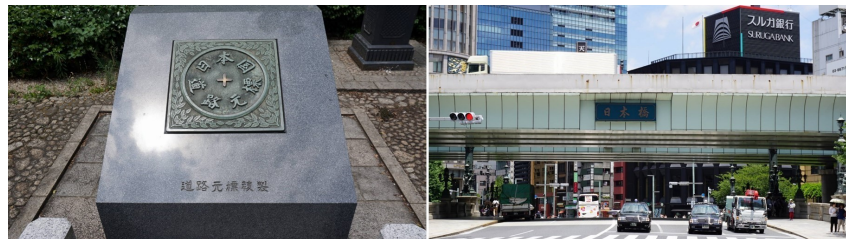




[The Nippon Foundation News] Journeys

June greetings from The Nippon Foundation. Nihonbashi (“Japan Bridge”) is a bridge originally built in Edo, as Tokyo was called at the time, at the beginning of the 17th century. In 1604, five main roads to other parts of the country were designated as *Gokaido* (“the five major roads”) and Nihonbashi was the terminus for all five. Even today, highway distances to and from Tokyo are measured from a marker in the middle of the bridge, making Nihonbashi the figurative starting point for all journeys to and from Tokyo. As noted in this month’s news, a group of Japanese university student volunteers left Japan on May 31 to travel to Poland, where they will spend roughly two weeks assisting people who have evacuated from Ukraine. Although these student volunteers are of course traveling by air, The Nippon Zaidan Building, where a sendoff ceremony for the volunteers was held on May 30, is the figurative starting point of their journey. We wish them safe travels and a rewarding experience.

Also in this month’s news, The Nippon Foundation DIVERSITY IN THE ARTS is calling for entries for its 5th annual international art exhibition for artists with disabilities. This is an open-call exhibition, with submissions being accepted from June 15 to 30. Please visit the full article for more information.



A replica of the marker in the middle of Nihonbashi bridge denoting the spot from which road distances are measured (left) and Nihonbashi bridge today (right)

News

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Send-off ceremony held at The Nippon Foundation

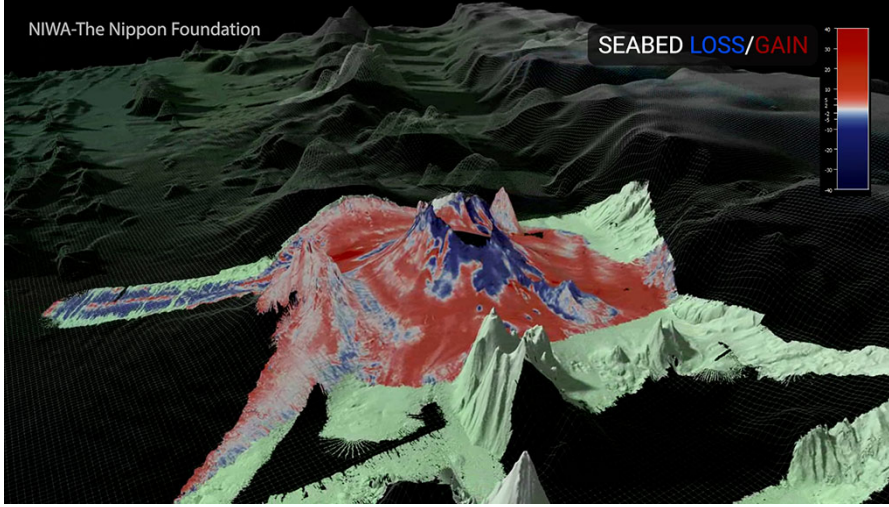


A ceremony was held at The Nippon Zaidan Building on March 30 to see off the first two groups of Japanese university student volunteers who are being dispatched to Poland to assist evacuees from Ukraine as part of a joint project with The Nippon Foundation Volunteer Center. The project plans to send a total of seven groups of 15 volunteers by October to assist people who have evacuated from Ukraine by distributing food and other items, managing relief supplies, and assisting with the dissemination of information.

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First Results from Survey of Underwater Volcano Near Tonga

Changes in seas around volcano and current condition of ecosystems

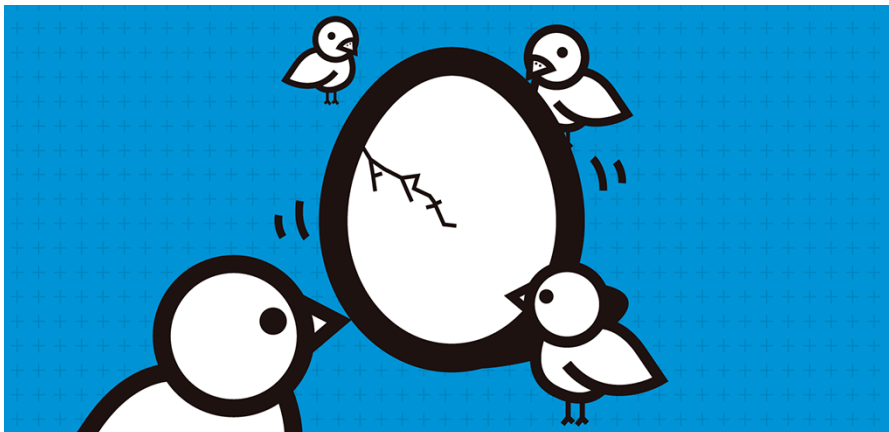


A press conference was held on May 23 at New Zealand's National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research (NIWA) in Wellington to announce the findings of the first part of a joint research project being carried out by The Nippon Foundation and NIWA to survey the area around the underwater volcano that erupted in January 2022 off the coast of Tonga. A NIWA manned research vessel surveyed the features of the eruption, changes in the topography of the volcano and surrounding sea floor, the scope and accumulation of volcanic ash, and the current status of ecosystems in the surrounding seas.

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The Nippon Foundation DIVERSITY IN THE ARTS The 5th International Art Exhibition

Call for entries



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Application Period:
From June 15 (Wed) to June 30 (Thu), 2022

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