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Ueno Park and the Tokyo National Museum



The Tokyo National Museum (left) on a recent sunny autumn afternoon and a teahouse (right) on the museum grounds

Greetings from The Nippon Foundation. Ueno Park is one of Tokyo's largest, and one of Japan's first, Western-style parks. The park opened to the public in 1873, as Japan was opening to Western cultural influences following the Meiji Restoration of 1868. Today the park is home to several major museums including the Tokyo National Museum, the National Museum for Western Art, and the National Science Museum, as well as Japan's first zoo. Several Buddhist temples and Shinto shrines dating to the 17th century are located throughout the park, which also includes the scenic, lotus-covered Shinobazu Pond. The major pathway through the park is lined with *sakura* cherry trees, making Ueno Park one of Tokyo's most popular spots for springtime *hanami* cherry blossom viewing.

Originally established in 1872, with the current main building completed in 1938, the Tokyo National Museum is Japan's oldest and largest national museum. The museum's holdings comprise more than 100,000 individual items, including many designated national treasures and important cultural properties, and its regular exhibits introduce the history of Japanese arts and culture from prehistory to modern times. Special exhibitions are also held throughout the year, featuring both Japanese art and exhibitions on loan from museums around the world.

Upcoming Event

The Nippon Foundation will be holding the Asia Philanthropy Congress 2026 in Tokyo on November 27. Bringing together leaders of organizations in the philanthropy sector, with a focus on social issues in the Asia region, the event seeks to promote cooperation and coordination aimed at solving these issues. For more information, please visit the event website.

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Empowering Change-Makers: Case Studies from The Nippon Foundation's Global Scholarship Network

How international scholarship alumni transition from students to drivers of systemic change



The Nippon Foundation's educational grants are designed not as short-term financial aid, but as a 20- to 30-year investment in human capital. The true measure of these programs lies in the real-world social contributions alumni make decades later as they advance scientific research, enter public service, and strengthen local institutions. In this article, three former recipients demonstrate how their fellowship experiences fostered lifelong networks that continue to drive systemic change today.

Full Article

Meeting With Peruvian President Keiko Fujimori

Visit to Japan following APEC meeting aims to strengthen bilateral ties

The Nippon Foundation Chairman Takeju Ogata met with Peruvian President Keiko Fujimori at the Government Palace in Lima for roughly 40 minutes on the evening of October 19. Ms. Fujimori is scheduled to attend the APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting in Shenzhen, China, in November and has indicated that she plans to visit Japan following the meeting. She commented that going forward, she hopes to promote exchanges among private-sector companies to enhance Peru's political and economic stability.

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World's 1st Successful Carbon-Neutral Test Voyage Using Hydrogen Single-Fueled Engine

Significant step forward toward achievement of carbon neutrality in coastal shipping by 2050



The Nippon Foundation launched the Zero Emission Ships project in 2022 with the aim of achieving carbon-free coastal shipping, and has been promoting the development of ships with zero CO2 emissions. One of the project's consortia has developed the world's first ship equipped with a hydrogen single-fueled engine, which completed a roughly 33-kilometer voyage over approximately two hours in Osaka Bay on September 25.

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.



Supporting Mental Health Care for People Affected by Climate Change

As the impacts of climate change become more intense and frequent, The Nippon Foundation is working with the World Health Organization Regional Office for the Western Pacific to strengthen climate-resilient mental health systems across the region, including mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) for people affected by climate-related disasters.



Program to Promote Understanding of Japan

The Nippon Foundation is working with partner foundations and other organizations to help to provide opportunities for individuals involved in Japan-related fields at overseas universities and research institutes to acquire the ability to use advanced Japanese language skills and specialized knowledge to create an international knowledge base and personal networks, and contribute to the building of ongoing international relations based on mutual understanding.

Awareness Survey of 18-Year-Olds

The Nippon Foundation has been conducting internet surveys of young people around the age of 18 continuously since 2018 on the theme of “What do young people think and believe.” Below are some recently translated installments.

Awareness Survey of 18-Year-Olds – National Security (April 30, 2026)

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