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**April 24–30**

**April 25–28**
39th Annual Plenary Meeting of the Trilateral Commission [Washington DC]

**April 28**
Roundtable on Challenges in Global Health and Japan’s Contributions [Washington DC] | Co-sponsored by the Brookings Institution

**April 29**

**May 23–24**
FGFJ International Symposium: From Okinawa to Toyako—Dealing with Communicable Diseases as Global Human Security Threats [Tokyo]

**May 24**
FGFJ Seminar on Innovative Global Networks for Healthy Society in Africa and Beyond [Tokyo]

**May 25–27**
FGFJ Outreach Seminars in Hokkaido, Sendai, Kyoto, Okayama, and Nagasaki [Hokkaido, Sendai, Kyoto, Okayama, and Nagasaki]

**May 27**
Keio University 150th Anniversary Special Lecture: U2’s Bono on "Global Issues and the Role of Individuals" [Tokyo] | Co-sponsored by the Eiji Shibusawa Memorial Foundation

**June 21–23**
Conference on the Emergence of India: A New Dimension of East Asia Community Building [New Delhi]

**June 26**
1st Tiffany Foundation Award Ceremony [Tokyo]

**June 29–30**
Workshop on Managing China-Japan-US Relations and Strengthening Trilateral Cooperation [Beijing]

**July 22–25**
FGFJ Diet Task Force Southeast Asia Mission [Cambodia and Vietnam]

**July 22–27**
2008 Toshiba Youth Conference for a Sustainable Future [Yokohama]

**August 23–30**
20th US Congressional Staff Exchange Program [Tokyo]

**August 28–30**
16th Korea-Japan Forum [Tokyo]

**October 4**
Workshop on Global Action for Health System Strengthening [Tokyo]

**November 3–4**
International Conference on Global Action for Health System Strengthening: G8 Hokkaido Toyako Summit Follow-Up [Tokyo]

**November 8–21**
US-Japan Young Political Leaders Exchange Program—25th US Delegation to Japan [Tokyo, Nagano, and Ibaraki]

**November 14–16**
Trilateral Commission Pacific Asia Regional Meeting [Shanghai]

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GLOBAL THINKNET

JCIE coordinates policy-oriented studies and dialogues on cutting-edge issues, especially in the fields of international affairs, globalization, and governance. Undertaken by a core of in-house researchers in collaboration with outside experts throughout Asia Pacific and around the world, JCIE’s projects place a special focus on strengthening networks among research institutions in Asia Pacific and worldwide as well as supporting the work of up-and-coming, talented researchers who will become the successor generation of international policy thinkers and decision makers. JCIE also serves as the secretariat for numerous bilateral and multilateral forums and occasionally conducts commissioned research.

One recent overarching theme within JCIE's research has been a focus on East Asia community building and opportunities to advance East Asian cooperation on a wide range of issues. JCIE's work in this area includes a joint research project on China-US-Japan relations, a dialogue program on the emergence of India as a regional player, and a study for the Asia Pacific Agenda Project on how regional cooperation can help solve emerging nontraditional security challenges. JCIE has also continued its ongoing research on the US-Japan relationship, including studies on how to deepen the US-Japan partnership in a number of functional areas as well as how to reinvigorate the levels of policy dialogue and exchange between the two countries.
Asia Pacific Agenda Project

The Asia Pacific Agenda Project (APAP) was created in 1996 with funding from the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Through this initiative, JCIE has organized a multinational consortium of policy research organizations and academic institutions that aims to strengthen networks and enhance joint research and dialogue among institutions and intellectual leaders in Asia Pacific. The consortium institutions sponsor joint policy research projects and hold workshops, seminars, and an annual forum to discuss their research findings. The 2008 APAP study explored potential areas for East Asian regional cooperation on nontraditional security issues.

Growing Asia Pacific Regionalism and New Opportunities to Advance Nontraditional Security Cooperation

In 2008, JCIE launched an APAP study on the response of East Asia to key nontraditional security challenges facing the international community. The study examined East Asia–based cooperation in four critical areas that have risen in prominence since the end of the Cold War—piracy and maritime security, international terrorism, nuclear challenges, and peacebuilding—as well as how that cooperation is contributing to global governance. These threats increasingly require regional cooperation due to their cross-border nature, so the objective of this research project was to examine intraregional cooperation and the supraregional contributions of that cooperation, with special emphasis placed on the role of new, emerging cooperative arrangements within the region.

The research team was comprised of younger and mid-level researchers with expertise in each of the research areas, and senior researchers served as reviewers in order to deepen the discussions. In November 2008, APAP participants presented preliminary versions of their papers at the 14th APAP Forum in Shanghai, and on March 27–28, 2009, the research team came together again for a follow-up workshop in Tokyo.

14th APAP Forum, Shanghai

The 14th APAP Forum was held in Shanghai on November 16–17, 2008, and was organized around the main theme of “Growing Asia-Pacific Regionalism and New Opportunities to Advance Nontraditional Security Cooperation.” Over two-dozen experts participated in the program, which was divided into sessions on maritime security, international terrorism, peacebuilding, and proliferation of weapons of mass destruction—four nontraditional security areas especially relevant to cooperation in Asia Pacific. The findings of the four paperwriters highlighted the complexity of nontraditional security issues as well as the need to establish mutually understood definitions of nontraditional security and to promote capacity building at both the field level and within the region as a whole.

Session 1: Overview

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Session 2: Maritime Security

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J. N. MAK, Former Director of Research, Maritime Institute of Malaysia [Malaysia]
ISAMI TAKEDA, Professor, Dokkyo University [Japan]

Session 3: International Terrorism

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examining some of the most significant trends during the survey period. The January–December 2006 issue was published in 2008.

