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[The Nippon Foundation News] September Greetings

Greetings from The Nippon Foundation. Even though the arrival of September gives a sense of summer ending and fall approaching, hot and humid summer weather continues in Tokyo with no end in sight. Looking back over the summer, this year the Foundation was again involved in a wide range of ocean-related activities across Japan. One of those activities was a beach cleanup on July 22 to collect debris that had washed up on difficult-to-access coastal areas near Uwajima City in Ehime Prefecture. Using a special landing vehicle to collect the debris, roughly 120 people collected approximately 30 tons of debris. The event was part of the Setouchi Oceans X project to find comprehensive measures to address the issue of marine debris, and participants included Ehime Governor Tokihiro Nakamura, Uwajima Mayor Fumiaki Okahara, members of local fishery cooperatives, local junior high school students, and The Nippon Foundation Chairman Yohei Sasakawa.





*(Top left) The cleanup operation's kickoff ceremony (Top right) Removing debris
(Bottom) Using a landing vehicle to remove debris from a difficult-to-access beach
area*

In other brief news, the period for accepting donations for Noto Peninsula earthquake relief efforts has been extended to December 31, 2024 (this date may be subject to change). We will continue to follow closely developments in damaged areas and coordinate with NGOs working on the ground to provide assistance as needed based on local requirements, and ask for your continued support.

[Extension of Period for Receiving Donations for Noto Peninsula Earthquake Relief \(2024.08.20\)](#)

The Nippon Foundation has recently published two new English-language brochures about our organization and our work. *The Nippon Foundation by the Numbers* is a very brief overview of the Foundation, while *The Nippon Foundation Profile 2024* provides a more in-depth overview of the Foundation's history, activities, and funding.

[New Brochures in English \(2024.08.20\)](#)

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The Nippon Foundation Zero Emission Ships Project

Completion of Hydrogen Engine R&D Center to promote decarbonization in ships



As part of The Nippon Foundation Zero Emission Ships project to develop ships with zero CO2 emissions, the Hydrogen Engine R&D Center was completed on September 4 in Hiroshima Prefecture. The Center is able to carry out all functions from hydrogen engine development to hydrogen storage and hydrogen loading, and will be the first facility of its kind located within a shipyard. As a front-line base for Japan's development of hydrogen engines, the Center is expected to contribute to the realization of a carbon-neutral society by 2050.

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Family with Tigers Day

Making families part of Koshien 'team'



On June 9, a group of 25 children and parents and staff of Agri Station Tamba Sasayama, which operates as part of The Nippon Foundation's Children's 3rd Place program in the city of Tamba Sasayama in Hyogo Prefecture, visited Koshien Stadium for a Family with Tigers day hosted by the Hanshin Tigers professional baseball team. The day's events included watching the Tigers practice, an opportunity to meet Tigers pitcher Junya Nishi, a visit to the Museum

of Hanshin Koshien Stadium, and cheering on the Tigers as they won the day's baseball game.

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'Adventure Playgrounds' as Community Hubs

Amid decline in playing outdoors, multiple generations connect through play



With an increasing number of parks removing equipment and banning playing with balls for safety reasons and neighbors complaining about noise, combined with the popularity of video games and smartphones and an increase in indoor leisure facilities, children are spending less time playing outdoors. How is this affecting their health and growth? We asked Naomi Nakagawa, head of the NGO Playtank, which operates outdoor play programs for children in Tokyo's Nerima Ward.

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Yohei Sasakawa Blog Chairman of The Nippon Foundation



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