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Annual Report

Report for Fiscal 2012



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Message from the President



Atsuko Toyama
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Introduction

The Toyota Foundation has entered its fourth year as a “public interest incorporated foundation.” The shift to that classification was made in April 2010, as a prompt response to the reform of Japan’s public-interest corporations system that exempted them from taxation was introduced in December 2008. Since our establishment in 1974, the Toyota Foundation has consistently pursued the mission of “contributing to the realization of a human-oriented society for the sake of greater human happiness.” Toward that end, we have provided a total of roughly ¥16.8 billion to support over 7,600 projects in Japan and overseas, earning widespread praise in return.

In the years ahead, the Toyota Foundation pledges to continue its efforts as a public interest incorporated foundation that aims to contribute ever more to the public interest as a means of creating a better society. We will strive to fulfill this responsibility by entering into partnerships with other nongovernmental organizations and groups in other sectors in order to develop grant programs that truly benefit the public.

This effort will require us, first of all, to examine our activities up to now and broadly disseminate to society our achievements and the tasks we wish to complete. Recognizing this need, we have decided to come up with a new annual report to reflect on our activities of the past year. We hope that you will take the time to read our report and offer us your frank opinions regarding its content.

A Look Back at Fiscal 2012

Looking back on fiscal 2012, we can see that it was a year where we increased our support to grants that help facilitate recovery from the Great East Japan Earthquake by funding activities to rebuild people’s lives and revive local communities. The Special Subject programs dedicated to recovery from this disaster included these grants, and two new initiatives were also set up:

the Grant Program for Policy Recommendation and the Grant Program for Inter Local Associate. Project proposals for these new grants were accepted twice a year.

During the year, we also partnered with the Panasonic Education Foundation to provide grants for the “Building Places for the Children and Growing the Next Generation” program operating in Iwate, Miyagi, and Fukushima Prefectures. In teaming up, the two foundations were able to leverage their respective areas of expertise to support children in those areas. We think this is a good example of the benefits that can result from the flexibility of private foundations. In December 2012, the two foundations also joined forces to hold an event in Sendai to present reports on the activities funded by those grants.

In addition to our Special Subject program in response to the earthquake and tsunami, the Toyota Foundation also accepted applications for general projects under the Grant Program for Community Activities in Japan. We also added the Grant Program for Inter Local Associate, which aims to support activities that connect local areas and allow them to learn from each other to solve their problems.

Meanwhile, the Asian Neighbors Program has implemented a one-year Special Subject program called Prospects for the Future, with a view to reevaluating our international grant program in light of the changing situation facing Japan and Asia in recent years. The new program provides grants for nongovernmental organizations active in Asian countries, allowing them to look back on their activities to date and then compile and convey their insights and recommendations based on that examination. We plan to hold meetings where participants can share the program’s results with specialists from inside and outside Japan, using this as the basis for continued efforts to identify the areas in which the Toyota Foundation can best contribute in Asia and other regions of the world. In addition to soliciting grant proposals, we also held three international

symposiums (two in Thailand and one in Indonesia) to disseminate the results of past grant projects.

For our Research Grant Program, we accepted project proposals in fiscal 2012 under the same framework used in the previous year. In particular, we actively sought projects with an innovative, future-oriented vision by accepting proposals for joint research projects under the category, “Research that Aims to Explore New Social Values.” We found, however, that there were not enough project proposals that matched the aims of the program, owing in part to our insufficient explanation of those aims to the applicants. This is an issue that we are aware of and seeking to address in fiscal 2013 and beyond.

Future Outlook

For all of our programs, the projects that received grants in fiscal 2012 have already started to implement their activities. We hope that each of these projects will yield positive results. The Toyota Foundation, for its part, will strive to continually enhance the suitability of its grant activities by analyzing the results of the projects it supports and deepening its understanding of the social conditions that we face today. We will do our utmost, based on an awareness shared with the grant recipients, to ensure that the activities for each project can develop in a free and vigorous way.

Dialoging with society is essential if our activities are to truly serve the public interest. Along with our grant-provision activities, we intend to communicate with our diverse stakeholders through our annual reports, publicity newsletters, and other publications as well as our presentations, symposiums, and other events. We hope that through this communication we will become aware of new social tasks to address and then develop ways to support initiatives aimed at resolving those issues.

July 2013

Looking Back the Toyota Foundation's FY 2012

Presented herewith are the images of symposium, workshop, and ceremony which the Toyota Foundation was involved with.



The Toyota Foundation and the Panasonic Education Foundation Common Project for the Great East Japan Earthquake Relief

Disseminating Session, "Building Space for Kids and Growing the Next Generation"

In Sendai, November 27, 2012

Since 2011, the Toyota Foundation and the Panasonic Education Foundation have made grants hand in hand to protect and grow the kids affected by the the Great East Japan Earthquake. During the session, the three grant awarded organizations, Beans Fukushima, Human Security Forum, and, Iwate Empowerment for Kids, reported the audience their ongoing projects in Fukushima, Miyagi, and, Iwate.



① Opening Remarks by President Toyama ② Presenting the Project ③ The Panelists ④ Prof. Tetsuya Murakami of Nihon Fukushi University, coordinator ⑤ About 50 participants attended a session



① The Venue ② Group Work by the Four Groups of the Participants ③ Presentation by Sec-Gen Masashi Yamaguchi of JANIC ④ Commentator, Prof. Michiya Kumaoka of the Japan Institute of Moving Image and former VP of JANIC



The Asian Neighbor's Program's Special Purpose Grant, Kick-Off Event

The Asian Neighbor's Program's Special Purpose Grant, Kick-Off Workshop

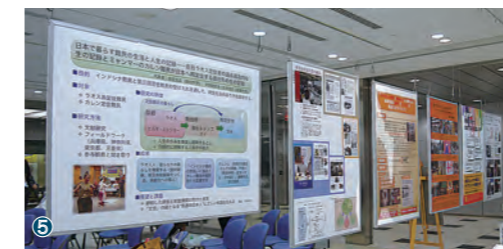
In Shinjuku, December 18, 2012

Participated in were 22 people from 15 grant-awarded organizations under the Asian Neighbor's Program's Special Purpose Grant, "Prospects for the Future." History of the organizations varied from well-seasoned over 50 years to fresh less than 10 years and so were their fields such as public health, environment, urban planning, and, rural development. It looked as if microcosmos of the NGOs in Japan. The session examined the immediate results that they pursued and how disseminated, the wrap-up and dissemination of the Special Purpose Grant, and, the procession toward ending.

The Toyota Foundation Project Reporting Workshop, "Living Together, Beyond Multi-cultural Cohabitation"

In Shinjuku, March 22, 2013

The grant-awardees concerning multi-cultural cohabitation presented their researches and actions. Upon presentation by 4 grant-awardees, whole participants conducted a free discussion. Also a "Lunch Time Event" was organized and poster presentations were added. Also on sale were copies of a cookbook, "Flavors without Borders" containing recipes of home food of the refugees in Japan and the Kurdish lace-works hand-woven by the Kurd refugees.



① Free discussion ② The Venue without Walls Open to Visitors ③ Kurdish lace works, Oya, hand-woven by Kurd refugees ④ Presentation by Grant-Awardees ⑤ Poster Presentation concerning Multi-cultural Cohabitation

Asian Neighbors Program
International Symposium(Communication with Society Program)

① **Mekong Symposium on Migration: Migrants from the Mekong Neighborhood Living Together-Seeking Coherent Responses to Enable Integration and Social Cohesion of Migrants in the Greater Mekong Sub-region.**

Grantee: Ms. Jacqueline Pollock of Mekong Migration Network In Bangkok, Thailand, February 26-28, 2013

A symposium aimed to seek a cohabitation of migrants and host regions. About 70 people participated from governments, academia, research institutions, NGOs, and migrant worker's groups in the Mekong sub-region. A declaration to protect rights of the migrant workers and also to promote collaborations to build mutual respect and trust was approved.



① Ms. Jacqueline Pollock (on the right)
② Ministerial level of government officials, representatives for international organizations, NGOs, and migrant worker's groups attended.
③ At the press conference on the last day were Mr. Myint Thein, Myanmar's Vice Minister for labor, employment, and social welfare and others.