**East Asia Insights: Toward Community Building**

In January 2006, JCIE launched *East Asia Insights*, a series of policy briefs analyzing the long-term community-building process in East Asia. It is designed to offer an Asian perspective on the various issues the region is facing, particularly in light of the move toward greater cooperation and community building in East Asia. Hitoshi Tanaka, a senior fellow at JCIE, serves as the main contributor, offering his analysis on recent developments in East Asia community building as well as on critical bilateral and regional challenges. Five issues were published in FY 2008:

- A Japanese Perspective on the China Question (May 2008)
- Prospects for Japan’s Domestic Politics and Implications for Its Foreign Policy (July 2008)
- The Crisis of Global Governance and the Rise of East Asia (September 2008)
- Revisiting the North Korea Issue (October 2008)
- Getting China Policy Right (December 2008)

**Managing China-Japan-US Relations and Strengthening Trilateral Cooperation**

In 2007, JCIE launched a study and dialogue project aimed at developing a deeper understanding of the complex dynamics of the China-Japan-US trilateral relationship, identifying the issues central to managing stable and cooperative relations, and examining ways of promoting more meaningful cooperation on key challenges. The project brought together a multinational team of leading experts to undertake
a systematic, in-depth analysis of the dynamics of the trilateral relationship. It was designed to encourage top policymakers in all three countries to gain a deeper understanding of this key relationship and a greater commitment to trilateral cooperation.

One senior participant and three emerging intellectual leaders were selected from each country and the team members analyzed a wide range of topics—including the emergence of regional community, financial cooperation, and tensions in the Taiwan Straits—in the context of the trilateral relationship. Based on feedback from an initial project workshop in October 2007, the junior participants prepared full papers and presented them at a two-day workshop on June 29–30, 2008, in Beijing. In March 12–13, 2009, the participants came together for a final project workshop at the East-West Center in Honolulu, Hawaii, after which the papers were compiled for final publication.

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Reinvigorating US-Japan Policy Dialogue and Discussion in a Time of Political Change

During the last decade there has been increasing concern about the state of US-Japan policy dialogue and exchange, with signs that the level of interaction between the policy communities in Tokyo and Washington DC has fallen significantly. At the same time, there has been a growing need for more meaningful dialogue about expanding US-Japan cooperation on a myriad of new regional and global challenges. To address these concerns, JCIE launched a study in January 2009 on “Reinvigorating US-Japan Policy Dialogue and Discussion in a Time of Political Change.” With the support of the United States–Japan Foundation, the project examined the state of policy dialogue between Japan and the United States and sought to assess the nongovernmental linkages that
have facilitated contact between political leaders and policy experts in each country.

Over an 18-month period, members of the project team conducted interviews with nearly 50 American and Japanese policymakers and policy analysts with backgrounds in government, politics, business, academia, and the nonprofit sector. Two separate roundtables were also carried out in March 2010, one with Congressional members on Capitol Hill and one with foreign policy experts at the Brookings Institution. In order to back up the qualitative findings of the study with a quantitative component, JCIE staff compiled extensive historical records going back 25 years on the activities of US think tanks and exchange institutions, Japanese policy institutes, foundation funding, and US-Japan political exchange into an action-oriented report to be published in both English and Japanese.

An Enhanced Agenda for US-Japan Partnership

The wide-ranging developments that have begun to reshape Asia in recent years are driving the evolution of new regional relationships and institutions, and it seems clear that these will ultimately necessitate significant adjustments to the US-Japan relationship. For this reason, JCIE and the Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership partnered in 2007 on a multi-year study exploring how revitalized bilateral cooperation can better address common challenges, strengthen regional and global stability and prosperity, and ultimately make the US-Japan alliance more robust and versatile. The project brought together a group of promising young Japanese and American policy experts to focus on five key issue areas that have particular relevance in the 21st century and have strong potential for deeper bilateral cooperation between the two countries. These young scholars developed their analyses under the guidance of veteran leaders who have played a key role in US-Japan relations such as Hitoshi Tanaka, who served as senior project advisor.

On January 9–11, 2009, the study team convened for programs in Tokyo and Shimoda, including a Ministry of Foreign Affairs roundtable on “Global Challenges and Japan’s Strategy,” which featured discussions on a myriad of bilateral issues such as US-Japan security concerns, development and the environment, nonproliferation, the financial crisis, and challenges in Japan-US bilateral relations. Building on these discussions, the next day the study group traveled to Shimoda to participate in a two-day workshop where each participant presented on the findings from their research since the last study group program held in New York and Washington DC in February 2008.

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Shoichi Itoh, Visiting Fellow, Russia & Eurasia Program Center for Strategic & International Studies

Human Security Aspects of Global Health and Other Development Issues

James Gannon, Executive Director, JCIE/USA

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Managing the International Financial System
Yuko Hashimoto, Economist, International Monetary Fund; Associate Professor, Faculty of Economics, Toyo University

Regionalism in East Asia: Bilateralism and Multilateralism
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The Emergence of India: A New Dimension of East Asia Community Building

In the past, India has been excluded from ASEAN and its Plus-Three initiatives, although China and India together account for approximately 40 percent of the world’s population and are projected by some to have the largest and second largest economies by the year 2050. At the same time, East Asian nations have engaged in regular joint research and dialogues with China and on the implications of its rise, but a sense of geographical distance has contributed to the lack of similar explorations with South Asia.

In order to address this gap, JCIE and the MRA Foundation, in cooperation with the Initiatives of Change’s Centre for Governance in New Delhi, organized a dialogue program with the theme of “The Emergence of India—A New Dimension of East Asia Community Building,” which took place in New Delhi, India, on June 21–23, 2008, with the participation of public intellectuals from Northeast, Southeast, and South Asia. Topics of discussion included the rise of India and its changing international relations as well as changing East Asian and Southeast Asian perspectives on the rise of India. Finally, the participants explored India’s prospects as a potential partner and contributor to wider East Asia community-building efforts.
Forums for Policy Discussion

**Trilateral Commission**

The Trilateral Commission, founded in 1973, is a nongovernmental forum of leading private citizens from Europe, North America, and Japan that aims to promote mutual understanding and closer cooperation on common problems facing these three major democratic, industrialized regions of the world. The commission, which operates through three regional secretariats, coordinates task forces on a variety of pressing issues in international affairs and meets in regional groups as well as in an annual plenary to discuss these studies and to share perspectives on common political, economic, and foreign policy challenges. JCIE serves as the Pacific Asia Group Secretariat.

