

Leprosy, sufferers of which have been discriminated against worldwide, is now curable. Since 1975, The Nippon Foundation has assisted WHO leprosy research and has funded the free distribution of medicine worldwide. The result is that the disease has been eliminated in 116 countries. We are progressing with the final effort to eliminate it in the remaining six countries by the year 2005.

Only  
**6**  
leprosy-  
endemic countries  
remain

Training for  
**175**  
hospice nurses

Hospice nurses help to alleviate the emotional and physical pain of terminally ill patients and to reduce the strain on family members. The Nippon Foundation supports short-term research on more advanced hospice technology and the training of licensed hospice nurses who will become future leaders in the field.

The Nippon Foundation supports volunteer activities to save people involved in accidents at sea. An estimated 50,000 people nationwide are registered to engage in maritime relief activities. Last year, there were 391 rescue efforts.

**472**  
lives saved in maritime  
disaster relief

**200,000**  
children received  
medical screening  
in the Chernobyl area

For the past ten years, The Nippon Foundation has assisted in the health screening of children living in areas contaminated by the Chernobyl accident. Collaborating with the Nagasaki University School of Medicine, we also established a telemedicine system to transmit images from Belarus via satellite for diagnosis. Using this system, 18 cases of child thyroid cancer were confirmed in 1999 and 2000.

**100**  
elementary  
schools for  
Cambodia

Foreigners living in Japan face many problems in areas such as health care and education. The Nippon Foundation has given a total of about ¥200 million to help finance projects in these fields, including Japanese-language training, medical examinations and lifestyle counseling.

**228**  
projects supporting  
foreign residents  
of Japan

Cambodia was plagued for years by domestic strife that not only destroyed its infrastructure, but also damaged its human resources. Today, in regions once ruled by the late Pol Pot, rehabilitation has been delayed and, compared with other areas, a gap in education is widening. The Nippon Foundation supports the construction of elementary schools in such areas.

The Nippon Foundation has provided endowments to 62 universities in 40 countries worldwide. These funds are used to cultivate future leaders in the global community who will tackle issues of common concern. More than 7,500 scholarships have been provided to highly talented graduate students at these universities.

Scholarships  
for  
**7,500**  
young leaders  
worldwide

Protecting  
**80%**  
of Japan's petroleum  
imports for 33 years

The Malacca-Singapore Straits are one of the economic lifelines of our country. At the same time, they form one of the most treacherous sea-routes in the world. The Nippon Foundation has been building and maintaining lighthouses in the straits since 1968.

Maize yields  
increase  
**2.5x**

To fight hunger in Africa, The Nippon Foundation is working in 11 sub-Saharan countries on programs to step up food production. Through the use of modern farming technologies and techniques, maize yields have shown a 2.5-fold increase per acre, compared with fields cultivated under traditional farming methods.

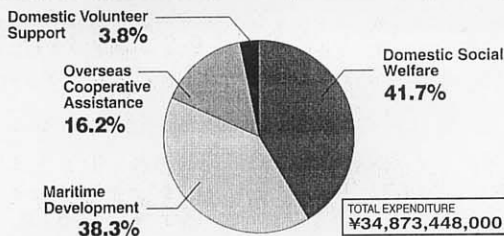
A global  
network of  
**27**  
maritime  
universities

The Nippon Foundation, in a bid to ensure the safety of global maritime traffic and establish maritime safety control, has provided funding to the International Association of Maritime Universities, an organization made up of 27 of the top maritime schools. The Foundation supports the building of a network of these institutions in order to elevate their educational standards even further.

**3.3%**  
of motorboat  
racing  
revenues

The Nippon Foundation receives its funding from motorboat races organized by local governments and held at 24 venues around Japan. By law, 3.3 percent of revenues from these races goes to the Foundation to support philanthropic activities around the world. Areas in which we are particularly active include overseas cooperative assistance, domestic volunteer support, domestic social welfare and maritime development.

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