



For Further Exchange between Japan and the World

Commemorative Projects of the Japan Foundation's Fortieth Anniversary

In October 2012, the Japan Foundation celebrated the 40th anniversary of its establishment in 1972 as a special legal entity, prior to its relaunch as an independent administrative institution.

This section introduces some of the projects held in and outside Japan to commemorate this milestone.



The 40th anniversary logo mark, selected from a design competition targeting students



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Presentation Ceremony for the 40th Japan Foundation Awards

The Japan Foundation Awards were presented to two individuals and one organization in a ceremony graced by the presence of H.I.H. the Crown Prince of Japan (see p. 37).



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"Architecture. Possible Here? Home-for-All" Japan Pavilion at the 13th International Architecture Exhibition, the Venice Biennale

The Japan Pavilion exhibition that explored the possibilities of architecture following the Great East Japan Earthquake won the Golden Lion for Best National Participation (see p. 20).



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Photo Top: Symposium “Transcending Borders: New Trends in International Cultural Exchange”
Panelists including writer Nanami Shiono, playwright Oriza Hirata, Keio University professor Yasushi Watanabe, and Harvard University professor Andrew Gordon among others discussed the role and prospects of international cultural exchange in the future (see p. 34).



Photo Left: Exhibition “WARAI: Humor in Japanese Art from Prehistory to the 19th Century”
The Japan Cultural Institute in Paris presented humorous themes in antique Japanese art, from relics like ‘Dogu’ and ‘Haniwa’ clay figurines to Ukiyo-e paintings and statues of the Buddha, and won a favorable reception.

Photo Bottom: Theater Performance *The Trojan Women*
Performances directed by Yukio Ninagawa in Israel invited boisterous applause with a dynamic performance by Kayoko Shiraishi and the passion of actors from three different cultures—Jews and Arabs in Israel, and the Japanese (see p. 19).



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