and important notes common to all programs.

JF website: [The Japan Foundation - General Instructions](#)

