

## Representative Efforts

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### ▼ China

In our Japan-China exchange programs, the Japan Foundation implemented the programs involving the sending and inviting of academics and journalists with the cooperation of organizations such as the Japan-China Friendship Association and the Chinese Political Consultative Conference. Additional related lectures and discussions were held. We created “My Opinion” a website for directly posting opinions of academics from various fields in both Japan and China. The site became very popular and was used as a source of news by various Chinese media.



▲ The Japan Foundation, Beijing.

### ▼ South Korea

The Japan Foundation created the office for planning Japan-Korea cultural exchanges and developed a Five-Year Plan for Japan-Korea Cultural Exchange starting in April 2006 in collaboration with external experts to strengthen Japan-Korea exchange projects over the mid- to long-term. The plan particularly focuses on enhancing people-to-people exchanges and network building between the two countries.



▲ The Japan Foundation, Seoul.

### ▼ The United States

The Japan Foundation promotes intellectual exchanges and youth and citizen exchanges through the Center for Global Partnership. The Abe Fellowship Program is working to build a network and expand the ripple effects by holding meetings including workshops in which former fellows also participate.

In terms of Japanese studies, we conducted a survey for improving the Japan Foundation Fellowship program based on the recommendation of the American Advisory Committee. In the United States, 29 fellowships were awarded, the largest number for any single country.



▲ A lecture introducing *ukiyo-e* (Seattle).

### ▼ The Middle East

A mission of six experts was dispatched to Turkey, Saudi Arabia, and Tunisia as the third Japan-Middle East Cultural Exchange and Dialogue Mission. A report and recommendations were compiled laying out cultural policy guidelines for the Middle East based on the results of the three missions and the report submitted to former Prime Minister Koizumi.

The Second Japan-Arab Intellectual Dialogue Agenda Setting Meeting was held in Tokyo in December 2005.



▲ Haiku poet Mayuzumi Madoka and poets from Middle Eastern countries (Bahrain).