Asian Neighbors Program
International Symposium(Communication with Society Program)

② **International Conference on Risk-communication and Constructive Solution for the Healthy Future of Map Tha Put organized by Prof. Shigeharu Nakachi of Kumamoto Gakuen University.**

Grantee: Prof. Shigeharu Nakachi of Kumamoto Gakuen University In Bangkok, Thailand, February 28, 2013

A superb opportunity for disseminating the results of participatory environmental survey in Map Tha Put industrial zone in Eastern Thailand and risk communication action there for about 200 participants from Thailand, Cambodia, Vietnam, and China.



① Prof. Nakachi's presentation on risk-communication (on the left)
② Participants including those neighboring countries are almost 200
③ A Cambodian participant spoke about the need of introducing risk-communication.

Asian Neighbors Program
International Symposium(Communication with Society Program)

③ **Symposium International Conference on Indonesia's Community Forest "Toward the Realization of Community Forest and Village Forest-People's Empowerment and Mitigation of Climate Change"**

Grantee: Mr. Akira Harada of JATAN In Jakarta, Indonesia, April 24-25, 2013

Indonesia Ministry of Forestry, local authorities and NGOs gathered to discuss how to promote forest management by localities. The Ford Foundation sponsored this event, too.



① Mr. Harada, JATAN(center)
② The delegates
③ Exhibition of Goods from Forest

Initiative Program
International Roundtable, "Asian Studies in Africa"

Lusaka, Zambia, October 9-11, 2012

The meeting aimed to promote Asian studies in Africa and 30 delegates from 17 countries attended. At the end of the meeting, Association of Asian Studies in Africa was agreed to establish.



① Dr. Philippe Peycam, the Project Representative(on the left)
② Discussion
③ The Delegates. From Japan, Prof. Yoichi Mine of Doshisha University and two others Attended.

Award Ceremony of The Great East Japan Earthquake Grant, Summer Period

In Sendai, July 24, 2012 In Tohno, July 25, 2012



① Dr. Yasuhide Nakamura, Chair of the Selection Committee Spoke His Views. ③ Report by the Grantees
② The Venue at Tohno

Award Ceremony of The Research Grant Program and Asian Neighbors Program

In Shinjuku, October 23, 2012



① Reporting Session by the Past Grantees, Organized Prior to the Ceremony ② President Toyama ③ Dr. Toshio Kuwako, Chair of the Research Grant Program's Selection Committee

Award Ceremony of The Great East Japan Earthquake Grant, Winter Period

In Fukushima, December 17, 2012 In Sendai, December 18, 2012 In Tohno, December 19, 2012



① Fukushima ② Sendai ③ Tohno

Award Ceremony of Grant Program for Community Activities in Japan

In Shinjuku, April 20, 2013

① Prof. Kazunobu Onogawa, a Member of the Selection Committee
② Presenting the Grant Certificate ③ At Reception Party



JOINT

The Toyota Foundation News Letter Published in FY 2012(Only in Japanese)



JOINT Vol. 9
Looking at Human Ties from Locality

JOINT issue No. 9 is packed full of a variety of articles presenting grant activities, including a discussion on "Working Together to Build Vibrant Local Communities"; an interview with a grant recipient in Fukushima; and a firsthand report on activities in Thailand and Myanmar. This first issue of fiscal 2012 shows how the Toyota Foundation is aiming to bring about a society in which people can support one another in their daily lives.



JOINT Vol. 10
Wisdom Being Lost Handing Over to Future

Issue No. 10 of JOINT includes a roundtable discussion titled "Ways to Connect Nature, People, and Society," exploring issues related to inheriting the lost wisdom of the past, as well as the "Our Initiatives" section featuring content from Research Grant Program recipients. There is also the new "Joint Café" section, which is a forum for grant recipients and others to exchange activity-related information. This issue takes a closer look at the grassroots efforts that all of us can contribute to.



JOINT Vol. 11
Asia and Japan in the Future

Along with a series looking at the past and future of the Asian Neighbors Program in light of the direction of Japan's relationship to Asia, JOINT No. 11 features an array of other content, including information on activities related to the grant program supporting the disaster recovery effort in northeast Japan. The articles highlight how the Toyota Foundation is continuing on its journey toward tomorrow, fostering the sort of new ties between countries, regions, and individuals that are needed.

Research Grant Program

Theme: “Exploring Knowledge to Build a Better Future”

Summary

Application Period:

Web-based Applications: April 16 to May 18, 2012 (until 17:00 JST)

Applications by Mail: April 16 to May 17, 2012 (latest acceptable postmark)

Grant Validity: One or two years, beginning November 1st, 2012

Grant Types:

Category A (Joint Research)

A1: Research that aimed at creating new social value

A2: Practical research that contributes to addressing social issues

Category B (Individual Research)

Amount of Grants:

Category A: Up to ten million yen per project

Category B: One million yen to two million yen per project

Overview:

Projects Expected to Contribute to a Better Future

In fiscal 2012 the Research Grant Program widely solicited proposals for ambitious projects aimed at building a better future. The content of the program was basically the same as the program revised in fiscal 2011. One change, however, is that order for the two frameworks of “Category A” for joint research grants was reversed, so that “Research that Aims to Explore New Social Values” is now positioned as A1 and “Research that Addresses Social Issues” is A2. The change was made from a desire to actively support innovative projects that propose a vision of the new, upcoming era.

For each of our project frameworks, we received many proposals, spanning a wide range of fields. However, in reviewing the proposals, the selection committee noted that there were relatively few proposals that corresponded to the fundamental aims for A1, which was a framework that the Toyota Foundation had placed special emphasis on. Granted, 2012 was only the second year for our revised program, and the framework is worth continuing into the upcoming year, but the committee’s evaluation attests to the fact that the program aims were not adequately conveyed to those submitting proposals. Plans call for the project proposal guideline to be revised for fiscal 2013 and for efforts to be made to improve the means of distributing and publicizing the guideline.

The A2 framework is intended to attract project proposals from those keen to address important social issues. The grant-win-

ning projects have covered an array of fields, including energy and resource management, nature conservation, the improvement of support systems for minorities and weaker members of society, and the promotion of historical reconciliation. These projects can all be expected to generate good results and involve cooperation with researchers, NPOs, and others.

“Category B,” meanwhile, is the framework of individual research grants, with the clear goal of broadly supporting research characterized by a free and innovative outlook. Thanks to this clarity, it was the category that received the majority and greatest variety of proposals. The selection process resulted in many grants bestowed on proposals by younger researchers eager to contribute to society through their activities. But starting from fiscal 2013, the program may need to better clarify its aims and strengthen the ability to convey messages to society.

Following the selection of the grant projects, the Grant Award Ceremony was held in conjunction with the Asian Neighbors Program. Prior to the ceremony, an event was held titled “To Make the Best Out of the Grant: Learning from Past Projects Granted by the Toyota Foundation” in order for former grant recipients to present information on past projects. The current grant recipients in attendance listened earnestly to the presentations. One could sense from the atmosphere that the presenters had clearly conveyed the importance of grasping the essence of the grant program and carrying out projects on the basis of that understanding to generate results. This will hopefully greatly benefit the grant projects carried out in fiscal 2012, helping to bring about a better future.

Grant Results

()Fiscal 2011

	Number of applications	Number of grants	Value of grants (¥ million)	Budget (¥ million)	Acceptance rate (%)
Joint Research A1	149	5	26.9	40.0	3.4
Joint Research A2	236	8	40.2	40.0	3.4
Individual Research	495	21	27.99	20.0	4.2
Total	880 (862)	34 (47)	95.09 (141.3)	100.0 (150.0)	3.9 (5.5)

Research Grant Program for Fiscal 2012

Comments by Selection Committee Chair Dr. Toshio Kuwako

In 2012, as in the previous year, the Toyota Foundation Research Grant Program conducted reviews in two categories. Category A covered Joint Research Grants; Category B was for Individual Research Grants. In previous year, Category A was broken down into Category A1 (“Practical research that contributes to addressing challenges facing society”) and Category A2 (“Value-creation research aimed at forging a new society”). This year, the order of these subcategories was reversed, so that Category A1 is now “Research that aims at creating new social value”, and Category A2 is “Practical research that contributes to addressing social issue”.

