

# Information Services and Domestic Networking

The Japan Foundation collects, organizes and provides information on international cultural exchange activities. Furthermore, the Foundation establishes partnerships with local governments, presents awards to individuals and groups who carry out international cultural exchange activities in Japan, supports participation in international exchange festivals, and undertakes various efforts to facilitate domestic partnerships.





## Domestic Networking

To foster the domestic network for the international cultural exchange, the Japan Foundation participates in local festivals of international event held in Japan, and also designates and dispatches its staff to various organizations for international exchange including local governments in Japan.

### Prizes for Global Citizenship

The Japan Foundation Prizes for Global Citizenship are awarded to organizations and individuals who have made a special contribution to furthering international/interregional exchange, mutual understanding and cultural exchange, in a manner that has led to a significant transformation or invigoration of community activities.

In FY2006, the prizewinners were: the Junior Global Training School (Aomori Prefecture), which hosts elementary school exchange students from the Republic of Korea, Russia, the United States, and Japan to

participate in a three-day summer camp in Aomori City each August (Representative: Kudo Ken); the Multicultural Center Tokyo, which offers support programs for non-Japanese native people's educational and family issues (Representative: Michelle Wang); and the Japan Contemporary Dance Network (Kyoto), which works to connect Japan with the global dance network (Representative: Sato Norikazu).



### Project Development and Corporate Partnership

The Japan Foundation also supports corporate activities that make an international social contribution. We have compiled a pamphlet for companies, detailing specific proposals for international cultural exchange activities ("Corporate Social Responsibility").

In addition, by partnering with Japanese companies that are active overseas and cooperating with overseas Japanese Chambers of Commerce and Industry, we survey and analyze Japanese companies' current social contributions activities and the challenges they face.

The survey results are shared with companies and also published overseas, helping raise awareness about the philanthropic activities of Japanese companies. In FY2006, a survey was implemented on the social contribution activities of Japanese companies in China and South Korea.



Philanthropic Activities by Japanese Companies in South Korea (June 2007)

### Kyoto Office

Opened as a branch office at the time of the Foundation's establishment, the Kyoto Office supports recipients of Japanese studies fellowships living in the Kansai region. The office also sponsors a variety of independent projects, and networks with related organizations.

International exchange activities are becoming increasingly popular and frequent in the Kansai region, and contacts among international exchange organizations are advancing. The Kyoto Office is also deepening

partnerships with external organizations, and provides information on international exchange at its library, which houses 6,700 books and audiovisual materials.

The Kyoto Office also held "An Evening of Noh and Kyogen" at the Kyoto Kanze Kaikan, a regular event since 1973.



"An Evening of Noh and Kyogen" at the Kyoto Kanze Kaikan

### AIR JAPAN

The website of Japanese Artist-in-Residence Programs. This website features an extensive record of all projects included in the Program (in English and Japanese). It provides an introduction to 37 different programs implemented throughout Japan. The contents also include interviews with artists and other AIR key persons and links to overseas institutions of the Artist-in-Residence Program.



<http://www.jpf.go.jp/air/>

More Information about the Japan Foundation

The Japan Foundation has newly renovated its Information Center (JFIC) to the public on April 2006. In addition to the conventional services offered by the former Japan Foundation Library, JFIC has now expanded its functions to become a clearinghouse of general information on international exchange and cultural policies, as well as on Japanese culture by creating additional facilities such as the common space and JFIC shop, and by providing further information and services.

**Wochi Kochi— Japan's only bimonthly magazine dedicated to international cultural exchange**

The Japan Foundation publishes a bi-monthly magazine, *Wochi Kochi*. The name is an archaic Japanese term that means here and there or present and future.

Each issue carries feature articles and interviews that focus on a specific topic, as well as reporting on related Foundation activities. The featured topics in 2006 were: The World's Fascination with Japanese Cuisine; Australia – Where Diverse Cultures Thrive; How the world is reading Haruki Murakami; Made In Japan! Anime's

Appeal; Rediscovering Vietnam; and Foundations Serving Civil Society.

The magazine is published by Yamakawa Shuppansha Ltd.



**Official Website**

<http://www.jpf.go.jp>

The Japan Foundation's official website not only features the latest news and reports of its activities, but also provides detailed information on the Japan Foundation's diverse programs as well as many other links of useful resources.



**E-mail Magazine**

The Japan Foundation website provides a delivery service of The Japan Foundation E-mail Magazine, each in Japanese and English version. These e-mail magazines provide the latest information and news on the Japan Foundation's activities and Japanese cultural issues. The service is free of charge, and can easily be subscribed from our official website.

**Blog**

<http://d.hatena.ne.jp/japanfoundation>

This blog, written in Japanese, is maintained by Foundation staff members, who report on their hands-on experiences in international cultural exchange.