The 39th annual plenary of the Trilateral Commission was convened in Washington DC on April 25–28, 2008. US Speaker of the House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi served as keynote speaker, with the US presidential campaign and the impact of the new administration on the global economy and international relations emerging as key themes. Discussions ranged from global health as a security challenge to engaging Iran and building peace in the Persian Gulf region.

In addition to the plenary meetings, each of the European, Pacific Asia, and North American regional groups come together annually to discuss issues pertinent to their regions. The 2008 annual Pacific Asia Regional Meeting was held in Shanghai, China, on November 14–16. Major themes included the role and impact of emerging China and India in the East Asia community, as well as East Asian integration and the region’s role in global governance.

**UK-Japan 21st Century Group**

The UK-Japan 21st Century Group (formerly the UK-Japan 2000 Group) was launched in 1985 at the joint recommendation of British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and Japanese Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone. It is a forum of private sector, public sector, and civil society leaders that aims to promote dialogue and cooperation between the two countries. Following each of the group’s meetings, a summary report and recommendations are submitted to the prime ministers of both countries. JCIE serves as the secretariat in Japan and the Asia House in London acts as its British counterpart.

Twenty-eight British and Japanese leaders took part in the 25th UK-Japan 21st Century Group in Tokyo and Odawara, Japan, on February 19–22, 2009, which was jointly chaired by Representative Yasuhsa Shiozaki and Right Honourable Lord Cunningham of Felling. After meeting with Prime Minister Taro Aso, the participants engaged in a series of roundtable discussions on issues such as domestic and regional developments in each country, the global implications of the start of the Obama administration in the United States, the international financial crisis, and opportunities for cooperation on energy and the environment. The participants agreed that a multi-layered response to the financial crisis that encompassed global, regional, and bilateral elements would be needed. At the end of the forum, a joint statement was released that reflected on the 25-year anniversary of the UK-Japan 21st Century Group.
Japanese-German Forum

The Japanese-German Forum (formerly the Japanese-German Dialogue Forum) was created in 1993 in response to the call by Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa and Chancellor Helmut Kohl for a private, bilateral dialogue to promote mutual cooperation and understanding. Meetings have been held every year since, bringing together German and Japanese leaders from different sectors of society.

The 17th Japanese-German Forum was held in Berlin on November 25–26, 2008. Thirty-five participants from each country participated in the forum, which was co-chaired by Bernhard Scheuble, chairman of the Japanese-German Center Berlin’s Foundation Council, and Yuzaburo Mogi, chairman and CEO of Kikkoman Corporation. The global financial crisis and the common challenges faced by both countries in approaching economic reform were discussed in depth, as was the topic of energy availability and cost, issues critical for both countries in terms of both domestic economic performance and global environmental ramifications. The participants also discussed East Asian and European regional integration trends as well as political issues such as potential reform of the democratic process in both Japan and Germany and the upcoming elections in the United States. On the afternoon of November 25th, the participants met with German Chancellor Angela Merkel.

Korea-Japan Forum

The Korea-Japan Forum was initiated in November 1993 during a summit meeting between South Korean President Kim Young-sam and Japanese Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa where they called for the formation of a new, forward-looking relationship between the two countries. This continuing dialogue has played a critical role in promoting mutual understanding and expanding the network of cooperative relationships between the two countries. JCIE and the Korea Foundation serve as the secretariats.

Over 50 business executives, politicians, journalists, and scholars from Korea and Japan convened in Tokyo for the 16th Korea-Japan Forum on August 28–30, 2008. At the start of the forum, the Korean delegation paid a visit to Prime Minister Yasuo Fukuda. During the two-day meeting, the participants discussed the recent sociopolitical developments in both countries, with special focus placed on regional security challenges as well as opportunities for cooperation between Korea and Japan concerning economic development in Northeast Asia.
The promotion of close relations between Japanese leaders and their overseas counterparts through political exchange has been a centerpiece of JCIE’s programs since its inception. In 1968, JCIE’s first US-Japan Political Exchange Program brought eight US Congressional members to Tokyo for an unprecedented series of meetings and discussions with leading Japanese political and social figures. Over the years, JCIE has expanded the breadth of its political exchange programs, including exchanges for young political leaders from Japan and the United States since 1973, for senior US Congressional staff since 1982, and for young Australian and Japanese political leaders since 1991.

The increasing complexity and interconnectedness of the international and domestic environment has made the development of meaningful connections between international leaders all the more imperative. As the bilateral relations between Japan and its partner countries have matured, JCIE has also increasingly placed an emphasis on discussion of issues of common concern during its exchanges, such as energy security, environmental policy, and climate change. As its network of program alumni has grown, JCIE has expanded its programs to include frequent study meetings and roundtables both in Japan and abroad on key policy issues of critical concern in order to keep this important network connected and engaged.
Established in 1968, the US-Japan Parliamentary Exchange Program is the longest-running exchange between members of the US Congress and the Japanese Diet. This nongovernmental, nonpartisan program has brought more than 270 members of the US Congress and Japanese Diet to each other’s countries for a series of intensive dialogues with leaders from a broad range of fields. It is designed to enhance dialogue between American and Japanese political leaders on bilateral and global policy issues and to strengthen bilateral cooperation on issues of shared concern.