We changed the order in order to reflect our priorities. Our aim is to actively support original, visionary research projects that work toward a new future. We believe that society is at a critical historical turning point. It is vital to resolve the issues we face today. The phrase “Creating new value” encapsulates this philosophy.

In soliciting applications for Joint Research Grants A1, we were looking not for conventional research of the kind rewarded within existing academic evaluation systems, but projects that went beyond conventional academic research. We hoped to see ambitious, ground-breaking research that introduced new ideas, concepts and theories capable of taking the world into the future.

Unfortunately, however, the selection committee was forced to conclude that overall few projects met these expectations and offered real potential in terms of creating new value for society.

There were probably a variety of reasons for this. It may be that the purpose of the Toyota Foundation research grant was not communicated to applicants properly. The foundation need to work on the way it conducts its publicity. On the other hand, it may simply be the case that this year’s applicants did not take the time to understand the intent of the foundation’s research grants fully before applying.

Some applications gave the impression that the projects in question had been designed in such a way as to make it eligible for a wide variety of different funding initiatives, of which applying to the Toyota Foundation was just one part. Additionally, a number of proposals were laden with jargon and difficult to understand.

This probably reflects the situation in which academics find themselves today. It is vital for applicants to make sure that their projects have a sense of direction, rather than just doing research for its own sake. In many cases, we felt that applicants needed to give more careful consideration to the question of how their project could contribute to society.

Research projects that were considered for grants under Category A1 were all rooted in issues facing local communities. Some of these projects might have been better considered as applications for funding under Category A2. We gave high evaluations to projects that proactively sought to tackle a variety of topics, including living spaces, education, disasters, film, and nuclear energy.

In Joint Research Grants A2, “Practical research that contributes to addressing social issue”, the selection committee was delighted to receive several successful applications from Central America and other regions that have received very few grants in the past.

All over the world, citizen-led research initiatives are underway to resolve the issues faced by local communities. This is the kind of research that the Toyota Foundation seeks to support. One representative example of the kind of project we are delighted to support came from Kyoko Abe at the World Open Heart: “Joint Research for Developing a System to Prevent Repeating Crime Activities by Convicted Criminals in Japan.” Projects like this tend to be overlooked by the academic establishment, making grants for these kinds of activities especially significant.

Because only a small number of applications were qualified for Category A1, we were able to give grants to more young researchers who had applied to Category B, Individual Research Grants. The youngest researcher to be awarded a grant was 26 years old. The Toyota Foundation is expanding its scope to cover talented young researchers and various activists working in local communities outside the remit of universities and other academic institutions.

Although this year’s successful applicants were all either Japanese or South Korean, the focus of their research covered a wide range of countries including Kenya, China, Angola, the United States, Zambia, Canada, and the Philippines. For individual research grants, the committee took the view that supporting the development of the applicants was more important than pointing out any problems with the content of the proposed projects, and worked to select projects that

seemed promising from this perspective. The committee was unanimous in wanting to support projects in which the applicants’ lives were reflected in the proposal and its anticipated results.

From this perspective, Akie Kyo’s project, “A Study on Factors Promoting Adherence to Medications in Vulnerable Groups,” and Haruko Aito’s project, “Establishing Childcare Networks Approaching Issues in Closed Mine Area: Focusing on the 15 Years’ Activity of ‘Chikuhou Kosodate Network’” are good examples. Both are ambitious, solution-oriented projects based on a sharp-sighted understanding of the problems in local communities and marked by a passionate sense of commitment. We look forward to seeing the results of these promising projects.

This year’s applications came a year after the earthquake and tsunami disaster of March 2011, at a turning point in which a wide variety of societal problems were brought to the fore. We hoped that applicants would attempt to tackle these problems and build new value in this changing society. It was extremely disappointing that very few projects met these expectations. Despite this, we are hopeful that the applicants who were selected to receive a grant will demonstrate good understanding of the aims of the Toyota Foundation. We are confident that their results will succeed in making a contribution to resolving the issues in their respective fields.

List of Grants Research Grant Program

Grant Number	Project Title Representative Organization	Grant Amount(Yen)
Category A: Joint Research (1)		
D12-R-0064	The Study on Application of Participatory WebGIS to “Spatial Visualization of Community Problems” in Rural Vietnam Kazunobu Tsutsui Faculty of Regional Sciences, Tottori University	7,500,000
D12-R-0199	Research into Strategies for Primary and Lower Secondary School Reform to Improve Equality in Education Eisuke Saito National Institute of Education, Singapore	6,200,000
D12-R-0318	Voices of Possibility: Recording Oral Narratives of Community Rebuilding in Post 3.11 Tohoku David Slater Institute of Comparative Culture, Sophia University	4,600,000
D12-R-0736	Interdisciplinary Research on Post-Revolutionary Iranian Cinema and Society: Culture of Entertainment and Resistance under the Authoritarian Regime Mari Nukii Organization of Islamic Area Studies, Waseda University	5,700,000
D12-R-0796	Understanding the Restructure of the “Domestic Colonies” Resulting from the Nuclear Catastrophe: Construction of a New Agriculture and Rural Areas Research that Takes the Experience of “Kogai (Industrial Pollution in Modern Japan)” as its Frame of Reference Hideki Nakata International Peace Research Institute, Meiji Gakuin University	2,900,000

List of Grants Research Grant Program

Grant Number	Project Title Representative Organization	Grant Amount(Yen)
Category A: Joint Research (2)		
D12-R-0018	Possibilities of Sustainable “Development” and “Reconstruction” in Local Communities Facing with the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Disaster Noboru Watanabe Faculty of Humanities, Niigata University	7,000,000
D12-R-0164	Development of Sustainable Water Management System for Improving Health and Quality of Life among Postnatal Women Living in Urban Nepal Yoko Aihara Interdisciplinary Graduate School of Medicine and Engineering, University of Yamanashi	2,300,000
D12-R-0529	Stock Management Practices for the Indigenous Shrimp Macrobrachium Yui in Northern Laos: An Attempt on Recovery of the Shrimp Stock with Local Community Participation Sayaka Ito Japan International Research Center for Agricultural Sciences	4,900,000
D12-R-0652	Joint Research for Developing a System to Prevent Repeating Crime Activities by Convicted Criminals in Japan Kyoko Abe World Open Heart	5,000,000
D12-R-0657	The Ideal and the Reality of Overseas North Korean Defectors: From the Perspective of Transnational Networks and Border Controls Kyungmook Kim School of International Liberal Studies, Chukyo University	5,300,000
D12-R-0767	Research on Therapeutic Support for Children with Type 2 Diabetes Onset in Adolescence: Focusing on the Continuity of Treatment and Therapy Katsuko Okimoto Faculty of Health and Welfare Science, Okayama Prefectural University	3,300,000
D12-R-0805	Conservation of Endangered Species through Traditional Lifestyles in Alejandro de Humboldt National Park, Cuba Lazaro Miguel Echenique-Diaz Environmental Education Center, Miyagi University of Education	5,900,000
D12-R-1133	Seeking a Solution to the Netherlands and Japan Relation over the Pacific War: Research Project of Internalization of “the Other’s History” by Japanese Residents in the Netherlands and the Creation of a History Reconciliation Program from Private Sector Initiative that Responds to Local Needs Kaori Maekawa Foundation for the People Affected by the War in the Pacific: with Japanese archives and contacts	6,500,000
Category B: Individual Research (2)		
D12-R-0025	Conservation Ecology of a Wild African Leopards (Panthera Pardus) in Urban Landscape in and around Nairobi National Park Yumi Yamane Graduate School of Asian and African Area Studies, Kyoto University	1,000,000
D12-R-0106	Natural Resource Management in Mount Dayao, Guangxi Prefecture, China Masumi Kikuchi School of International Liberal Studies, Waseda University	700,000
D12-R-0126	Reconstruction of Regional Economy in African Post-conflict Society: New Order Building among Local Livelihoods Rumiko Murao Research Institute for Languages and Cultures of Asia and Africa, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies	1,500,000
D12-R-0241	The Primary Factors of Historical Changes to the Distribution of Wild Animals in Japan: Aiming for the Establishment of Archaeozoology Takeshi Yamazaki Nara National Research Institute for Cultural Properties	1,600,000
D12-R-0281	Creating New Views on Death and Life for Non-experienced Generations: From the Case Studies of Islands in East Asia Region in the Post-conflict Era Sungman Koh Graduate School of Letters, Kyoto University	1,500,000
D12-R-0351	Social Democracy in International History: Cold War, Philanthropy and Democratic Socialism Masato Karashima Faculty of Letters, Kyoto University	1,300,000
D12-R-0586	Establishing Childcare Networks Approaching Issues in Closed Mine Area: Focusing on the 15 years’ Activity of “Chikuhou Kosodate Network” Haruko Aito WILL: Support for Civil Society Groups in Childcare Activities	790,000
D12-R-0632	A Study on Factors Promoting Adherence to Medications in Vulnerable Groups Akie Kyo Graduate School of Asian and African Area Studies, Kyoto University	1,500,000
D12-R-0644	The Judo Dojo as a ‘Contact Zone’ : Processes and Struggles of Japanese Immigrants Seeking Re-settlement through the Judo Gym Yosuke Washiya Graduate School of Exercise Sciences, University of Toronto	1,200,000

