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# ●●● Aspiring to Bring a Richness and Resonance to the World

As Japan's only organization that undertakes comprehensive international cultural exchange projects in every region of the globe, the Japan Foundation is working to build a future of harmonious coexistence for the people of Japan and the world.

## Outline of the Organization

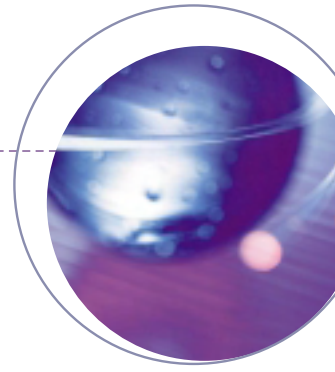
The Japan Foundation was established in 1972 as a special legal entity under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to undertake Japan's international cultural exchange and was subsequently reorganized as an independent administrative institution on October 1, 2003.

The foundation employs a total of 229 staff members (as of March 31, 2006) and consists of a head quarters in Tokyo, a branch office in Kyoto, two Japanese-language institutes (Urawa and Kansai), and 19 overseas offices in 18 countries.

Based on a financial foundation of government investment (¥111 billion), our operation is funded by revenues from government subsidies and investments, and donations from the private sector.

## Purpose of the Foundation

The purpose of the Japan Foundation Independent Administrative Institution (*Dokuritsu Gyōsei Hōjin Kokusai Kōryū Kikin*: hereinafter called the "Foundation"), is to contribute to the improvement of a good international environment, and to the maintenance and development of the harmonious foreign relationships with Japan, by the efficient and comprehensive implementation of activities for international cultural exchange, which will deepen other nations' understanding of Japan, promote better mutual understanding among nations, and contribute to cultural and other fields in the world. (*The Law of the Japan Foundation Independent Administrative Institution, Article 3*)



## ● ● ● Deepening Mutual Understanding through Cultural Exchange

Three Program Areas of the Japan Foundation

### Arts and Cultural Exchange

We communicate the diverse cultural contributions of modern Japan to the world, including both our traditional culture and contemporary culture that is now capturing global attention. We are also creating new exchange forums for artists, and people engaged in cultural activities at home and abroad. In addition, we are promoting international exchanges through production activities in various areas, including the visual arts, performing arts, and publications.

### Japanese-Language Education Overseas

To further support and encourage Japanese-language education abroad, we operate comprehensive Japanese-language support programs, including the overseas dispatch of Japanese-language experts, the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test, and offering training opportunities to foreign teachers of Japanese, as well as developing and supplying teaching materials.

### Japanese Studies and Intellectual Exchange

To foster better understanding of Japanese society, its culture, and customs and manners, we support the pursuit of Japanese studies abroad. We also are communicating the actual state of Japanese society through the promotion of international dialogues and research. We are also facilitating networks for tackling global issues as well as supporting dialogue between civilizations.

### Japan Foundation Information Center (JFIC)

JFIC serves as our communications nexus in publicizing our message on the Internet and in print. This is also a site for information gathering and research on Japanese studies, international exchange, and cultural policies.

Breakdown of 2005 expenditures by program area (Unit: millions of yen)

