

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] Autumn Appetites



Grilled skewers of yakitori

Greetings from The Nippon Foundation. A popular term heard during autumn in Japan is *shokuyoku no aki*, which translates as “autumn, the season of appetites.” In addition to being the harvest season for rice and seasonal delicacies including matsutake mushrooms, *satsumaimo* sweet potatoes, *kaki* (persimmons), and grilled *sanma* (Pacific saury) fish, the cooler weather gives people heartier appetites overall following the hot summer months. Yakitori is a food that is popular year-round throughout Japan. Although the term literally translates as “grilled chicken,” yakitori can include beef and pork as well as chicken, together with onions, asparagus, tomatoes, and other vegetables. The ingredients are cut into bite-sized pieces and placed on skewers for cooking on a grill. Later in the autumn, yakitori can be enjoyed with freshly brewed sake made from recently harvested rice.

INDEX - October 9, 2026

News

1. **Response to August 2026 Torrential Rains in Chiba and Typhoon Dujuan, and Request for Donations** (September 24, 2026)
2. **Current State of Philanthropy in Asia and Recommendations for Strengthening Ecosystems** (September 15, 2026)

Response to August 2026 Torrential Rains in Chiba and Typhoon Dujuan, and Request for Donations

Responding to additional damage caused by Typhoon Dujuan

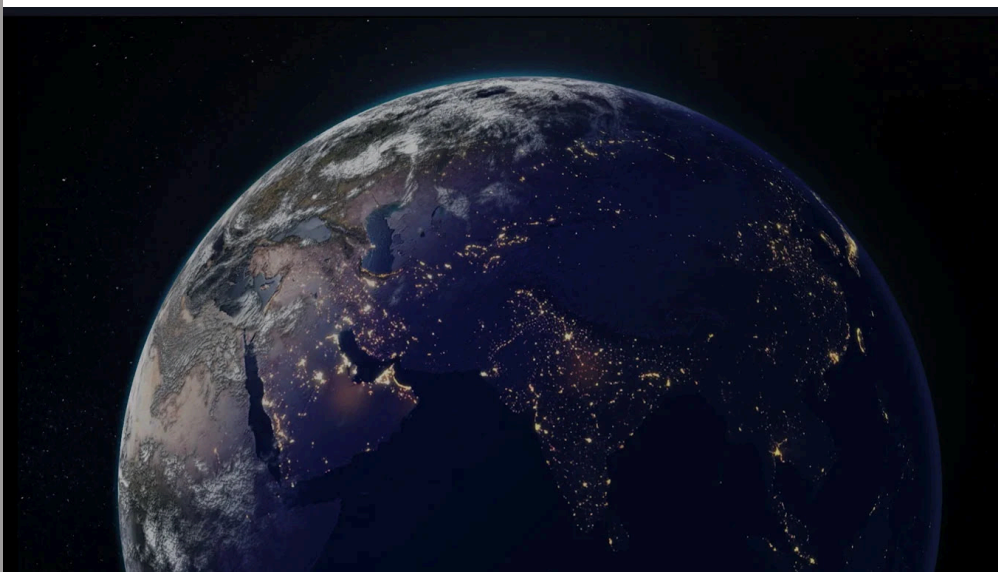


Following heavy rains that caused serious damage in areas of Chiba Prefecture in mid-August, Typhoon Dujuan directly struck the Kanto region including Chiba on September 21, causing further damage. To provide sufficient relief to the area as quickly as possible, The Nippon Foundation has integrated an Emergency Relief Fund for Typhoon No. 25 into the existing Emergency Relief Fund for the August 2026 Chiba Torrential Rains, and extended the period for accepting donations to October 31, 2026 (subject to change).

[Full Article](#)

Current State of Philanthropy in Asia and Recommendations for Strengthening Ecosystems

Commission on Asian Philanthropy's interim report released



The Commission on Asian Philanthropy, co-convenor of the Asia Philanthropy Congress chaired by The Nippon Foundation, has issued its interim report summarizing recent trends and issues related to philanthropy in Asia. The report analyzes the transformation taking place in philanthropy in Asia against the backdrop of the region's

rapid economic growth and accumulation of domestic capital, and presents a framework for building a sustainable and impactful ecosystem for addressing social issues.

[Full Article](#)

Our Focus

Our activities span a wide range of fields and are global in scope. Here we introduce some of the projects we are pursuing on an ongoing basis.



[Imphal Peace Museum](#)



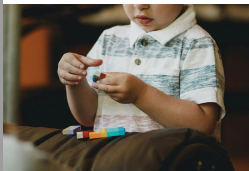
[United Nations Sasakawa Award for Disaster Risk Reduction](#)

In Depth

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



[\[Field Notes\] Nurturing Global Leaders: The Nippon Foundation's International Scholarship Programs](#) (September 17, 2026)



[\[Deep-Dive\] Using IT to Support Kindergartners' Development in Sarawak, Malaysia](#) (June 12, 2026)



[\[Field Notes\] Surveying 'Bilingual Deaf Education' Evidence](#) (May 8, 2026)

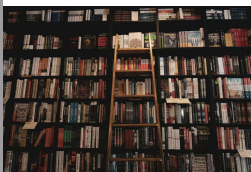
Yohei Sasakawa Blog

Honorary Chair of The Nippon Foundation





[Sasakawa Peace Foundation Celebrates 40th Anniversary with Princess Takamado and Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi](#) [October 6, 2026]



[The Nippon Foundation Donates Books on Japan to Five Institutions in Egypt, Malaysia and Pakistan Under “Read Japan Project” \(1\)](#) [September 29, 2026]



[4 New Partners Join Seabed 2030 Project to Accelerate Mapping of World's Entire Ocean Floor \(1\)](#) [September 17, 2026]

Yohei Sasakawa Blog Top Page

Please send your comments or suggestions by e-mail to

Public Relations Division

Email : pr@ps.nippon-foundation.or.jp



[Remove an existing address](#) | [Add a new address](#)

To change an existing address, [remove an existing address](#), then [add a new address](#).