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## [The Nippon Foundation News] Back to Work

September greetings from The Nippon Foundation. August has come and gone, but the weather across much of Japan continues to set records for high temperatures. Days on which the high temperature reaches 35 degrees Celsius are called *moshobi* (extremely hot day) in Japanese, and as of September 8, Tokyo had experienced 29 *moshobi* this year including four in the month of September. Both of these are record numbers that could go even higher before the month ends.

Life in Japan generally slows down during the month of August. In addition to the Mountain Day public holiday observed on August 11, the traditional *obon* holidays are observed from roughly August 13 to 16. *Obon* is a Buddhist holiday during which the spirits of one's ancestors are said to return to earth, and although not an official public holiday, many businesses close or people take personal holidays to return to their hometowns and spend time with family, making this one of the busiest travel times of the year.

August also means summer holidays for students. Unlike in the United States, Canada, and much of Europe, however, summer vacation in Japan does not coincide with the end of the school year, which runs from March to April. This means that many students have assignments or projects to complete during the vacation. For elementary school students this often includes an individual research project on a topic of personal interest in addition to regular assignments, making the last week of August a hectic time for students and their parents as they rush to finish these assignments before school resumes in September.



*Tokyo's Ginza shopping and entertainment district under late-summer blue skies. The main street is closed to traffic on weekend afternoons, making it a popular place to stroll while looking at store displays.*

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## 30th Marine Day!

*Event held to commemorate Marine Day 2025*



To mark this year's Marine Day public holiday (July 21, 2025), The Nippon Foundation, the Japanese Cabinet Office's Headquarters for Ocean Policy, and the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism held a joint event on July 21 at the Tokyo International Cruise Terminal. The program featured interactive events including a shipboard experience, exhibition booths, presentations, and a stage program intended to give the general public a deeper understanding of and interest in the ocean and ships.

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## The Nippon Foundation Announces Partnership with LFC Foundation

*New project to support children through sport*



The Nippon Foundation and the LFC Foundation, the official charity of Liverpool Football Club, have announced a new partnership aimed at empowering young people and promoting positive social change through sport and education. The two foundations will deliver a large-scale program in Japan that will proactively address social issues in the community and help build a society where everyone supports each other.

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## Awareness Survey of 18-Year-Olds – 80 Years After WWII

*Japan should aim to be a 'free and peaceful' country*



The 71st installment of the Awareness Survey of 18-Year-Olds was carried out in mid-June on the theme of “80 Years After WWII,” to examine how the young people of the next generation have learned about the war and what kind of country they think Japan should aim to become. Roughly 95% of all respondents replied that they had learned about the war, with two-thirds saying that most of what they remember was learned from classes in school. On the subject of what kind of country Japan should try to become, the top reply was “A free and peaceful country,” followed by “An economically strong country,” “A disaster-resilient country,” and “A country with a strong social-safety net.”

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## First ‘Gathering Space’ Completed in Noroshi

*Project to support reconstruction from Noto Peninsula earthquake revitalizing Suzu City in Ishikawa Prefecture*



As part of its support for the medium- to long-term recovery of areas of Ishikawa prefecture damaged by the earthquake and heavy rains that struck the Noto Peninsula during 2024, The Nippon Foundation has formulated a plan to build “gathering spaces” to promote interchanges among residents of the Oku Noto region, and decided to support the construction and operation of these facilities at nine locations. Construction of the first facility, Noroshi no Minna-no-le, was completed on July 13.

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