

Aimed at educating young leaders with the potential to take on global problems such as poverty, environmental degradation and disease, endowment funds have been provided for scholarships to 60 universities in 39 countries worldwide. More than 5,000 individuals have received scholarships to date.

Scholarships for young leaders through 60 universities worldwide

Training for 1,078 medical personnel from China

This program supports social welfare institutions in Japan such as organizations that promote independence for people with disabilities, group homes for the mentally challenged elderly and daycare centers offering special services. Examples of institutions supported include 624 welfare facilities for the elderly, 829 child welfare institutions such as daycare centers and 617 facilities offering services to the disabled.

2,787 facilities for the disabled, elderly, etc. in Japan

Established in 1987, this program offers the opportunity for young doctors and other medical personnel from China to study and train at a Japanese university or medical institution for a one-year period. To date, 1,078 have trained through this program, including 85 who became professors and 220 who became assistant professors. Program participants returning to China are active throughout their home countries. 80 individuals have returned to Japan for further study by special invitation.

In response to the major nuclear accident that occurred at Chernobyl in 1986, the Nippon Foundation supported medical examinations for approximately 160,000 children over a 5-year period beginning in 1991. Due to increasing thyroid gland abnormalities of children living in Belarus, a further 40,000 examinations are to be completed by 2000. In 1999, remote medical assistance via satellite between the Chernobyl region and Nagasaki University Medical Department was initiated.

Medical examinations for 160,000 children in Chernobyl

The Nippon Foundation: This is what we're doing

Securing safety for 73,000 vessels per year within the Malacca Strait

Approximately 200 large-size vessels including oil tankers pass through the Malacca Strait each day. The strait is a perilous passage with some sections less than 1 km wide. To promote safety within the strait, the Nippon Foundation supports the creation and production of marine charts as well as the supply and maintenance of equipment for 41 lighthouses and other beacons to help ships navigate the strait. Recently, the Foundation supported a survey to research the present situation of pirate ships throughout Southeast Asia. Measures to counter this problem will be proposed this year.

511 vehicles for the disabled in Japan

In order to support the independence and ability to participate in society of individuals using wheelchairs, the Nippon Foundation provides specially equipped vehicles to meet the needs of welfare organizations and volunteer groups throughout Japan that offer transportation services to the disabled.

Scholarships for the hearing impaired for students from 32 countries

World Maritime University located in Malmö, Sweden, is the world's only university specializing in training people to become specialists in maritime affairs. Starting in 1984, the Nippon Foundation has supported students largely from the Asia-Pacific region to study here. To date, 147 students (those to graduate in 2000 included) from 31 countries have received scholarships.

Scholars from 31 countries studying maritime affairs

10.7 million people cured of leprosy

Over 10.7 million people have been cured from leprosy through the use of multi-drug therapy to date. Presently, through the support of the Nippon Foundation, WHO is distributing medicine free of charge to the approximately 1.5 million people in need. We are working towards the elimination of this disease by the end of the century.

9.51 billion yen for agricultural development in Africa

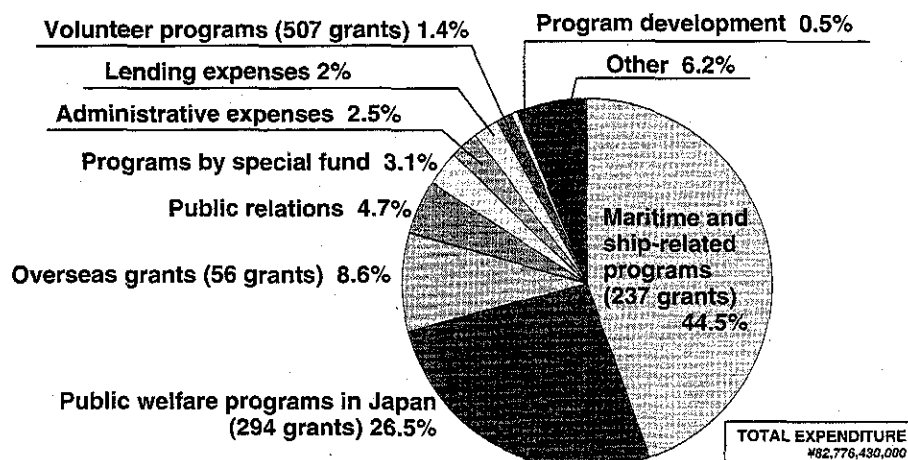
Focusing on students from developing nations, this program was established to offer people with complete or partial hearing loss to study at Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C., the world's only university dedicated specifically for people with hearing disabilities. To date, the Nippon Foundation has distributed scholarship funds to 78 people from 32 countries. Starting in 1998, the Nippon Foundation also supported programs established by the same university for teacher training in sign language in Thailand and South Africa.

This project, entitled **Sasakawa-Global 2000**, is designed to alleviate hunger and poverty in Africa by introducing agricultural technology to improve self-sufficiency in staple grains such as maize and wheat. The project is now in place in 12 African countries: Mali, Guinea, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Togo, Benin, Nigeria, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Uganda, Tanzania and Mozambique.

3.3%

The Nippon Foundation receives funding from motorboat races held at 24 venues around Japan. By law, 3.3 percent of revenues from such races organized by local governments go to the Nippon Foundation to support philanthropic activities around the world.

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