

The Nippon Foundation supports an international internship program established under Japan-U.S. Community Education and Exchange (JUCEE) to promote personnel training and collaboration between the non-profit sector in Japan and the U.S. Since 1998, 94 exchanges of interns among 73 NPOs have been carried out.

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between Japanese
and American
NPOs

To increase productivity in Africa of staple grains such as maize and wheat to help eliminate hunger, The Nippon Foundation initiated and continues to support a program covering 12 countries in Sub-Saharan Africa. Part of the program involves scholarships to agricultural extension workers for university education at four African universities, including Cape Coast University in Ghana. To date, 468 extension workers have received scholarships.

Training for
468
agricultural
extension workers
in Africa

There are approximately 450,000 people in Southeast Asia who have lost their limbs or suffer from other physical disabilities as a result of accidents or diseases such as polio. Prosthetic and orthotic practitioners help these people to participate fully in society by providing them with artificial limbs and assistive devices. The Nippon Foundation, in cooperation with a training school in Cambodia, is helping to teach students from various countries in Asia to become prosthetic and orthotic practitioners.

Training for
47
prosthetic and
orthotic
practitioners in
Southeast
Asia

Reducing
cases of
Hansen's disease to

1
10,000
people
worldwide

Hansen's disease, also known as leprosy, which in the past has been largely misunderstood and its patients discriminated against worldwide, is now curable. Since 1975, The Nippon Foundation has been supporting research, field control and the supply of medicine for Hansen's disease. More than 10 million people have been cured since 1985. As a result, the disease has been eliminated (less than one patient in 10,000 people) in 98 countries. We are working toward the worldwide elimination of this disease by 2005.

Aimed at cultivating future leaders with the potential to take on the role of leadership in a global community and tackle issues of common concern, endowment funds have been provided to 61 universities in 40 countries worldwide. As many as 6,500 scholarships have been provided to highly talented graduate students at these universities.

Scholarships
for
6,500
young leaders
worldwide

In a time of increasing atrocious crime, one in 46 people in Japan is now the victim of a crime each year. The Nippon Foundation, considering the well-being of each victim, supports "Crime Victim Counseling Centers" throughout Japan. Last year, the centers handled 3,089 cases by telephone and 189 cases in person.

Counseling for
3,278
victims of
crime

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.

The Nippon Foundation

Take a close look at what we're doing.

Training for
116
hospice nurses

In light of Japan's aging population, it is estimated that each year 600,000 foreign workers will be required to support Japan's growing economy. However, services for foreigners such as health care and education are not sufficient. The Nippon Foundation has given a total of ¥100 million to 130 volunteer groups supporting foreigners in areas including Japanese-language training, medical examinations and life counseling.

Financial aid
for
130
volunteer groups
supporting
foreigners
in Japan

The role of a hospice nurse is to provide comfort and support to patients suffering from a life-limiting disease such as cancer. Nurses offer care and counseling to alleviate patients' pain and discomfort, both physical and emotional, and also offer support to family members and friends. The Nippon Foundation backs training programs for nurses to become hospice specialists and for qualified hospice nurses to attain advanced expertise.

320
million yen
for activities to
prevent blindness
in Africa

One of the leading causes of blindness throughout the world is onchocerciasis, also known as river blindness. It is a parasitic disease transmitted by the black fly, and it occurs widely in Africa and Central and South America. For over five years, The Nippon Foundation has supported the activities of Helen Keller Worldwide in Africa to combat onchocerciasis.

Pirate information
database accessed
62,369
times
(Aug. 1999~July 2000)

Pirate ships are abundant in Southeast Asia and are in fact increasing their presence in the Malacca Strait, one of the most heavily traveled shipping channels in the world. In order to help protect ships against the threat of pirates, The Nippon Foundation provides information over the Internet, supports the development of warning-system technology and backs international seminars that promote awareness and networking on this issue.

EXPENDITURE (April 1, 1999 ~ March 31, 2000)

Domestic Volunteer Support

3.2%

Overseas Cooperative Assistance

15.2%

Maritime Development

40.2%

Domestic Social Welfare and Public Health

41.4%

TOTAL EXPENDITURE
¥40,839,415,000

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