**Japan Seminars and Meetings**

JCIE conducts a variety of activities to promote substantive exchange between Japanese legislators and American leaders, and in the past couple of years, this program has hosted a number of prominent US and Japanese politicians on individual visits overseas. On March 14–22, 2008, JCIE organized a special visit program for US Senator Jeff Bingaman in Tokyo, including a roundtable with Japanese leaders from the government, business, and nonprofit sectors as well as American embassy representatives and business leaders living in Japan. Senator Bingaman spoke about the state of the US-Japan relationship and the American perspective on future US involvement in Asia Pacific.

**Washington Seminars and Meetings**

JCIE also works to encourage US Congressional members to engage in substantive discussions and activities related to US-Japan relations. On March 18, 2009, JCIE organized a Capitol Hill roundtable on the “Congress, the Diet, and New Opportunities for US-Japan Partnership” for a bipartisan group of five Congressional members. The participants discussed how the Diet and Congress can work together more effectively on key issues such as national security, the environment, and global development, as well as ways to better facilitate and expand parliamentary exchange between the two countries.
JCIE established the US Congressional Staff Exchange Program in 1982 in recognition of the vital role that staff members play in legislative and policymaking processes. The one-week program provides senior Congressional staffers with the opportunity to meet a wide range of Japanese legislators, policymakers, and experts, thus giving them a sense of Japan’s policymaking process and of recent trends in politics, economics, and foreign policy. Participants bring their heightened understanding of US-Japan relations and the politics of Japanese policymaking back to their work in the US Congress. Alumni of the program are encouraged to take part in other JCIE programs.

20th Congressional Staff Delegation to Japan

Five Congressional staff participated in the 20th US Congressional Staff Exchange Program, which was held on August 23–30, 2008, in Tokyo. The delegation, which consisted primarily of staff members focusing on financial and economic issues, met with a wide range of Diet members, government officials, business leaders, policy experts, and journalists to discuss the changing political dynamics in Japan, the role of US-Japan relations in an evolving East Asian context, and US-Japan cooperation on international trade and financial issues.

The delegation met with high-ranking Diet Members, included Chair of the House Committee on the Budget Ichiro Aisawa of the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP), former LDP Secretary General Koichi Kato, and former Senior Vice Minister of Finance Isamu Ueda of the New Komeito Party. The delegation also had several in-depth meetings on Japanese business strategy, including discussions with Shigemitsu Sugisaki, vice chairman of Goldman Sachs and former deputy managing director of the International Monetary Fund, and executives at the Nippon Keidanren (Japan Business Federation). The delegation also met with NEC Corporation executives and visited an NEC plant to discuss innovative industry initiatives on environmental and energy policy. On the final day of the study trip, the Congressional staff members met with US-Japan Conference on Culture and Educational Interchange (CULCON) members to discuss strengthening grassroots and political exchange between the two countries.

Participants

Jeff Choudhry, Legislative Director, Office of Representative Trent Franks (R-AZ)
Derek Dorn, Counsel for Tax and Economic Policy, Office of Senator Jeff Bingaman (D-NM); Staff Director, Senate Finance Subcommittee on Energy, Natural Resources, and Infrastructure
Jason Edgar, Senior Legislative Assistant, Office of Representative Dave Reichert (R-WA)
David Oxner, Professional Staff Member, House Committee on Financial Services
Robert Primus, Chief of Staff, Office of Representative Mike Capuano (D-MA); Senior Policy Advisor, Committee on House Administration
US-Japan Young Political Leaders Exchange Program

Since 1973, JCIE has worked with the American Council of Young Political Leaders to operate the US-Japan Young Political Leaders Exchange Program. This intensive two-week study program is designed to expose young leaders from each country to the political, social, and economic conditions of the other country; enhance their understanding and appreciation of US-Japan relations; and create personal networks among the two nations’ leaders. In addition to visiting the host nation’s capital for meetings with national leaders, participants travel to at least two additional cities to gain a more diverse perspective.

During the course of the program, delegates meet with a wide range of senior government officials, political party representatives, industry executives, and community leaders. American delegates typically include state and local elected officials as well as staff members, and efforts are made to select equal numbers of Democrats and Republicans each year. The Japanese delegates primarily consist of Diet staffers and prefectural and local elected officials from the major ruling and opposition parties.

25th US Delegation to Japan

The nine members of the 25th US delegation to Japan visited Tokyo, Nagano, and Ibaraki on November 8–21, 2008. They began their stay in Tokyo, where the delegation discussed Japan’s shifting domestic political landscape with leaders from both of Japan’s two major parties, including Nobuteru Ishihara, acting LDP secretary-general, and Katsuya Okada, vice president of the opposition Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ). The delegation also met with officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, visited senior journalists at the headquarters of the Asahi Shimbun for a briefing on current Japanese politics, and met with the US Ambassador J. Thomas Schieffer and other senior officials at the US Embassy. In addition, the group spoke with Japanese business leaders in a luncheon meeting hosted by the Nippon Keidanren and met with members of CULCON to discuss the promotion of US-Japan exchange.

After five days in Tokyo, the delegates traveled to Nagano City, where they met the mayor, Shoichi Washizawa, and spoke with local Diet members and Nagano prefectural assembly members. The group then left for Ibaraki, where they visited the Ibaraki prefectural government and paid a visit to Kiyoshi Nakagawa, mayor of Tsuchiura City. In Ibaraki prefecture, the delegation also toured local businesses and schools and met with several local research organizations to discuss energy and environment issues in the region.