Grant Number	Project Title Representative Organization	Grant Amount(Yen)
Category B: Individual Research (2)		
D12-R-0746	Historiographical Examination on the Development in Okinawa and Japan after World War II, Related to "the Battle of Okinawa" and "U.S. Military Bases" Makoto Sakurazawa College of Business Administration, Ritsumeikan University	1,700,000
D12-R-0759	Society and History of the Chinese Yellow Sea Islands: An Anthropological Approach to the Islands Hiromi Ogata College of Engineering and Design, Shibaura Institute of Technology	1,500,000
D12-R-0761	Memories of Atomic Bombing and Story-telling Activities by Atomic Bomb Survivors in the U.S.: An Anthropological Study on Violence, Society, and Victims Masaya Nemoto Graduate School of Social Sciences, Hitotsubashi University	1,400,000
D12-R-0853	"Ying Fu Chu Zai" through Masked Performances: A Social Anthropological Study of "She Qu" and Community in Jiangnan, China Yoshitaka Kawase Graduate School of Humanities, Tokyo Metropolitan University	1,600,000
D12-R-0889	A Sociological Analysis of the Social Mechanisms to Produce Ethnic Minorities in Post-WWII East and Southeast Asia and the Possibility of their Multicultural Symbiosis: A Case Study of Overseas Taiwanese in the Ryukyu Islands Shohei Yao Organization for Asian Studies, Waseda University	1,400,000
D12-R-0919	Formative Justice for Rebuilding Security in Post Separatist Conflict: the Case of Mindanao in the Southern Philippines Meg Kagawa Osaka School of International Public Policy, Osaka University	2,000,000
D12-R-0940	An Involvement of Hinduism and Buddhism of Nepal in Dapha Music and its Tradition Joshi Sawan Department of Music Research, Tokyo University of Arts	900,000
D12-R-0949	Resilience of Clinical Research Coordinators: How Have They Gained Mental Recovery? Tomomi Nukui Gunma University Hospital	700,000
D12-R-0985	The Possibility of Social Capital in Multicultural Area: Toward Structured Educational Support for Newcomer 2nd Generations Akiko Miura Graduate School of Social Sciences, Hitotsubashi University	1,000,000
D12-R-0988	Development and Evaluation of an Education Program for Eating and Mind among Adolescents: Body, Eating and Mind (BEAM) Project Naomi Chisuwa Graduate School of Human Life Science, Osaka City University	1,700,000
D12-R-1126	Baseline Study on the Activities and Impacts of Islamic NGOs in Palestine: Toward the Formulation of Visions and Methods for the Cooperation between the Japanese Civil Society and Islamic NGOs. Taizo Imano Graduate School of Literature and Human Sciences, Osaka City University	1,500,000
D12-R-1138	The Role Played by Traditional Apiculture of the Japanese Honey Bee as "Asobi Shigoto (Playful Work)" in the Conservation of the Local Eco-system Koji Mizota Environmental Education Center, Miyagi University of Education	1,500,000

Asian Neighbors Program

Theme: "Prospects for the Future"

Summary

Application Period:

June 4 to July 6, 2012

Grant Period: One year beginning November 1, 2012

Amount of Grants: Up to three million yen per project

Project Areas: 1. Dealing with changing livelihoods, 2.

Strengthening social mechanisms to support individuals'

lives, 3. Exploring multi-cultural societies

Overview:

Pondering the Future of International Grants

In fiscal 2012 the Toyota Foundation conducted a survey to elucidate the future of its international grants following its Asian Neighbors Program, which concluded at the end of the previous fiscal year. The end of the program reflected the changes and rapid economic growth among Asian countries in recent years and the corresponding changes in their relations with Japan. In both Japan and Asian countries, Toyota Foundation staff visited grant project groups, international organizations, government agencies, research institutions and universities, and NPOs and NGOs in order to become better aware of the issues facing Asian countries and the types of cooperation that are needed. In November 2012 a round-table discussion was also held between Asian researchers to solicit valuable opinions about the future for Japan and Asia (see issue No. 11 of *JOINT*).

We solicited proposals for a new Special Subject program named "Prospects for the Future" that aims to bring together researchers from Japan and Asian countries to examine the international cooperation carried out to date and then, on the basis of that examination, make proposals for the future. A total of 19 projects were selected for the program, with a focus on Japanese groups involved in international cooperation, and in December 2012 a "kick-off workshop" was held for the participating groups in Japan. This event gathered together valuable opinions that will be useful to our future international grant program.

We also offered a grant to hold international symposiums (two in Bangkok and one in Jakarta) to more widely convey the

results of three past projects that were carried out under the Asian Neighbors Program. Also, in March 2013, an event titled "Living Together, Beyond Multi-cultural Cohabitation" was held in order for grant recipients of the Asian Neighbors Program and other programs to make presentations. Key tasks, moving forward, will be to identify the direction with regard to building partnerships between Japan and other Asian countries and carrying out respective roles.

Asian Neighbors Program for Fiscal 2012 Comments by Selection Committee Chair Dr. Koichi Miyoshi

Outline of 2012 Asian Neighbors Program (Special Purpose Grant)

Since its establishment in 1974, the Toyota Foundation has offered international grant programs to support a wide range of research and other activities, primarily in Asia. From 2009, the foundation has run the Asian Neighbors Program, which supports practical activities for dealing with problems in Asian countries. During this time, Asia has frequently been called the driving center of global economic growth. In consequence, the relationship between Japan and other Asian countries has changed from top-down "support" from "developed" Japan to "developing" Asian countries, to a horizontal pattern in which Japan and other Asian countries confront similar issues together, such as poverty.

The Great East Japan Earthquake of March 2011 and its aftermath made people recognize the importance of ties and raised serious questions about Japan's involvement in international

Grant Results

Number of applications	Number of grants	Value of grants (¥ million)	Budget (¥ million)	Acceptance rate (%)
106	19	49.8	50.0	17.9

development.

In light of these changes in Asia and Japan, the foundation secretariat has suspended its support for individual activities and projects, and stepped forward to conduct an one-year limited special purpose grant under the Asian Neighbors Program named “Prospect for the Future.” This will be based on the accumulated experience and knowledge of each practitioner.

The aim of the special purpose grant was to provide an opportunity for people who have been working on practical activities in Asian countries to gather, look back on their actions, and to compile a report on prospects and recommendations for the future in Asia and Japan, therefore presenting a new relationship between Japan and its Asian neighbors, and reflecting the needs of each. Three areas of discussion were set for the experience sharing workshop and the report “Prospect for the Future.” These were: “Dealing with changing livelihoods,” “Strengthening social mechanisms to support individuals’ lives,” and “Exploring multicultural societies.”

Overview of Applications

There were 106 applications for the special purpose grant, a 56.7% decrease from the 245 applications received in 2011. One noteworthy feature of applications received in 2012 was that an equal number of applications was received from Japanese and non-Japanese applicants (53 each). In 2011, there were 162 non-Japanese and 88 Japan applicants. This may have been a result of the characteristics of the special purpose grant, which aimed to bring together and utilize the longstanding experience and insights based on efforts in Asian countries, rather than supporting practical projects.

