

The Japan Foundation Worldwide

The Japan Foundation has 23 offices in 21 countries, across Asia and Oceania, the Americas, Europe, Middle East and Africa. In close collaboration and cooperation with Japan's diplomatic offices, cultural exchange organizations and Japanese-language institutions, the Japan Foundation operates its activities worldwide.

Europe and Middle East

1	Italy	Istituto Giapponese di Cultura
2	Germany	Japanisches Kulturinstitut
3	France	Maison de la culture du Japon à Paris
4	U.K.	The Japan Foundation, London
5	Spain	The Japan Foundation, Madrid
6	Hungary	The Japan Foundation, Budapest
7	Russia	The Japanese Culture Department "Japan Foundation" of the All-Russia State Library for Foreign Literature
8	Egypt	The Japan Foundation, Cairo

Asia and Oceania

9	Korea	The Japan Foundation, Seoul
10	China	The Japan Foundation, Beijing
11	Indonesia	The Japan Foundation, Jakarta
12	Thailand	Southeast Asian Bureau
13		The Japan Foundation, Bangkok
14	Philippines	The Japan Foundation, Manila
15	Malaysia	The Japan Foundation, Kuala Lumpur
16	India	The Japan Foundation, New Delhi
17	Australia	The Japan Foundation, Sydney
18	Vietnam	The Japan Foundation Center for Cultural Exchange in Vietnam

The Americas

19	Canada	The Japan Foundation, Toronto
20	United States	The Japan Foundation, New York The Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership, New York
21		The Japan Foundation, Los Angeles
22	Mexico	The Japan Foundation, Mexico
23	Brazil	The Japan Foundation, Sao Paulo

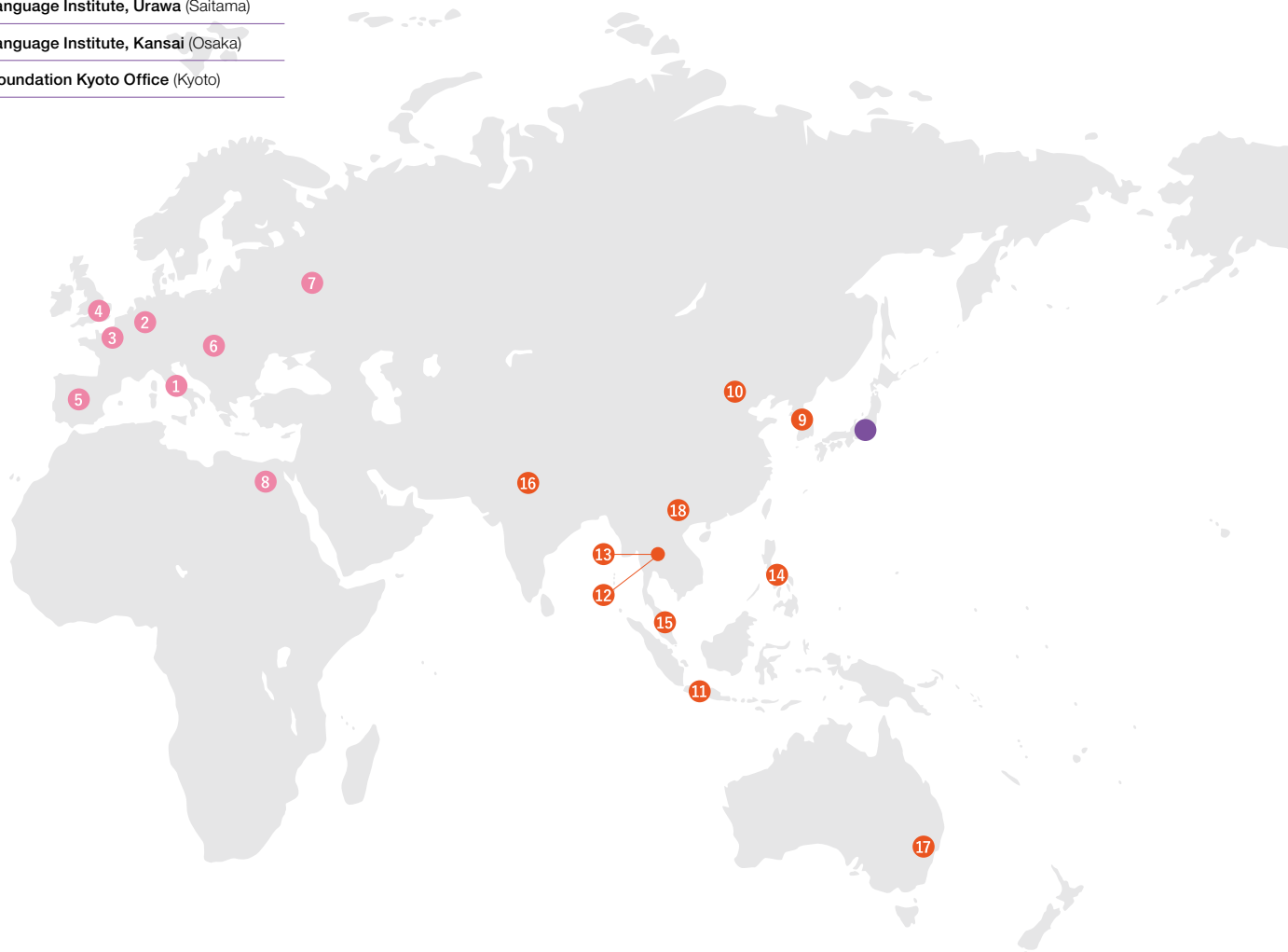
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Japanese-Language Institute, Urawa (Saitama)