Participants

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Tricia Ann Cotham, Member, North Carolina House of Representatives (D)
Jason Crowell, Member, Missouri State Senate (R)
Jaret Gibbons, Member, Pennsylvania House of Representatives (D)
Ronald Thomas, Special Counsel, Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough, Washington DC (R)
Angela Wilhelms, Chief of Staff, Office of the Oregon House Minority Leader (R)
Sandra Williams, Member, Ohio House of Representatives (D)
*Delegation Escort*

Rich Golick, Member, Georgia House of Representatives (R)

The 2008 US-Japan Young Political Leaders Exchange Program delegation to Japan
In 1991, JCIE and the Australian Political Exchange Council launched the Australia-Japan Young Political Leaders Exchange Program in order to build a network among the next generation of leaders in both countries and to promote bilateral dialogue. The economies of Japan and Australia have been growing increasingly interdependent with each passing year, and a sound, cooperative relationship between both countries is important for the future growth of the region. The delegations include all political persuasions and consist of federal and local members of parliament and their staff members.

18th Australian Delegation to Japan

A delegation of Australian political leaders visited Tokyo, Kobe, and Kyoto on February 28–March 6, 2009, to exchange views on the future of Australia-Japan relations and to discuss opportunities for cooperation on common challenges such as the global financial crisis and regional security. The six-member delegation, led by Senator Louise Pratt, engaged in discussions in Tokyo with political figures such as Hon. Yohei Kono, Speaker of the House of Representatives (LDP), and Hon. Yukio Hatoyama, secretary general of the DPJ.

The delegation participated in meetings with 16 Diet members from Japan’s three major political parties and met with ministry officials, Japanese business executives, and representatives from Japan’s leading research institutions. The Japanese government’s strategy to address the financial crisis was a major topic of discussion as were sociopolitical developments in Japan such as the upcoming elections. Energy and environment issues such as climate change and regional security issues of shared concern between Japan and Australia also featured prominently in the discussions. After Tokyo, the delegation traveled to Kobe and Kyoto, where they met with members of the Hyogo Prefecture government and visited the Disaster Reduction and Human Renovation Institution to discuss natural disaster preparedness in Japan.

Participants List

Louise Pratt, Delegation Leader; Senator for West Australia (Labor Party)
Simon Birmingham, Senator for South Australia (Liberal Party of Australia)
Mitchell Fifield, Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Disabilities, Carers and the Voluntary Sector; Senator for Victoria (Liberal Party of Australia)
Ben Morton, State Director of the Liberal Party of Australia (West Australia) (Liberal Party of Australia)
Kerry Rea, Federal Member for Bonner (Queensland) (Labor Party)
Kim Baker, Director, Australian Political Exchange Council
CIVILNET

Through its CivilNet Program, JCIE continues its long tradition of leadership in promoting the development of a vibrant civil society in Japan, Asia Pacific, and around the world. With more than three decades of experience in the field, JCIE finds itself in a unique position to create collaborative networks of civil society organizations worldwide and enhance cooperation among them in addressing common challenges.

One important CivilNet objective is to encourage dynamic and innovative approaches in the philanthropic sector. JCIE’s commitment to strengthening Japan’s indigenous private and corporate philanthropy dates back to the early 1970s, when it conducted the groundbreaking International Philanthropy Project. In 1979, it founded the Asian Community Trust, Japan’s first charitable trust supported by general fundraising, and in 1997, the Levi Strauss Foundation and JCIE launched Japan’s first donor advised fund. Building on these activities, JCIE has been facilitating philanthropic programs for a growing number of Japanese and foreign corporations that are seeking ways to address diverse social challenges. In FY2008, this diverse group of corporations and foundations included the Toshiba International Foundation, the Tiffany & Co. Foundation, Voyager Management, Microsoft Japan, and Ajinomoto.

The CivilNet Program also seeks to promote a broader and deeper understanding of civil society in Japan and around the world. JCIE organizes research and dialogue projects on the role of civil society organizations in governance and society. JCIE also works to support international outreach by Japan’s civil society, including the promotion of grassroots exchanges between Japan and other countries, and makes a special effort to encourage civil society leaders in Japan to work more closely with their counterparts around the world in order to improve their effectiveness and heighten the sector’s potential contributions.
Strengthening Understanding of the Role of Civil Society

Keio University Shibusawa Ei’ichi Memorial Lectureship—Global Issues and the Role of Individuals

The Shibusawa Ei’ichi Memorial Lectureship was established at Keio University in 2004 with the sponsorship of the Shibusawa Ei’ichi Memorial Foundation and held each year for five years. This for-credit course, which was organized by JCIE, consisted of a series of lectures that dealt with the redefinition of the public good and the role of civil society. The 2008 series marked the fifth and final year of the course. The series, held from April to July, centered on the theme of “Global Issues and the Role of Individuals” and included lecturers from diverse fields such as medicine, military, law, and even rock music.

2008 Lecture Series

I. Orientation

Ryosei Kokubun; Yuichi Hosoya; Junya Nishino

II. Philanthropists and Civil Society

"Independence and Self-Respect," "Private Knowledge to Public Knowledge": The Spirit of Yukichi Fukuzawa, Founder of Keio Gijuku School

Makoto Iokibe, Historian & President, National Defense Academy of Japan

Ei’ichi Shibusawa’s Philanthropic Efforts and Their Contemporary Significance

Ken Shibusawa, CEO, Shibusawa & Co.

Evolution of Corporate Social Involvement and Its role in the Civil Society

Yotaro Kobayashi, Chief Corporate Advisor, Fuji Xerox

III. Civil Society and Its Various Actors

Creating a Conducive Environment for Civil Society Development

Akira Matsubara, Executive Director, Coalition for Legislation to Support Citizen’s Organizations

Civil Society Responses to Climate Change

Mie Asaoka, Lawyer; Vice President, Kyoto Prefectural Citizens’ Committee to Stop Global Warming

The Role of Media in Transmitting Values

Yoichi Funabashi, Editor in Chief, Asahi Shimbun

Collaboration with Civil Society in International Policy Formulation—Toward G8 and TICAD IV

Koji Tsuruoka, Director-General for Global Issues, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

IV. Values Connecting Global Individuals

Looking at Individuals from Conflict Areas

Yoshino Oishi, Photographer

Globalization and the Role of Religion

Kosei Morimoto, Chief Abbot, Todaiji Temple

Ethics in Human Life

Yoshiyuki Okano, Professor, Medical Department, Keio University

V. Keio University 150th Anniversary Special Lecture sponsored by Ei’ichi Shibusawa Memorial Foundation

Global Issues and the Role of Individuals

Bono, Lead Vocalist, U2
In 2002, Microsoft Japan launched the Microsoft Japan NPO Support Program, renamed in 2009 as the Microsoft Japan NPO Cooperation Program. This program aims to empower nonprofit organizations in Japan through the use of information technology. Each year, approximately US$180,000 (¥20,000,000) in grants is distributed to Japanese NPOs, together with software and other technical advice as necessary. JCIE began operating this program for Microsoft Japan in 2006, managing the planning, operations, selection process, and evaluation of the program.

