



## [The Nippon Foundation News] Tokyo Nebuta

Greetings from The Nippon Foundation. The Aomori Nebuta Matsuri is a popular summer festival that takes place in early August in Aomori City in Aomori Prefecture, the northernmost prefecture on Japan's main island of Honshu. The festival features a procession of large, illuminated floats of warrior figures accompanied by taiko drums, musicians, and dancers, and is one of Japan's largest and most famous summer festivals. In a show of support following the Great East Japan Earthquake that struck northeastern Japan in March 2011, Tokyo's Nakano ward (officially "Nakano City") has been holding its own nebuta festival since 2012. In addition to a parade of nebuta floats, stalls are set up with vendors selling regional foods and other items and tourism-related organizations providing tourist information. This year, the name of the festival, which was held on October 28 and 29, was changed from "Tohoku Reconstruction Festival Nakano" to "Nakano Festival to Support Tohoku," as the emphasis has shifted from post-disaster recovery to more general support, cultural exchanges, and regional vitalization, with the hope of building deeper ties between the Tohoku region and Nakano.



A float depicting warrior figures (left-hand photo) at this year's festival in Nakano, and a float preceded by lanterns (right-hand photo) with the characters for Aomori City (left) and Nakano City (right) written on them

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## The Nippon Foundation's International Seminar on Offshore Development

*Roughly 170 people participate in hybrid event*

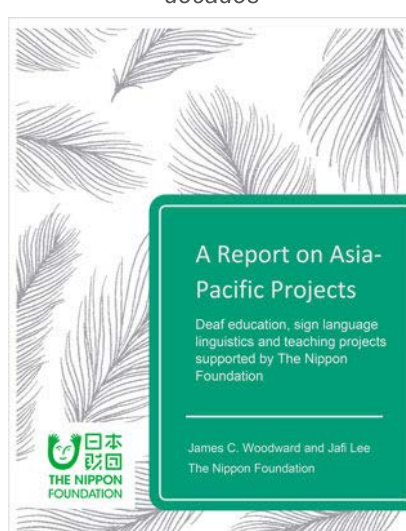


The Nippon Foundation held an International Seminar on Offshore Development on September 28, with speakers presenting updates on the Foundation's coordinated technological development projects with DeepStar of the United States, GCE NODE and NORSE of Norway, and Scottish Enterprise. Presentations included a keynote address by Shakir Shamshy, DeepStar's director, and updates from NORCE's Nabil Belbachir and from Japanese project partners.

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## The Nippon Foundation Releases Report on Asia-Pacific Deaf Projects

*Comprehensive summary of projects supported in Asia-Pacific region over two decades*



The Nippon Foundation has released "A Report on Asia Pacific Projects: Deaf education, sign language linguistics and teaching projects supported by The Nippon Foundation." This comprehensive document summarizes bilingual deaf education and sign language linguistics projects that The Nippon Foundation has supported in the Asia-Pacific region over the past two decades, in the hope that sharing this information will inspire individuals to develop their own projects.

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## Ceremony to Deliver Small Ambulance Airplane for Emergency Transport on Remote Islands

*To be used by Okinawa-based NGO MESH Support*



A ceremony was held at Naha Airport in Okinawa Prefecture on September 28 to deliver a small airplane to MESH Support, an NGO that uses aircraft to support medical services. The airplane was purchased with a 166 million yen grant provided by The Nippon Foundation, and will go into use from October 1. The Foundation decided to provide this support after seeing the work that MESH Support is doing in Okinawa, with the hope that the airplane will be used to provide medical assistance to many people.

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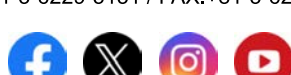
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