Japanese-Language Institute, Kansai (Osaka)

The Japan Foundation Kyoto Office (Kyoto)



2009/2010 Activity Summary by Country/Region

Cultural exchange programs run by the Japan Foundation are designed to meet local situations and needs, while giving due consideration to the diplomatic policies of Japan and relations with the relevant countries.

Taking diplomatic importance into consideration, we conducted a number of activities in fiscal 2009 with a special focus on Japan's important neighboring countries of China, Korea, and the United States, and on anniversary commemorative events to celebrate the Mekong-Japan Exchange Year and the Japan-Danube Friendship Year.

China

Building a future-oriented relationship between Japan and China is of great importance to foster correct understanding of Japan and its people among Chinese citizens and work together to tackle major global issues. In fiscal 2009, the Japan Foundation, mainly through its China Center, continued to offer various programs to promote greater understanding of Japan among Chinese youth, including the Long-term Invitation Program for Chinese High School Students (see p.16), and events in regional cities to introduce Japanese culture. Other major activities during the fiscal year include: promotion of Japanese studies in China primarily through programs run by Beijing Center for Japanese Studies; inviting Chinese researchers and other intellectuals to Japan; and conducting intellectual exchange activities for academics in China, Korea, and Japan.

Korea

During the year, we conducted various programs in accordance with the Five-Year Plan for Japan-Korea Cultural Exchange (2006 to 2010), a plan formulated to strengthen our cultural exchange programs between the two countries. For instance, we offered opportunities for active interaction among non-profit organizations in the two countries, introduced Japanese culture to regional Korea, and carried out programs for young people. We have also relocated the office of the Japan Foundation, Seoul (see p.34) to Shinchon, a popular area among young people, to facilitate greater use of our service by a broader range of people.

Asia

To commemorate the Mekong-Japan Exchange Year 2009, many cultural exchange events were held by both public and private organizations in Japan and the countries that the Mekong River runs through (Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, and Thailand). The Japan Foundation held an exhibition, "TWIST and SHOUT: Contemporary Art from Japan," in Thailand (see p.12) to introduce a broad spectrum of Japanese culture and conducted other cultural exchange events and programs in the region. In addition, we continued to engage in the Japan-East Asia Network of Exchange for Students and Youths (JENESYS) Programme* in fiscal 2009, inviting overseas Japanese-language teachers and learners to Japan, sending Japanese specialists abroad (see p.20), and inviting young intellectuals, practitioners, artists, designers and other talent to Japan, with the aim of nurturing the region's future leaders in various fields.

*The Japan-East Asia Network of Exchange for Students and Youths (JENESYS) Programme: A project funded by the Japanese government that invites young people from ASEAN and other Asia-Pacific countries to Japan, with the aim of establishing a solid basis for Asian solidarity by expanding youth exchanges over five years. The Japan Foundation has participated in this program since its inception in 2007.

United States

We continued to implement many programs in the fields of Japanese-language education, Japanese studies, and arts and cultural exchange, including intellectual and grassroots exchange programs by the Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership. Key activities during the year included: the invitation of journalism graduates to Japan, with the aim of fostering young Americans who have a good understanding and strong interest in Japan (see p.31); the Japan Foundation Invitational Group-Tour Program for U.S. Educations to Japan to raise understanding and promote the spread of Japanese-language education; and organization of cultural events in major cities in cooperation with US-based organization of arts and culture.

Europe

In Spain, the Japan Foundation Madrid (see p.39) was established under an agreement with the City of Madrid. The launch of the new office provided momentum to stimulate the country's interest in Japanese culture, an example of which includes the establishment of a nationwide association of Japanese-language teachers. Celebrating the Japan-Danube Friendship Year 2009, we also organized programs to promote Japanese culture in the region, namely Austria, Hungary, Romania, and Bulgaria, where there are not many opportunities for exposure to Japanese culture. Specifically, we organized the exhibition, "WA: the Spirit of Harmony and Japanese Design Today," performances of Shinnai Joruri narrative singing and Hachioji Kuruma Ningyo puppet show, the East Europe Travelling Film Festival, and seminars on corporate culture, as well as events to introduce ukiyo-e woodblock prints, wagashi confectionary, and Japanese tea ceremony.