In 2009, this program was renamed as a result of discussions about transforming the relationship between the corporate sector and NPOs into a more collaborative partnership. The new program focuses on how the two parties can leverage their respective expertise and create a win-win relationship. In addition, the focus of the program’s support has expanded to encompass two main themes: (1) projects promoting safe use of the Internet and (2) projects utilizing information technologies to provide solutions to pressing social issues, especially in the fields of the environment, health, and local revitalization.

SEEDCap Japan

The Social Entrepreneur Enhanced Development Capital Program (SEEDCap Japan), a funding initiative that was launched in 2004, serves as a new model for nonprofit financing in Japan. Voyager Management, a socially conscious American “fund of funds” investment company that aggregates and invests funds for small and mid-sized hedge funds, contributes 10 percent of the incentive fees from its
transactions on behalf of several Japanese corporations to JCIE. This contribution is then regranted by JCIE to exemplary Japanese nonprofit organizations that are implementing new approaches to pressing social issues. This innovative arrangement was conceived by the investment advisory firm Shibusawa & Company.

SEEDCap has attracted media attention for the creative way in which it mobilizes support for the civil society sector in Japan, where funding can be especially difficult to obtain. SEEDCap has enabled recipient organizations to launch new activities to meet underserved societal needs and to scale up their operations. Since 2007, SEEDCap recipients have been eligible to apply for two additional years of funding at reduced amounts after the completion of their first year of activities. This multi-year funding, which is not common in the Japanese context, is designed to enable the organizations to make their programs financially self-sustaining. New grantees in 2008 included Total Health Care for Artists Japan and KOMPOSITION, while other grantees received their second year of funding.

2008 Grants
Total Health Care for Artists Japan—To support a program that expands access to affordable healthcare for dancers and other artists, who often fall through the gaps of Japan’s healthcare system.

KOMPOSITION—For a “Legal Wall Project” that battles illegal graffiti by channeling youths’ energies and providing them legal spaces to paint at the request of building owners.

Kotoba no Atelier—Second-year funding for a residential training program to draw youths who are out of the workforce back into societal contact and help them gain professional skills.

A Dream A Day in Tokyo/Heartful Holiday in Tokyo for Terminally Ill Children—Second-year funding for a program to offer terminally ill children from Japan and elsewhere in Asia a one-week stay in Tokyo.

![SEEDCap Japan recipient organization Pangaea](image)

**Tiffany Foundation Award**

In 2008, the Tiffany & Co. Foundation and JCIE established the Tiffany Foundation Award for the Preservation of Japanese Traditional Arts and Culture in Contemporary Society in order to recognize organizations that have made notable contributions to the promotion of Japanese traditional culture and to the revitalization of local communities.

The Tiffany Foundation Award honors organizations in two categories: the Taisho Award honors organizations that are nationally recognized and have introduced an innovative element to their field; and the Shinkosho Award honors organizations that are recognized at the community level as having great potential or having produced exemplary results through efforts in their regions. One award is made in each category annually, and recipients receive a ¥2 million grant and a custom-designed trophy from Tiffany & Co. The award recognizes those whose activities (1) incorporate the heritage of traditional local culture into the contemporary activities of modern society by mobilizing the participation of a wide range of citizens in traditional cultural activities, (2) revive traditional cultural activities that have been passed down through the generations with
the purpose of regenerating a sense of local pride and contributing to community revitalization, and (3) promote domestic and international exchange related to the theme of traditional arts and culture to rejuvenate local communities and open them to the rest of the world. JCIE requests nominations for the award from experts and institutions throughout Japan. In addition, organizations carrying out exemplary activities in keeping with the award’s objectives are invited to directly nominate themselves. An independent selection committee of experts evaluates the nominees.

The inaugural awardees, the Mino Washi Akari Art Contest & Exhibition Organizing Committee and the Nishi-shiogo Revolving Theater Preservation Committee, were honored at an award ceremony in Tokyo on June 26, 2008.

Selection Committee
Katsuhiko Hibino, Artist; Professor, Tokyo University of the Arts
Fumio Nanjo, Director, Mori Art Museum
Yuko Tanaka, Professor, Hosei University

2008 Awardees
Taisho Award: Mino Washi Akari Art Contest & Exhibition Organizing Committee (Mino City, Gifu Prefecture)—To promote the use of mino washi, the Mino region’s traditional handmade paper, Mino City organizes an “Akari Art” Exhibition, inviting artisans from around the country to create and display mino washi light sculptures.

Shinkosho Award: Nishi-Shiogo Revolving Theater Preservation Committee (Hitachi-Omiya City, Ibaraki Prefecture)—In the 1990s, the Nishi-Shiogo committee revived an early tradition of building a temporary theater on farmland for Kabuki, a traditional form of Japanese theater. Every three years, more than 100 local residents take part in the month-long process of rebuilding the theater for a series of performances.

Toshiba Youth Conference for a Sustainable Future
Sponsored by the Toshiba International Foundation, the Toshiba Youth Conference for a Sustainable Future brings together high school students and teachers from Japan, Poland, Thailand, and the United States to encourage the students to deepen their awareness of environmental issues and to take the lead in their communities in working toward a better future. The program also seeks to enhance the teachers’ ability to promote environmental, scientific, and intercultural communication education.

