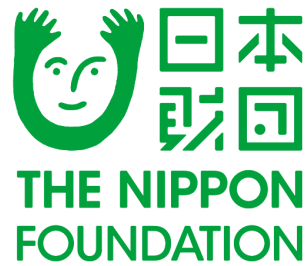


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[The Nippon Foundation News] Year-End Greetings

Greetings from The Nippon Foundation. December in Japan is a busy time for many people. Year-end traditions include sending year-end gifts (called *o-seibo*) to business customers and people who have shown you kindness during the past year, preparing and sending New Year's cards (*nengajo*), year-end gatherings with friends and work colleagues (*bonenkai*), and a thorough housecleaning (*o-soji*). It is no wonder that by the time the New Year's holidays finally arrive, many people want to spend them at home doing practically nothing at all (*ne-shogatsu*, which translates as "sleeping New Year"). Traditionally, special dishes called *osechi-ryori* are prepared to be eaten over the holidays, or can be purchased in advance and delivered on New Year's Day. The official public holidays are from December 31 to January 3, and many companies and shops are closed for a week or more, making this one of the busiest travel times of the year. With many people returning to their hometowns to visit relatives or traveling for leisure within Japan or overseas, it is also a relaxing time to be in large cities like Tokyo that become relatively quiet for a few days.



Autumn foliage on a recent afternoon in Hibiya Park in downtown Tokyo, next to the grounds of the Imperial Palace

Please note that The Nippon Foundation will be closed from 12:00 noon on Friday, December 27, 2024, to Sunday, January 5, 2025. We would like to extend our Best Wishes for the New Year to all of our readers.

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Asia Philanthropy Congress 2024

The Nippon Foundation hosts event to promote DEI across Asia



The Asia Philanthropy Congress 2024, hosted by The Nippon Foundation, was held on November 29 in Tokyo, with roughly 200 people from across Asia attending. This was the third meeting of the Asia Philanthropy Congress, and looked at various aspects related to diversity, equity, and inclusion. Two plenary sessions featured panel discussions on the topics of incorporating DEI through collaboration between businesses and philanthropy, and through strategic social investment and collaborative synergies.

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Launch of Commission on Asian Philanthropy

The Nippon Foundation joins initiative to create intra-Asia ecosystem



The launch of a Commission on Asian Philanthropy was announced at a meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club's Philanthropy for Better Cities Forum on September 10, 2024. While in the United States and Europe, philanthropy is seen as having its roots in the Christian religious tradition, there is no common framework for philanthropy in Asian cultures. The CAP will bring together philanthropic organizations across Asia – from Saudi Arabia to Japan – to create an intra-Asia ecosystem for philanthropy across the region.

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Japan's Largest Offshore Wind Power Human Resource Training Center Opens

Effort toward carbon neutrality accelerates from Nagasaki



As part of The Nippon Foundation's training of human resources in the ocean development sector, led by offshore wind power generation, The Nippon Foundation Offshore Wind Power Human Resource Training Center opened on November 7 in Nagasaki. The center, which will train roughly 1,000 offshore power technicians annually, is Japan's largest in terms of both the number of students to be accepted and the facility's floor space (according to The Nippon Foundation's research as of October 2024).

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Extension of Period for Receiving Donations for Noto Peninsula Earthquake and Flood Damage Relief

Period for accepting donations extended to March 31, 2025



The Noto Peninsula experienced heavy rains from September 21 to 23, once again causing damage in areas that were still recovering from the January 1 earthquake. In light of this situation, the period for accepting donations for Noto Peninsula earthquake and heavy rain relief efforts has been extended to March 31, 2025 (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.

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