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[The Nippon Foundation News] Support for evacuees from Ukraine enters new phase

Greetings from The Nippon Foundation. At a media briefing held on February 21, The Nippon Foundation announced that it will begin offering support to people from Ukraine who have evacuated to Japan and now wish to return to Ukraine. The support is available to the 2,000 evacuees in Japan currently receiving support from the Foundation, and will consist of airfare to Poland and a one-time payment to help settle their affairs in Japan and start their lives in Ukraine. The decision was made based on the results of a survey of evacuees from Ukraine currently living in Japan and receiving support from the Foundation. The survey showed that with their families scattered and relatives who have stayed in Ukraine, and with some areas expected to become relatively safe as the fighting abates, the number of people wishing to return could be expected to increase. The briefing also featured two evacuees from Ukraine who spoke about their lives in Japan and their plans for the future, with one hoping to continue living with her husband in Japan for as long as possible, and the other planning to return to Ukraine.

Read the full article here
<https://www.nippon-foundation.or.jp/en/news/articles/2024/20240226-99568.html>



The Nippon Foundation Executive Director Jumpei Sasakawa explaining the new support program (left) and two evacuees from Ukraine who spoke at the briefing about their lives in Japan (right)

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'Don't Forget Leprosy' Banner Unfurled on Africa's Highest Mountain

At age 85, WHO Goodwill Ambassador Yohei Sasakawa successfully climbs Mt. Kilimanjaro



World Health Organization Goodwill Ambassador for Leprosy Elimination Yohei Sasakawa (Chairman, The Nippon Foundation) climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest mountain, on February 12 and unfurled a banner reading "Don't Forget Leprosy." This followed Mr. Sasakawa's and World Health Organization Director-General Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus's issuing of a joint statement on January 31 from WHO headquarters calling for an end to prejudice and discrimination against people affected by leprosy.

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Japan's First Use of Metaverse for Employment Support for Prisoners and Juvenile Offenders

New way to support reintegration into society goes beyond confines of correctional facilities

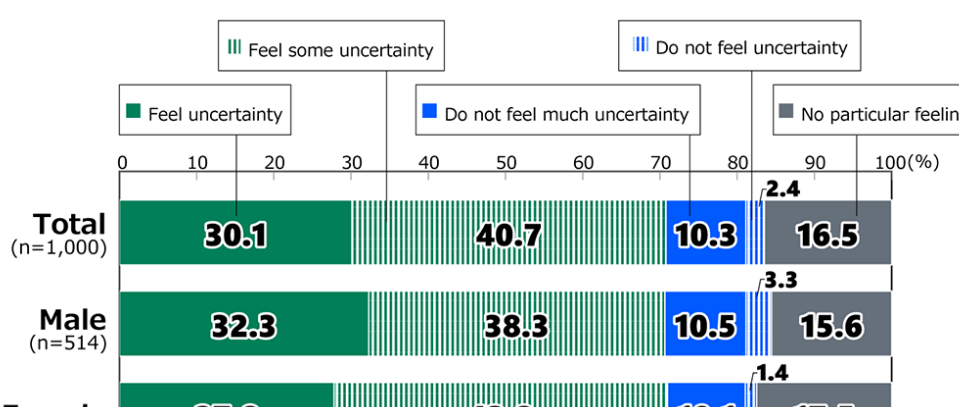


As part of an ongoing employment project to support the reintegration into society of prisoners and juvenile offenders, the Nippon Foundation and the Japanese Ministry of Justice held a joint event on February 2 using the metaverse to support employment for people being released from correctional facilities. This was the first time the metaverse was used for an event of this kind in Japan, with 13 companies from the restaurant and construction sectors participating from locations in Tokyo and Osaka.

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Awareness Survey of 18-Year-Olds – GDP, New NISA, Mobility

70% uncertain of Japan's future, 80% approve of requiring older drivers to surrender licenses



The 60th installment of the Awareness Survey of 18-Year-Olds was carried out in early December to gauge young people's views on Japan's GDP, "new NISA" (a revamped tax-free retirement savings program), and mobility. With Japan's global GDP ranking set to fall to fourth from third, roughly 70% of respondents expressed uncertainty regarding Japan's future, and 60% were uncertain about their own future. On the subject of mobility, close to 40% were concerned about the increase being seen in accidents caused by older drivers, and close to 80% approved of drivers being required to surrender their license when they reach a certain age.

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