The subject area “Dealing with changing livelihoods” attracted the largest number of applications (58), followed by “Exploring multicultural societies” (26) and “Strengthening social mechanisms to support individuals’ lives” (22).

Selection Process Results

The selection committee conducted a comprehensive evaluation of the applications, with a particular focus on (1)

consistency with the aim of the special purpose grant and the project’s feasibility, (2) issues to be addressed in the project, (3) the potential results of the project. We gave high evaluations to projects that will critically validate their own activities, and that have the potential to provide valuable and path-breaking recommendations for Asia and Japan. Following the evaluations, the committee selected 19 projects to receive the special purpose grant (please see the complete list of projects for details). The selection rate was 17.9%, an increase over the 9% rate in 2011.

The number of successful applications in each subject area was as follows. Eleven projects were selected for “Dealing with changing livelihoods,” five for “Exploring multicultural societies,” and three for “Strengthening social mechanisms to support individuals’ lives,” reflecting the number of applications. Five projects were from non-Japanese applicants.

All projects selected by the committee will involve an experience exchange based on grantees’ practical activities. It is hoped that the projects will succeed in presenting knowledge and recommendation from Asian and/or Japanese perspectives by conceptualizing the stories from their activities. However, the committee felt that overall, the “Prospect for the Future” part of the application was less coherently put together than the experience sharing part. We expect each project to discuss what contributions it has made in terms of making valuable and pioneering recommendations for the future of Asia and Japan. This will involve the processes of analyzing and conceptualizing the project’s practical activities and compiling a “Prospect for the Future” report, to be disseminated widely.

Conclusion

This year’s special purpose grant provides an ideal opportunity to review our mindset, which tends to divide the world into “developed” and “developing” countries. Both in urban and rural areas, there are more common points between Japan and other Asian countries. It is important to realize that the issues affecting people in Asian countries are an issue in Japan as well, and vice versa.

The three subject areas of the special purpose grant, namely “Dealing with changing livelihoods,” “Strengthening social mechanisms to support individuals’ lives,” and “Exploring multicultural societies” cover many of the common challenges Japan and other Asian countries face. Whether it is in Japan or in other countries, what is needed is a space for serious

discussion of issues such as economic disparities, revival of rural communities, ageing society, multicultural society, and the environment. I strongly hope that this year’s special purpose grant “Prospect for the Future” will help to create such spaces for sharing common issues between Asia and Japan and learning from each other.

List of Grants Asian Neighbors Program

Grant Number	Project Title Representative Organization	Grant Amount(Yen)
D12-N-0006	Post Natural Disaster Management Practitioners Workshop for Asia Sabur, Mohammad Abdus Asian Resource Foundation	2,500,000
D12-N-0018	Promotion of Social Participation of People with Disabilities by Creating Employment Opportunities ? Exchange of innovative practices and experiences of employment support? and income generation by people with disabilities in Asia Katsunori Fujii Workability Asia	2,600,000
D12-N-0028	Learning from Experiences in Community Development in Southeast Asia Atsuko Isoda Japan International Volunteer Center	2,500,000
D12-N-0035	Reconsideration of the current OISCA methods of Capacity Building and the interactive meeting of influential personnel towards an innovative future of capacity building :aiming for a self-reliant and sustainable society Yasuaki Nagaishi OISCA Japan	2,800,000
D12-N-0045	“Open Sogo-Fujo” Network towards Coexistence of Diversity in Asia Shigeru Suganami AMDA (The Association of Medical Doctors of Asia)	2,500,000
D12-N-0050	Changing water use in the Ganges valley :Towards a new society without a gap in water supplies Hiroshi Yokota Asia Arsenic Network	2,500,000
D12-N-0051	Urban Conservation Network in Asia and Its Future :Heritage, Cultural Identities and Asian Dynamism Masahiro Muro Nara Machizukuri Center Incorporated Association	2,500,000
D12-N-0077	Promoting mutual understanding through environmental cooperation ? In case of tree-planting project in Huangtu plateau in China Hisayuki Maenaka Certified non-profit corporation Green Earth Network	2,500,000
D12-N-0078	Towards a new model of community development based on local culture and nature through collaboration among multi-stakeholders - Finding appropriate roles of outsiders by learning from experience of practitioners in Indonesia and Japan Makoto Nagahata i-i-network (Research & Action for Community Governance)	2,800,000
D12-N-0080	The verification, recording and sharing of “Roles and Relationship between an International NGO and a National/Local NGO” in SHAPLA NEER : For the establishment and promotion of outstanding partnership considered MDGs and CSO development effectiveness Tetsuo Tsutsui SHAPLA NEER = Citizens’ Committee in Japan for Overseas Support	2,700,000
D12-N-0105	The Grass Roots Development Activities in Myanmar and Vietnam :Drawing the Future Prospects from Success and Failure from the Past Etsuko Nemoto Bridge Asia Japan	2,900,000
D12-N-0119	New Paradigm of Collaboration among Asian NGOs and Role of Asian Community Trust (ACT) - Strategy Conference of ACT Secretariat and Leaders of its Local NGO Partners in Asia Michio Ito Asian Community Center 21 (ACC21)	2,800,000
D12-N-0120	Aiming to create an equal society through reducing the disparity in health services - Practicing a participatory health promotion based on Primary Health Care Toru Honda Services for The Health in Asian & African Regions (SHARE)	2,800,000
D12-N-0132	Natural Environment Management with Community Initiative: Learning through case studies of micro watershed management Nobuaki Wada SOMNEED -Society for Mutual aid, Networking, Environment, Education & Development	2,700,000

Grant Number	Project Title Representative Organization	Grant Amount(Yen)
D12-N-0143	Identity Based Development: Exploring how culture and identity can be a springboard for relevant and sustainable development among Asia's ethnolinguistic minorities Smith, Philip SIL International, LEAD Asia Unit	2,400,000
D12-N-0145	From sustainable livelihoods to green economies, best practices for working on poverty alleviation and equitable conservation at scale, Experience Sharing workshop of the WWF practitioners from Asia offices Cristina Eghenter WWF Indonesia	2,500,000
D12-N-0152	Policy Proposals for our Future Civil Society Exchanges among NGOs in East Asia and the Mekong Region for the promotion of development and resource management that respects peoples' livelihoods Yuka Kiguchi Mekong Watch	2,800,000
D12-N-0158	Collaborative Efforts to Improve Awareness and Livelihood of Multicultural Families in Asia Myung-Ken Lee Global Together	2,400,000
D12-N-0168	Workshop on curbing deforestation and seeking an ideal balance between sustainable utilization of forest resources and forest conservation that respects rights of indigenous and local communities: "Recommendations for the future of tropical forests in South East Asia" Randal Helten Friends of the Earth Japan	2,600,000

Grant Program for Community Activities in Japan

Theme: "Connecting People, Activating Localities: Creating Frameworks to Forge New Communities"

Summary

Application Period: October 9 to November 19, 2012 (until 17:00 JST)

Grant Validity: One or two years, beginning April 1, 2013

Grant Types:

Activity Grant Program

Grant Program for Inter Local Associate Amount of Grants
Activity Grant Program: Up to 3million yen per year
Grant Program for Inter Local Associate Amount of Grants:
Up to 10 million yen per project

*Because this program is limited to activities in Japan, the information regarding grant proposals is only in Japanese.

Overview:

Developing Wide-ranging Activities

Fiscal 2012 saw the continuation of the fundamental thinking and framework for the program of the previous fiscal year, while also soliciting proposals for a new project theme intended to better convey the message of cooperation, titled "Connecting People, Activating Localities: Creating Frameworks to Forge New Communities."

Along with the grant activities carried out to date, we have established the Grant Program for Inter Local Associate, which aims to support activities that connect local areas and allow them to learn from each other to solve their problems. We solicited proposals for projects whose activities connect members of different regions and can be expected to bring wide-ranging benefits.

