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[The Nippon Foundation News] 2026 Kumamoto Earthquake



Photos taken in Yatsushiro City, Kumamoto Prefecture, on August 1

The Nippon Foundation would like to extend its deepest condolences to all who have been affected by the earthquake that struck the Kumamoto area of Japan on July 28, 2026, and their families. The Foundation is working to provide needed support to the affected areas quickly, including support for on-site relief activities being carried out by NGOs and volunteers.

We are also asking for donations to the Special Fund for Disaster Recovery Support to support this effort. The entire amount of donations received will go to relief efforts; donations will not be used for the Foundation's administrative expenses. Your warm support will provide hope for the people in the affected area and lead to its recovery and reconstruction. We ask for your support.

[Special Fund for Disaster Recovery Support: 2026 Kumamoto Earthquake Relief \(external site\)](#)

[Response to July 28 Kumamoto Earthquake and Request for Donations \(July 29, 2026\)](#)

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Celebrating the 2025–26 Nippon Foundation Fellows upon Completion of the IUC Program

Fostering the next generation of Japan experts



The Nippon Foundation and the Inter-University Center for Japanese Language Studies (IUC) held a reception on May 25 in Yokohama to celebrate the 2025–26 Nippon Foundation Fellows upon completion of the IUC program. The Nippon Foundation Fellowship was established in 2021 in response to a continuing need for Japan experts who can contribute to international understanding and positive relations between Japan and other countries.

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Next Generation of Japan Specialists Gather in London

Sasakawa Studentship and Alumni Day 2026 highlights the future of Japanese Studies in the UK



On May 29, students, alumni, academics, and research-support organizations from across the United Kingdom gathered at SOAS University of London for the Sasakawa Studentship and Alumni Day 2026. Organized by the Great Britain Sasakawa Foundation, the biennial event brought together approximately 50 participants to share research, exchange ideas, and strengthen the networks that support Japanese Studies in the United Kingdom.

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Articles and analyses on themes related to areas in which the Foundation has a special interest.



[\[Field Notes\] Lack of Oxygen Also a Reason for Declining Fish Populations](#) (April 9, 2026)

Yohei Sasakawa Blog

Honorary Chair of The Nippon Foundation





[The Nippon Foundation Starts Accepting Donations to Support People in Quake-Hit Kumamoto Prefecture](#) [August 4, 2026]



[The Nippon Foundation Hosts Second African Eminent Persons Meeting to Discuss Blue Economy, Food Security for Sustainable Development \(1\)](#) [July 31, 2026]



[The Nippon Foundation-Nekton Ocean Census Discovers 1,121 New Marine Species in Single Year \(1\)](#) [July 22, 2026]



[The Nippon Foundation Presents Latest Update on "MEGURI2040" Fully Autonomous Ship Program to IMO's Maritime Safety Committee \(1\)](#) [July 14, 2026]



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