



## [The Nippon Foundation News] August Greetings

Greetings from The Nippon Foundation. After a one-year delay due to the coronavirus pandemic, the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games concluded on the evening of Sunday, August 8. Initial public apprehension over holding the Games during a fourth coronavirus state of emergency began to ease somewhat once the competitions got underway, especially as Japanese athletes started winning what would become a record number of both gold medals and total medals for the country. Most events were held without spectators and bars and restaurants were closed or not serving alcohol under the state of emergency, however, meaning that people watched the events at home on television instead of attending in person or gathering with friends. In addition, with no spectators from overseas and the athletes, Olympic officials, and members of the overseas media spending their time in self-contained bubbles to prevent the spread of infections, the festive atmosphere that would normally be the case throughout the city was missing. Nevertheless, the performances of the Olympians provided excitement and inspiration to viewers in Japan and around the world. Now that the Olympic athletes have returned home, attention is turning to the Paralympic Games, which are scheduled to open on August 24.



*Banners for the Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games flying in Tokyo*

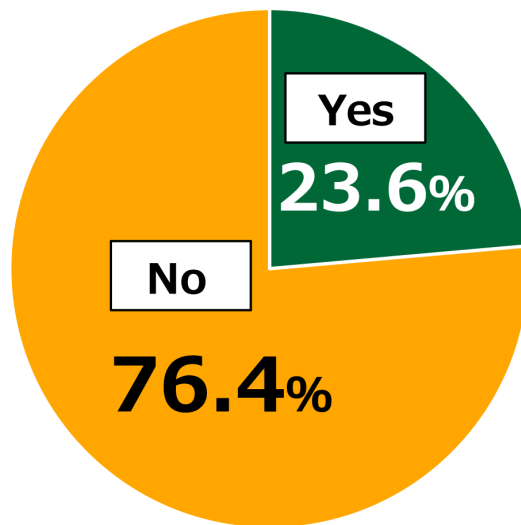
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## Awareness Survey of 18-Year-Olds

## Sexual Activity



The 39th installment of the Awareness Survey of 18-Year-Olds was carried out on the subject of "Sexual Activity." The survey found that less than one quarter of respondents had had a sexual experience, and of those, less than one quarter had their first experience at age 15 or younger. Both male and female respondents listed their mother highest as the person they would consult about a pregnancy or possible pregnancy, but overall, more than 17% replied that they would not consult with anyone.

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## Toyooka Bags Made from Discarded Fishing Nets to Go on Sale from October 1

**New approach to addressing issue of plastic ocean debris**



The Nippon Foundation held a press announcement and exhibition on July 20 to introduce a new initiative with several companies in Japan to manufacture bags using recycled raw materials derived from discarded fishing nets. The initiative aims to reduce plastic ocean debris and promote the use of discarded fishing nets as a raw material, as a way of preventing illegal dumping into the ocean and promoting waste collection, and the products are scheduled to go on sale from October 1.

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# The Nippon Foundation Donates 100 Oxygen Concentrators and Pulse Oximeters to Manipur State

Contributing to quality of home medical care amid coronavirus resurgence



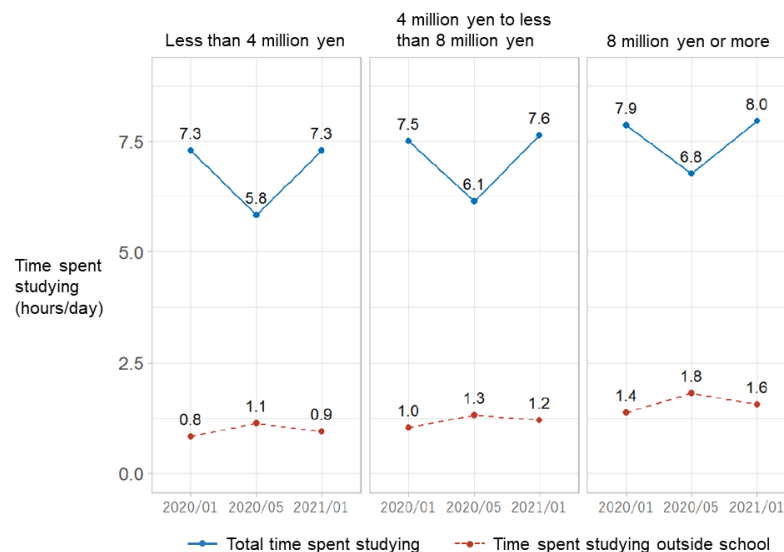
The Nippon Foundation has donated 100 oxygen concentrators and 100 pulse oximeters to the state of Manipur in northeastern India, which is currently dealing with a strong second wave of coronavirus infections. The number of new infections in Manipur is currently far exceeding the number of hospital beds available, forcing many residents to self-isolate at home, which in turn is making the improvement of home medical care an urgent issue.

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## Survey of Effect on Gaps in Children's Education and Non-Cognitive Skills from Coronavirus Pandemic

Gaps in education affected by household income, concerns regarding effect on elementary school students' non-cognitive skills

Figure 1. Time spent studying by household income (January 2020 – January 2021)



The Nippon Foundation and Mitsubishi UFJ Research and Consulting Co., Ltd. have conducted a joint survey on gaps in education and the effect on

children's non-cognitive skills from school closings and restrictions on educational activities during the coronavirus pandemic. The survey results suggest that educational gaps that previously existed (differences in time spent studying and in time spent on other activities by household income) widened during the pandemic.

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