The new Grant Program for Inter Local Associate received proposals for 75 projects based in Japan. Unfortunately, relatively few of the projects corresponded to the aims of the program

because of insufficient clarification in the proposal guidelines regarding the difference between the new program's aims and those of other activity grants. There was also some confusion among those proposing projects because of insufficient clarity regarding how the results of a project can be concretely linked to the next step. At the same time, the aim of the Grant Program for Inter Local Associate corresponds to a strong level of need, so many hope that the program will be continued beyond fiscal 2013. A task will be to learn the lessons from activities in fiscal 2012 so that the Toyota Foundation can determine how to concretely display its characteristics.

The grant award ceremonies for fiscal 2010 and 2011 were postponed in the wake of the Great East Japan Earthquake of March 2011, but in mid-April 2013 the ceremony was held for the first time in two years. Along with granting certificates to the grant recipients, the ceremony included a workshop on ways to effectively convey information. Participants included not only the grant recipients for fiscal 2012 but also those who participated in projects the previous fiscal year, thus allowing for interaction between them.

Grant Results

()Fiscal 2011

	Number of applications	Number of grants	Value of grants (¥ million)	Budget (¥ million)	Acceptance rate (%)
Activity Grant Program	433	18	60.0	60.0	4.2
Grant Program for Inter Local Associate Amount of Grants	75	5	20.0	20.0	6.7
Total	508 (364)	23 (15)	80.0 (51.6)	80.0 (60.0)	4.5 (4.1)

Great East Japan Earthquake "Special Subject"

Summary

Activity Grant Program (Grant Program for Community Activities) :
 Targets areas: Parts of Japan impacted by the Great East Japan Earthquake (including Aomori, Iwate, Miyagi, Fukushima, Ibaraki, Tochigi, and Chiba Prefectures) as well as activities involving the active participation of people affected by the disaster.
 Amount of Grants: Up to 3 million yen per project

The Grant Program for Policy Recommendation: Research related to reviving communities, with a focus on communities in areas impacted by the Great East Japan Earthquake.

*The program is not limited to organizations in specific areas (organizations in other areas may submit proposals), but is limited to projects conducted in Japanese.

Amount of Grants: Up to 30 million yen per year

The Grant Program for Inter Local Associate: Aimed at initiatives involving residents and organizations in the disaster areas obtaining know-how from each other and from outside areas in order to solve their common problems.
 Amount of Grants: Up to 10 million yen per project

*Because this program is limited to activities in Japan, the information regarding grant proposals is only in Japanese.

Overview:

Targeting Ambitious Activities and Research Aimed at Reconstruction

For fiscal 2012, a Special Subject framework was established in response to the Great East Japan Earthquake for both the Grant Program for Community Activities in Japan and the Research Grant Program in order to solicit proposals for projects involving ambitious activities and research. Along with the grant programs, there is the Initiative Program for areas affected by the Great East Japan Earthquake, titled "Building Places for the Children and Growing the Next Generation."

Support Provided by the Grant Program for Community Activities in Japan

In fiscal 2012, as in the previous fiscal year, we solicited proposals two times (in April and August) for activities aimed at reviving communities impacted by the earthquake and tsunami and helping residents and evacuees proactively rebuild their lives. Fiscal 2012 also saw the establishment of the new framework, our Grant Program for Inter Local Associate, aimed at generating solutions to problems confronting disaster areas through residents and organizations in those areas utilizing the know-how and best practices of other areas.

Compared to fiscal 2011, when many activities focused on the holding of events, numerous projects in fiscal 2012 were oriented toward building a stable basis for people's lives through

such efforts as generating employment opportunities and creating places for residents to interact. There is likely to be an increasing need in the years ahead for such efforts to create a stable foundation for people's lives at evacuation centers, which are expected to remain in place over the long term. This is also necessary because it has become clear that gradual differences in capabilities have arisen between groups created after the disaster. We think that in order for groups in the disaster area to continue their activities into the future it is necessary to consider how to help them strengthen their organizational foundations.

Support Provided by the Research Grant Program

We established the Grant Program for Policy Recommendation as a framework to assist research aimed at solving problems in order to contribute to recovery in disaster areas of Japan. For this program, we solicited proposals for problem-solving research that aims to convey clear and concrete results (e.g., academic papers, policy proposals, etc.) that can contribute to the recovery of areas impacted by the Great East Japan Earthquake and evacuation areas.

Many of the proposals received address themes that are common across Japan, rather than being limited to those related to disaster areas. The program targeted research engaged in considering what processes communities went through to recover from the unprecedented disaster, with a focus on community building, fostering dialogue, improving temporary housing,

Grant Results

()Fiscal 2011

		Number of applications	Number of grants	Value of grants (¥ million)	Budget (¥ million)	Acceptance rate (%)
Activity Grant Program	1st	186	15	32.8	40	8.1
	2nd	121	20	43.5	40	16.5
	Total	307 (236)	35 (28)	76.3 (59.05)	80 (60)	11.4 (11.9)
The Grant Program for Inter Local Associate		24	5	26.9	30	20.8
The Grant Program for Policy Recommendation		91	9	30	30	9.9
Total		422	49	133.2	140	11.6

and addressing health issues for evacuees and other people impacted by the disaster.

Grant Award Ceremony in the Disaster Areas

The Toyota Foundation held its Grant Award Ceremony six times during the year (three times for summer grants and three times for winter grants) in three prefectures in the disaster areas (Iwate, Miyagi, and Fukushima Prefectures). For each of the ceremonies, officials from the Reconstruction Agency were invited to attend along with the grant recipients for the fiscal 2011 (General Subject) programs carried out in Japan. Nearly all of the groups receiving grants for their projects attended the ceremonies.

At the time, there were not yet many support organizations holding award ceremonies in the disaster areas, so people living in those areas and supporting organizations responded positively to our ceremony as an out-of-the-ordinary initiative. Also, by coming into contact with government officials in charge of the disaster areas, the groups receiving grants were able to deepen their interaction with those officials. At the same time, though, the exchange of opinions, reporting on activities, and other initiatives apart from the ceremonies were lacking in some respects. One task for fiscal 2013 and beyond will be to overcome that limitation.

Summer Grants

Comments by Selection Committee Chair Dr. Yasuhide Nakamura

More Prosperous than Ever: Revitalizing Local Areas as the Foundation for a New Regional Community

More than a year after the Great East Japan Earthquake disaster, relief activities of all kinds continue throughout the affected region. The disaster wrought massive destruction over a wide area and affected numerous parts of Japan; in addition to official assistance from the authorities, multi-tiered contributions from a variety of sectors, based on a long-term perspective, will be essential.

In fiscal 2012, the Toyota Foundation decided to establish Special Subject programs to respond to the Great East Japan Earthquake disaster in both the Grant Program for Community Activities in Japan (formerly the Grant Program for Community Activities) and the Research Grant Program, in order to support ambitious activities aimed at assisting recovery from the disaster.

Within the Grant Program for Community Activities in Japan, Activity Grants support community-led activities that aim to rebuild people's lives and revive local communities. The grants are for activities in which local people in disaster areas (including Aomori, Iwate, Miyagi, Fukushima, Ibaraki, and Chiba Prefectures) and evacuees from affected areas play the leading role. Activities centering on aid groups from outside the areas directly affected were not eligible for these grants. In our

evaluations, we decided to consider proposals from any group—whether officially incorporated or not—without regard to the previous record of achievement, as long as the group consisted of residents from an affected area and was made up of a diverse membership. In view of the unstable conditions in the disaster areas, we decided to accept proposals twice during fiscal 2012 (in April and August). The period of the grant was limited to no more than one year.

Within the Research Grant Program, the Grant Program for Policy Recommendation supports research that aims to convey clear and concrete results (e.g., academic papers, policy proposals, etc.) that can contribute to the recovery of areas impacted by the Great East Japan Earthquake and evacuation areas. In evaluating proposals, priority was given to problem-solving research that would contribute to recovery within disaster areas; we decided not to consider applicants' incorporated status (or lack thereof), affiliation, or place of residence. There was one proposal submission period (in April); grants were for either one or two years.