Created in 2008, the program is unique for its multilateral nature and its potential to form ties of international friendship and to strengthen international exchange between students through an action-oriented focus on common issues that span national boundaries. During the weeklong camp in Japan, the students and teachers participate in an intensive program designed to promote a broader understanding of environmental issues, including group research projects, field visits, and discussions with their fellow participants from other countries.
Prior to each conference, the student participants compose reports on local environmental issues and exchange views through a dedicated website. After returning to their respective countries, the students can keep in touch via the website, and it is hoped that these continued interactions will help encourage the development of a long-term network of environmentally conscious young leaders committed to creating a better future. In cooperation with Toshiba and BeGood Café, a Japanese environmental non-profit, JCIE has been facilitating the development of the program since its inception. Along with the Toshiba International Foundation, this program is sponsored by the Toshiba America Foundation and Toshiba Thai Foundation.


**Ajinomoto International Cooperation for “Nutrition and Health” Support Program**

The Ajinomoto International Cooperation for “Nutrition and Health” Support Program is a grant program aimed at improving the quality of life of people in developing countries through support for international cooperation activities in local communities in the field of food and nutrition. The program was launched in 1999 as one of the Ajinomoto Group’s corporate citizenship activities and aims to contribute to the achievement of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals. From 2007 to 2009, JCIE advised Ajinomoto on its program content and helped to publicize the program and run the application process.
As the challenges facing Japan and the international community have become more complex, it has become apparent that there is a need for greater coordination and cooperation among diverse sectors of society, both domestically and internationally. A growing number of JCIE’s initiatives now cut across its three programmatic pillars—policy studies, political exchange, and civil society programs—drawing on the expertise and strong networks developed in these areas and bringing together leaders from various fields in order to effectively respond to emerging issues that cannot be dealt with solely by one sector of society.

For example, JCIE’s program on global health and human security, which attempts to deal in a comprehensive manner with the interconnected health threats facing individuals and communities in developing countries, would not be effective without the active involvement of policy experts and scholars, politicians, and civil society organizations.

As part of this program, JCIE also serves as secretariat of the Friends of the Global Fund, Japan, which builds support in Japan and throughout Asia for the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. Finally, JCIE undertakes special initiatives to encourage the development of the next generation of international leaders across sectors.
In 2004, JCIE founded the Friends of the Global Fund, Japan (FGFJ), a private support group for the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. The Global Fund is a private foundation that seeks to mobilize and allocate resources from around the world to fight three of the most devastating diseases threatening human lives and human security. It raises funds from both governmental and nongovernmental sources, and it works with governments, UN organizations, NGOs, researchers, corporations, affected communities, and other partners to direct resources toward prevention, treatment, and care.

The FGFJ works to support the Global Fund by creating an enabling environment for an effective response to fight against the spread of HIV/AIDS and other communicable diseases in Japan. At the same time, it seeks to encourage Japan to expand its role in the battle against communicable diseases through activities such as its multiparty Diet Task Force. HIV/AIDS has become a rapidly escalating human security threat in East Asia, and regional cooperation should be promoted to fully address communicable diseases. The FGFJ seeks to build cooperation between Japan and other East Asian countries in this shared struggle.

Mobilizing Leadership

As one core component of FGFJ activities, JCIE works to engage key leaders in Japan and around the world more actively in the fight against HIV/AIDS, malaria, and tuberculosis. The support of key political and governmental leaders is needed in order to convince the Japanese government to continue making substantial contributions, both financial and otherwise, to the Global Fund and the worldwide campaign to battle these diseases. Meanwhile, it is important to mobilize leadership in other sectors of society as well, ranging from business to civil society, academia, and medicine.

FGFJ Board

The FGFJ works to engage Japanese leaders in a number of ways. For example, a cross-section of leading figures in Japan—from politics, government, business, academia, civil society, and medicine—meet as members of the FGFJ board in order to strategize on ways to promote greater cooperation on communicable diseases and to reach out to the leadership of the sectors they represent.

FGFJ Board Members

Yoshiro Mori, former Prime Minister (Chair)
Tadashi Yamamoto, President, JCIE (Director)
Tatsuo Higuchi, President and Representative Director, Otsuka Pharmaceutical
Mitsuko Horiuchi, former Assistant Director-General, International Labour Organization (ILO)
Aikichi Iwamoto, Professor of Infectious Diseases, Advanced Clinical Research Center, Institute of Medical Science, University of Tokyo
Masahiro Kihara, Professor, Department of International Health and Social Epidemiology, Graduate School of Medicine, Kyoto University
Masaharu Kohno, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs
Yuzaburo Mogi, Chairman and CEO, Kikkoman Corporation
Shigeru Nakajima, International Representative, Japan Trade Union Confederation (RENGO); Member of the Governing Body, ILO
Kichisaburo Nomura, Executive Advisor, All Nippon Airways
FGFJ Diet Task Force
A multiparty Diet Task Force has been a central part of the FGFJ since its inception in 2004, bringing together Diet members from all of the major Japanese parties for frequent meetings. The FGFJ Diet Task Force convenes several times a year for discussions with leaders from around the world, and members participate in various other FGFJ activities.

