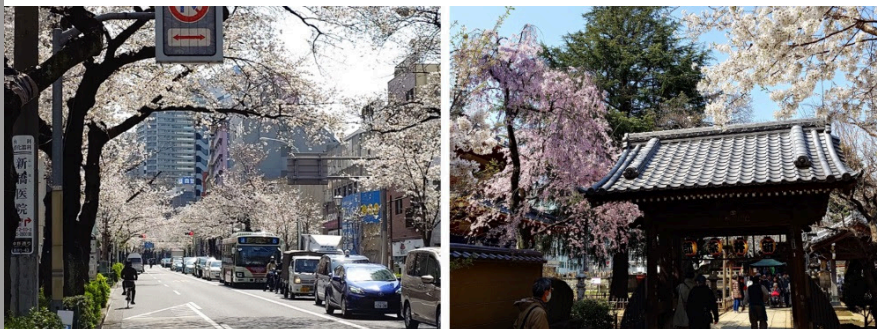


This newsletter is being sent to current and former The Nippon Foundation fellows, and persons who have asked to be added to the mailing list or have been introduced by The Nippon Foundation staff.



[The Nippon Foundation News] April Greetings

Greetings from The Nippon Foundation. April in Japan marks new beginnings, with April 1 being the start of a new academic year for schools and a new fiscal year for the government and many private-sector companies. Schools, companies, and other organizations hold entrance ceremonies to welcome new students and newly hired employees, and stores hold “new life” sales of home furnishings and electronics for people who have left home and are starting life on their own, or are temporarily relocating for school or work. At The Nippon Foundation, seven newly hired university graduates are currently engaged in orientation and training at our head office in Tokyo. This is also the time when Japan’s famous *sakura* cherry trees are in full bloom. In Tokyo this year, the flowers began to bloom around March 28 and the petals are already starting to fall from the trees, giving the feeling that winter is behind us and spring has begun.



Sakura cherry trees in bloom in Tokyo on March 30

Please note that we have updated the information on our website regarding scholarships and fellowships supported by The Nippon Foundation. The updated information can be accessed via the following link:

[Scholarships and Fellowships](#)

Finally, we wish to extend our deepest condolences to everyone who has been affected by the earthquake that struck Myanmar and surrounding

areas on March 28. Please refer to the news articles below for information regarding our response and for making donations to relief efforts.

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Responding to Myanmar Earthquake with Emergency Humanitarian Assistance and Request for Donations

Request for donations via Special Fund for Disaster Preparedness



The Nippon Foundation has decided to provide the equivalent of U.S. 3 million dollars of emergency assistance to areas damaged by the earthquake that struck Myanmar and surrounding areas on March 28. The Foundation intends to deliver the items quickly, in line with on-site needs.

Donations made to the Special Fund for Disaster Preparedness from April 1 to June 30, 2025 (tentative date), will be used to purchase and deliver food, medical supplies and other emergency items, and for relief and reconstruction activities, in areas damaged by the earthquake.

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Eat, Play, Learn

The Nippon Foundation Spring Festival to Protect the Ocean in Setouchi



The Nippon Foundation Spring Festival to Protect the Ocean in Setouchi, a hands-on event to raise awareness of ocean debris in the Seto Inland Sea, was held on March 1-2 in Okayama Prefecture and March 15-16 in Hiroshima Prefecture. This free event was held in cooperation with three local sushi restaurant chains, with the aim of giving people hands-on experiences to understand the importance of protecting the ocean. These included quiz contests, opportunities to learn about the problem of ocean debris while playing games, and offerings of delicious sushi.

[Full Article](#)

Briefing on Support for Evacuees From Ukraine

3 years since invasion, evacuees discuss current life in Japan



With three years having passed since Russia's February 24, 2022, invasion of Ukraine, The Nippon Foundation held a briefing on February 19 on the current situation for evacuees receiving support for living expenses and other items and the outlook going forward. The briefing included a report on the analysis of results of a survey of evacuees receiving support, and three of those people spoke about their current lives in Japan and future plans.

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