Although the categories for the programs were different, both programs have the same principal aim: recovery from the earthquake and tsunami disaster. We began soliciting proposals for projects that can be expected to generate results that will form the basis for extending the sense of pride and concern that people have about their local communities and creating a foundation for people's life and for a new sense of community, while also bringing people together and invigorating local areas as a result.

Prioritizing Projects Not Covered by Existing Grants

The proposal submission period for both grant programs ran from April 2 to May 1, 2012. Proposals were accepted online and by post.

A total of 186 proposals were received for the Activity Grant Program; 91 proposals were received for the Grant Program for Policy Recommendation. In fiscal 2011 we received 236 proposals for grants under the Special Subject set up to respond to the disaster within the Grant Program for Community Activities; it was clear that concern in our Special Subject grants remained high.

Many proposals for attractive and practical projects were received. The selection committee, made up of five experts, deliberated carefully and at length before reaching its decisions. In particular, it was felt that for the Grant Program for Policy

Recommendation, we wanted to recommend as many projects as possible of a kind that could not be covered by any of our existing research grants, given that this was the first time these grants had been offered.

After further careful review of the proposals selected following the selection committee's discussion, 15 projects for the Activity Grants under the Grant Program for Community Activities in Japan (totaling ¥32.8 million) and 9 projects for the Grant Program for Policy Recommendation under the Research Grant Program (totaling ¥30 million) were chosen.

Locals and Outsiders: Working Together to Weave the Tale of Reconstruction

I have personal experience of providing healthcare and medical treatment to refugees from Afghanistan in my capacities as an official of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Pakistan. I have also been involved in humanitarian aid missions following the earthquake in Bam, Iran; in Aceh, Indonesia, following the devastation of the Indian Ocean tsunami off Sumatra; and in providing aid to Kurdish refugees. I have seen how local people in areas devastated by earthquakes and tsunamis encounter "outsiders" who have come to provide post-disaster humanitarian aid, both in the process of emergency assistance in the aftermath of a disaster and in the course of medium- to long-term support as the region moves from recovery to rebuilding. Post-disaster reconstruction is a task involving a cooperative effort between the local people and people from outside the community—two groups who would probably never have come into contact if not for the tragedy of the disaster. Locals and outsiders are like different threads woven together to create the tale of reconstruction, like the woof and warp coming together on a loom to produce a fabric.

The same thing applies to the jimoto-gaku style of "local studies" that began in Minamata in Kumamoto Prefecture after the industrial poisoning disaster there. Produced through the difficult experiences of the victims of Minamata disease and their families, the jimoto-gaku method helped people to notice the richness that exists in the local area and community. Everyone can participate—from children to the elderly. Ideally, people from outside the community will also take part in the search for what exists in the local community. One important aspect of this approach is that the outcomes of the search are kept in the community.

People from different backgrounds coming together to weave a tale—this work has a striking number of points in common

with the Grant Program for Community Activities that was run until fiscal 2011. This program was all about passing down community history and culture, the relationships between people and nature, the various types of wisdom arising from people's different experiences and lifestyles, and the connections and exchanges with other communities and regions.

Another aim was to forge tangible results by creating venues and opportunities for people to share their concerns, their visions for the future, and their long-term aims for their communities; building the systems and networks to support ongoing undertakings; and formulating the systems and policies to support them. It was hoped that, based on these results, solutions to these issues would be brought about by the "connections" created by the coming together of people, both from inside the community and beyond it. Truly, the program was based on a foundation very similar to what the Activity Grant Program and the Grant Program for Policy Recommendation of the Research Grant Program are trying to achieve.

We hope that these small-scale steady activities within communities will go beyond the limits of their immediate communities and connect to the outside world, and that the "outsiders" involved will bring into the areas results and information created by pioneering activities inside and outside Japan. We would like to see this make a meaningful contribution to revitalizing the region, making it even more prosperous than it was before the disaster.

Winter Grants

Comments by Selection Committee Chair Dr. Yasuhide Nakamura

Undertakings with a Social Ripple Effect: "Building Our Future Together"

As I wrote in reference to the summer grants, in addition to assistance from the authorities, multi-tiered efforts in many sectors, based on a long-term perspective, are absolutely essential for recovery from a major disaster like the one that has affected so many areas of Japan.

In fiscal 2012, in response to the Great East Japan Earthquake disaster we decided to establish a Special Subject as part of the Grant Program for Community Activities in Japan to support ambitious activities aimed at disaster recovery. The theme of the Special Subject was "Connecting People, Activating Locali-

ties: Creating Frameworks to Forge New Communities."

In view of the changing circumstances prevailing in the disaster areas, in fiscal 2012 we solicited proposals twice (in April and August). Activity Grants support community-led activities that aim to rebuild people's lives and revive local communities. The grants are for activities in which local people in disaster areas (including Aomori, Iwate, Miyagi, Fukushima, Ibaraki, and Chiba Prefectures) and evacuees from affected areas play the leading role. Activities centering on aid groups from outside the areas directly affected were not eligible for these grants. In our evaluations, we decided to consider proposals from any group—whether officially incorporated or not—without regard to the previous record of achievement, as long as the group consisted of residents from an affected area and was made up of a diverse membership. The period of the grant was limited to no more than one year.

In addition, under the Grant Program for Inter Local Associate, we decided to support projects in which residents and groups from disaster areas joined with people or groups from other areas to come up with solutions to problems, particularly when this collaboration could be expected to lead to a cooperative relationship between regions and produce a ripple effect within society. We invited proposals from projects in the hope that the results gained from these activities would help to pass on people's affection and pride for their local communities, providing a foundation on which to build lives and forge new local communities, and in the hope that these results would help to form new connections between people and regions.

The proposal submission period for the disaster-related Special Subject Winter Activity Grant and the Grant Program for Inter Local Associate ran from August 1 to September 12, 2012. Proposals were accepted online and by post. We received 121 proposals for the Activity Grants and 24 proposals for the Grant Program for Inter Local Associate. The selection committee, made up of five experts, deliberated carefully and at length before reaching its decisions.

At its October 15, 2012, meeting, the selection committee reexamined in detail the grant expenditure plans and as a result decided to award grants to 20 projects for the earthquake-related Special Subject Activity Grants under the Grant Program for Community Activities in Japan (totaling ¥43.5 million) and 5 projects for the Grant Program for Inter Local Associate (totaling ¥26.9 million).

The Need to Build a System for Cooperative Support Across Barriers

Visiting the areas affected by the earthquake and tsunami, one is struck by the frequency with which meetings, study groups, and workshops are being held, both on a prefecture-wide basis and on a local level in cities, towns, and villages. These meetings deal with such topics as industrial recovery, employment, community-building, education, healthcare, and psychological support. In addition to local authorities and aid groups from outside the disaster areas, local civic groups are also playing an active part. Some of these have been in existence since before the disaster, while others are new local groups and NPOs. But one is also made painfully aware of the frustration felt by local people that their feedback is not adequately being conveyed to the government and politicians at the national level.

Japan was among the countries that played an active role in cooperative cross-barrier nation-building efforts in post-independence East Timor, the first new country to come into existence in Asia in the twenty-first century. Following the end of the conflict in 1999, the effort to provide emergency humanitarian aid planted the seeds for practical and friendly cooperation between the Japanese embassy, NGOs, United Nations organizations, and the Japan International Cooperation Agency

(JICA). A system of flexible cooperation and collaboration was put together to carry the voices of people on the ground in East Timor to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and JICA head office in Tokyo. This was an excellent example of cooperation that was centered on the needs of the local area.

Emergency humanitarian aid projects like this are carried out overseas with Japanese taxpayers' money. Shouldn't we be doing more to ensure that the experiences and knowledge gained through such projects are put to the best possible use in reconstructing areas damaged by the 2011 earthquake and tsunami? My hope is that in the process of recovery from the disaster in Tohoku, we will be able to take advantage of the experience of the cooperative aid networks that have been cultivated over many years in the international community, and that a cooperative aid system will be forged that spans barriers and links government authorities, citizens, private-sector companies, NPOs, and NGOs. And I hope that the projects we are supporting through our grants, with their diverse memberships and with local residents playing the leading role, will become a nucleus within the community, from which a new system of cooperation across barriers will spread throughout the region and the country as a whole.

