The 21st century shows how far our world has progressed in the remarkable development of science and technology. It also reveals threats to peace through warfare, terrorism, hunger, and environmental destruction. At the most basic level, such threats stem from deficient communications among nations, races, and individuals.

As an independent administrative institution, the Japan Foundation believes in the power of culture to resolve communications problems and promote mutual understanding. We strive to realize world peace and welfare, based on our conviction that culture is a precious global asset.



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