**JFIC Library**

<http://www.jpf.go.jp/e/jfic/lib/>

The Japan Foundation Library was renovated and reopened as the JFIC Library on April 1, 2006. Approximately 35,000 titles of books on Japan written in languages other than Japanese and on international cultural exchange, along with 400 titles of periodicals are available. The library itself is particularly strong on publications on Japan issued before 1945.



At the JFIC Shop in the Library, publications of the Japan Foundation and original goods such as T-shirts by Asian designers, are available for a fee.

## Other Publications

The Japan Foundation provides information through its publications not only on its own programs, but also on international exchange activities. The following are books in English published during FY2006.

Program Areas	Title	Issue place and year	Type
Arts and Cultural Exchange	The 11th Asian Cartoon Exhibition : Asian Youth Culture	Tokyo : Japan Foundation, 2006	Exhibition catalog
	Architecture of Terunobu Fujimori and Rojo : Unknown Japanese Architecture and Cities	Tokyo : Japan Foundation, 2006	Exhibition catalog
	Rapt! : 20 Contemporary Artists from Japan	Tokyo : Japan Foundation, 2006	Exhibition catalog
	Katagami : Les pochoirs japonais et le japonisme	Tokyo : Japan Foundation, 2006	Exhibition catalog
	Parallel Nippon : Contemporary Japanese Architecture 1996-2006	Tokyo : Shinken-chiku-sha, 2007	Exhibition catalog
	Japanese Book News (No.48-51)	Tokyo : Japan Foundation, 2006-2007	Journal
	The Tatar Whirlwind : A Novel of Seventeenth-Century East Asia / Shiba Ryotaro ; translated by Joshua A. Fogel	Warren, Conn. : Floating World Editions, 2007	Book
Japanese-Language Education Overseas	International Roundtable on the Establishment of Standards for Japanese-Language Education (third session)	Tokyo : Japan Foundation, Japanese-Language Department., 2006	Report
	A Report on the International Roundtable on the Establishment of Standards for Japanese-Language Education	Tokyo : Japan Foundation, Japanese-Language Department., 2007	Report
Japanese Studies and Intellectual Exchange	Industrial Strategy and Global Competitiveness in Japan and the United States	Tokyo : Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership, 2007	Report
	Japan-U.S. Dialogue for Cooperation in Reconstruction after Hurricane Katrina	Tokyo : Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership, 2007	Report
	The Japanese American Leadership Delegation Symposium "Japanese Americans at a crossroad : Connecting Past, Present and Future"	Tokyo : Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership, 2007	Report
	Public Symposium: Japanese American Leadership Delegation "Practicing Multicultural Coexistence: From Minorities Perspectives"	Tokyo : Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership, 2006	Report
	Public Symposium: Japanese American Leadership Delegation "From Art to Business: Japanese Americans in the Professional Arena"	Tokyo : Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership, 2006	Report
	Directory of Japan Specialists and Japanese Studies Institutions in the United States and Canada : Japanese Studies in the United States / The Japan Foundation. 3v.	Tokyo : Japan Foundation Printed in the United States of America by Sheridan Books, 2006	Book
	Estudos Japoneses no Brasil (In Portuguese)	São Paulo : Japan Foundation, São Paulo, 2007	Book
	An Introductory Bibliography for Japanese Studies. Vol. XV, Part 1. Social Sciences, 2002-03	Tokyo : Japan Foundation, 2006	Book
	The Second Japan-EU Think Tank Roundtable Report	Tokyo : Japan Foundation, 2006	Report
	Globalization and Asian Values : Asia Culture Forum Kyoto 2006	Tokyo : Urban Connections, 2007	Book
	India and Japan : In Search of Global Roles	New Delhi : Japan Foundation, 2007	Book

## Other Websites

The Japan Foundation's website provides a wealth of useful information and assistance, such as the following:

### Japanese Book News

<http://www.jpf.go.jp/e/publish/jbn/>

*Japanese Book News* is published quarterly by the Japan Foundation to make available to overseas readers up-to-date information on new books and recent topics of Japan's publishing culture. This website provides access to information about the recently published books covered in the "New Titles" column of *Japanese Book News* from No. 43 onward, searchable by author, title, genre, etc. It also provides detailed information on the 71 titles on the List of Recommended Works in the Japan Foundation's Translation and Publication Support Program.

### Video Archives: JF Video Square

<http://www.jpf.go.jp/video/english/>

The JF Video Square features video archives, providing visual information on the Japan Foundation's varying activities such as intellectually stimulating symposiums and lectures, as well as video clips of art activities and entertainments. Find more about us through the video clips here.

### Nihongo de Care-Navi

<http://nihongodecarenavi.jp/>

In order to communicate with their colleagues, superiors, patients or clients, *Nihongo de Care-navi* consists of more than 5,500 daily Japanese expressions and basic vocabularies as well as more than 2,000 example sentences.