Report on Grant-related Activities

Communication with Society Program

This grant program, which does not solicit public proposals, is intended to disseminate the results of previously supported projects more widely throughout society.

In fiscal 2012 we provided grants to support the holding of an international symposium for projects funded through the Asian Neighbors Program and the Asian Neighbors Network Program over the past five years that had achieved a certain

level of results and that were capable and worthy of being disseminated more widely.

In addition, we are also providing a grant to support the publication of the results of a grant project in Laos that was funded under the earlier Southeast Asia National Research Grant Program.

List of Grants

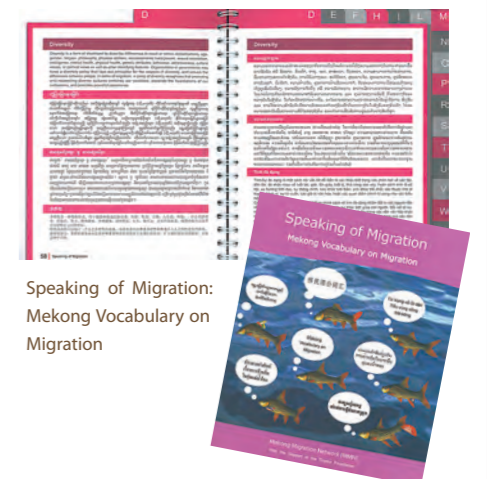
Grant Number	Project Title Representative Organization	Grant Amount
D12-SC-0001	Life History of Lao Multi-ethnic War Veterans Khambai Nyundarat Freelance Project Consultant	US\$6,200
D12-SC-0002	Organizing a Symposium on Risk-Communication and Working Together with Industries towards Community Development and the Better Future at the Map Tha Put Industrial Zone in eastern Thailand Shigeharu Nakachi Kumamoto Gakuen University	¥3,200,000
D12-SC-0003	Multi-Stakeholder Workshops on Community-Based Forest Managements in Indonesia :Towards Participatory Land Use and Conservation Planning Akira Harada Japan Tropical Forest Action Network (JATAN)	¥3,500,000
D12-SC-0004	Mekong Symposium on Migration: Migrants from the Mekong Neighbourhood Living Together—Seeking Coherent Responses to Enable Integration and Social Cohesion of Migrants in the Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS) Jacqueline Pollock Mekong Migration Network	¥4,000,000

Example of Funded Project

Publication of Multilingual Compendium of Terms and Laws

Two booklets were published as the results of a project funded by a grant in fiscal 2009 that became the basis for Mekong Symposium on Migration: Migrants from the Mekong Neighborhood Living Together—Seeking Coherent Responses to Enable Integration and Social Cohesion of Migrants in the Greater Mekong Sub-region.

The two volumes were a lexicon of legal terminology relating to immigration and labor and a compilation of related laws, each published in the languages spoken in the Mekong region (Khmer, Thai, Burmese, Vietnamese, Laotian, and Chinese) and in English. Cross-border cooperation at government and private-sector level is essential to solve problems relating to immigration issues, but misunderstandings arising from different understandings and interpretations of words can prevent dialogue from making progress. These volumes were published to overcome these issues and are being used in aid situations and at international meetings. We understand there is a possibility that the booklets may be adopted as official reference materials in the future.



Speaking of Migration: Mekong Vocabulary on Migration

Initiative Program

This program carries out planned funding for projects that cannot easily be covered within the framework of the regular publicly solicited programs, including grants for projects jointly funded with other organizations and projects run in conjunction with the foundation's own surveys and study group meetings.

In fiscal 2012 in partnership with the Panasonic Education Foundation, we carried out a program in areas affected by the March 2011 earthquake and tsunami, titled "Building Places for

the Children and Growing the Next Generation." This program funded one project each in Iwate, Miyagi, and Fukushima Prefectures.

In addition, we also supported projects likely to produce significant results with private-sector foundations, such as the "Asian Studies in Africa Workshop, Lusaka" and the "Asian Emporiums Course of the Southeast Asian Studies Regional Exchange Program (SEASREP)."

List of Grants

Grant Number	Project Title Representative Organization	Grant Amount
D12-PI-0004	Asian Studies in Africa Workshop Philippe M. F. Peycam The International Institute of Asian Studies	¥1,000,000
D12-PI-0005	Operation of Language Training and Post Graduate Fellowship Programs and Writing and Pre-Publication Project Maria Serena Diokno SEASREP Foundation	¥1,000,000
Building Places for the Children and Growing the Next Generation.		
Grant Number	Representative Organization	Grant Amount
D12-PI-0001	Wakatsuki Chiyo BEANS Fukushima	¥6,000,000
D12-PI-0002	Katsuhiko Yamamoto Children's Empowerment Iwate	¥6,000,000
D12-PI-0003	Shinji Yamashita Human Security Forum	¥6,000,000

Example of Funded Project

The Southeast Asian Studies Regional Exchange Program (SEASREP)

The purpose of this program is to provide support for young researchers in Southeast Asia to carry out research on neighboring countries and comparative research, with the aim of deepening knowledge of the region, fostering mutual understanding between its people, and encouraging a sense of connectedness within the region. The program is administered by the SEASREP Foundation, an organization led by researchers from countries in Southeast Asia. The Toyota Foundation provides a grant to partially support its activities.

In fiscal 2012, we provided ¥10 million in support for a program and a project: the Postgraduate Fellowship program and the "Writing and Pre-publication Project". The first of these provided funding for 10 graduate students. The second funded two forums: "The Development of Southeast Asian Historical and Political Discourse" and "Plural Identities: The State and Globalization." Follow-up work to publish the results of these forums is currently underway.



Participants at Manila Forum

Balance sheet

As of March 31, 2013

(Unit: Thousand yen)

Account	Fiscal 2012	Fiscal 2011
I Assets		
1. Current assets		
Cash and deposits	296,355	437,457
Marketable securities	11,916	10,391
Accounts receivable	108,397	116,858
Other	4,160	6,191
Total current assets	420,829	570,897
2. Fixed assets		
Basic funds	25,751,950	25,307,329
Specified assets	15,654,666	15,133,940
Other fixed assets	55,342	50,419
Total fixed assets	41,461,958	40,491,688
Total assets	41,882,787	41,062,585
II Liabilities		
1. Total current liabilities	286,528	386,911
2. Total fixed liabilities	108,291	98,308
Total liabilities	394,820	485,219
III Net assets		
1. Designated net assets	18,552,171	18,035,633
(Amount from above allocated to basic funds)	(3,000,000)	(3,000,000)
(Amount from above allocated to specified assets)	(15,552,171)	(15,035,633)
2. General net assets	22,935,796	22,541,733
(Amount from above allocated to basic funds)	(22,751,950)	(22,307,329)
(Amount from above allocated to specified assets)	(0)	(0)
Total net assets	41,487,967	40,577,366
Total liabilities and net assets	41,882,787	41,062,585

Statement of changes in net assets

April 1, 2012 to March 31, 2013

(Unit: Thousand yen)

Account	Fiscal 2012	Fiscal 2011
I Changes in general net assets		
1. Changes in ordinary profit		
(1) Ordinary profit	697,538	763,211
(2) Ordinary expenses	702,573	751,448
Current changes in ordinary profit prior to profit/loss appraisal	▲ 5,036	11,763
Profit and loss on appraisal in basic funds	404,907	12,168
Balance from designated net assets allocated for reinvestment	▲ 5,809	▲ 101,301
Current changes in ordinary profit	394,062	▲ 77,370
2. Changes in extraordinary profit		
(1) Extraordinary profit	0	0
(2) Extraordinary expenses	0	0
Current changes in extraordinary profit	0	0
Current changes in general net assets	394,062	▲ 77,370
Balance at beginning of the fiscal year in general net assets	22,541,733	22,619,104
Balance at end of the fiscal year in general net assets	22,935,796	22,541,733
II Changes in designated net assets		
Current changes in designated net assets	516,539	297,838
Balance at beginning of the fiscal year in designated net assets	18,035,633	17,737,794
Balance at end of the fiscal year in designated net assets	18,552,171	18,035,633
III Balance at end of the fiscal year in net assets	41,487,967	40,577,366

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As of March 31, 2013

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