



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 2023 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.jpff.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 provides partial funding support to Japan-based organizations that implement projects to promote human resource development and people-to-people exchange in the arts and cultural fields, between Japan and ASEAN countries.

◆ Eligible Projects

Projects for the development of the next generation of professionals through network-building and collaboration among specialists and professional organizations in fields such as visual arts, performing arts, music, literature, film, lifestyle culture, and sports in Japan and ASEAN countries



◆ Eligibility of Applicants

Organizations based in Japan with legal entity status in the arts and cultural fields

◆ Grant Coverage

Partial support for the following expenses:

- Honoraria (e.g. for speakers and instructors)
- Travel Expenses (International, domestic long-distance transportation, and accommodation)
- Venue and Equipment Rental
- Interpretation and Translation Expenses
- Materials, Reports, and Publicity Production Costs
- Freight and Shipping Costs

◆ Past Awardees (for reference)

Number of Projects for FY 2026 : 12 projects out of 36 applications

◆ Selection Policy

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

- Alignment with the Objectives of the Grant Program
- Quality of the Project plan
- Feasibility
- Dissemination and Sharing of Project Outcomes
- Potential for Future Development and Sustainability
- Appropriateness of the Budget Plan

◆ Application Deadlines

Apply through Online Application Portal by 1 p.m., December 1, 2026
(Japan Standard Time)

◆ Notification of Results

Late April 2027



◆ 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](#)