Honorary Chair
Yosihito Mori, former Prime Minister; Member of the House of Representatives (LDP); Chair, Friends of the Global Fund, Japan

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Yukio Edano, Member, House of Representatives
Eriko Fukuda, Member, House of Representatives
Tetsuro Fukuyama, Member, House of Councillors

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Yasutoshi Nishimura, Member, House of Representatives
Yuko Obuchi, Member, House of Representatives
Itsunori Onodera, Member, House of Representatives
Ken Saito, Member, House of Representatives
Norihisa Tamura, Member, House of Representatives

New Komeito
Yasuyuki Eda, Member, House of Representatives
Masaaki Tanai, Member, House of Councillors

Your Party
Ryuhei Kawada, Member, House of Councillors
Shinji Oguma, Member, House of Councillors

FGFJ Events and Roundtables with Overseas Leaders
The FGFJ invites leaders in the field of communicable diseases from around the world to visit Japan and meet with key figures from different sectors of Japanese society as part of its efforts to help energize the movement in Japan and promote international cooperation on this topic.
International Symposium: “From Okinawa to Toyako—Dealing with Communicable Diseases as Global Human Security Threats”
On May 23–24, 2008, more than 150 NGO, business, and philanthropic leaders from around the world met in Tokyo for a major FGFJ conference to explore how the world can respond more effectively to the spread of communicable diseases in developing countries. The conference, which was co-sponsored by the Global Fund and the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, opened as Japan was preparing to host two important international meetings—the Toyako G8 Summit in July and the Fourth Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD IV) on May 28. The conference featured prominent leaders from Japan, including Prime Minister Yasuo Fukuda, Japan International Cooperation Agency President Sadako Ogata, and former Prime Minister Mori, as well as top international global health leaders and senior figures from the Global Fund. The conference reviewed the progress that had taken place since the 2000 G8 Summit in placing health as a key component of development and the successes that had been realized since the 2002 establishment of the Global Fund, as well as the future steps needed for the Global Fund and its partner countries to expand their efforts to fight communicable disease around the world.

Seminar on Innovative Global Networks for Healthy Society in Africa and Beyond
Following the international symposium, a half-day seminar on “Innovative Global Networks for Healthy Society in Africa and Beyond” was convened on the afternoon of May 24, 2008, with participants from eight Friends of the Global Fund groups from around the world that were either established or being set up: Africa, Europe, Japan, Latin America, Middle East, Pacific Asia, South Asia, and the United States. Representatives from each organization highlighted their current activities as well as goals for the future. They discussed the specific niche areas of each group, ideas for sharing information and materials among the “Friends” groups from both donor and developing countries, and strategies for collaboration as the various groups grow.

Promoting Regional Cooperation
As people and goods move across national boundaries more frequently, so do communicable diseases. It is no longer sufficient to focus responses solely at the national level; regional and cross-border cooperation is also needed. Therefore, the FGFJ aims to promote greater understanding among countries in East Asia of the challenges of communicable disease and encourage greater cooperation in responding to them.

Outreach Seminars in Hokkaido, Sendai, Kyoto, Okayama, and Nagasaki
On May 25–27, 2008, prior to the Toyako G8 Summit, the FGFJ arranged a series of public seminars and activities around Japan with 17 NGO leaders and experts from Africa, Europe, Latin America, the United States, and Asia. These were held in five areas outside of Tokyo—Hokkaido (Hakodate and Sapporo), Sendai, Kyoto, Okayama, and Nagasaki—giving Japanese residents outside of the capital a rare opportunity to learn directly from experts on communicable diseases from around the world and giving the overseas
participants a chance to learn about other parts of Japan and expand their networks with Japanese experts and practitioners. The seminars were organized in partnership with local organizations or universities in each location and were well attended, with as many as 630 participants at one of the events in Nagasaki.

Hokkaido
Bobby John, Executive Director, Center for Sustainable Health & Development; Global Health Advocates, India
Asia Russell, Director, International Policy, Health GAP, United States
Kingsley Moghalu, Head, Global Partnerships, Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

Sendai
Cheick Tidiane Tall, Executive Director, AfriCASO, Senegal
Keizo Takemi, former Member, House of Councillors, Japan
Wolfgang Munar, Friends of the Global Fund, Latin America
Ryuichi Komatsu, Senior Technical Officer, Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

Kyoto
Peter Piot, Executive Director, Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)
Medhin Zewdu, Special Advisor to the Minister of Health, Ethiopia
Linden Morrison, Team Leader, East Africa and Indian Ocean Cluster, Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

Okayama
Christoph Benn, Director, External Relations, Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria
Caroline Kayonga, Permanent Secretary and CCM Chairperson, Ministry of Health, Rwanda
Sin Somuny, Executive Director, MEDiCAM, Cambodia
Houy Sikheng, Dr. Somuny’s spouse

Nagasaki
Ali Mohamed As’ad, Public Health Advisor, Higher Council for the Affairs of People with Disabilities, Jordan
Louis Da Gama, Malaria Advocacy and Communications Director, Global Health Advocates, United Kingdom
Chioma Nwachukwu, Associate Project Manager, Friends of the Global Fund Africa, Nigeria
Dianne Stewart, Head, Board and Donor Relations, Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

Diet Task Force Southeast Asia Mission
On July 22–25, 2008, six members of the FGFJ Diet Task Force visited Cambodia and Vietnam to speak with community leaders, aid workers, and national policymakers working on AIDS, malaria, and tuberculosis and to visit treatment sites and communities dealing with these diseases. The bipartisan group was headed by Representative Ichiro Aisawa and included Jun Matsumoto, Gaku Hashimoto, Tsuyoshi Yamaguchi, and Mitsunori Okamoto from the House of Representatives, as well as Masaaki Taniai from the House of Councillors. The trip was organized in cooperation with the Global Fund and made possible by support from the M•A•C AIDS Fund. A follow-up reception for the FGFJ Diet Task Force Southeast Asia Mission participants was held in Tokyo on January 19, 2009.

Supporting Corporate Responses
The challenges posed by communicable diseases have proven to be too large for the public sector to deal with alone, so one mission of the FGFJ is to promote greater involvement by the corporate sector. The FGFJ works to engage Japanese corporations in its activities, raise awareness among business executives of steps their companies can take to help stem the spread of communicable diseases among their
employees and in the communities in which they operate, and encourage companies to participate more fully in the global fight against the diseases.

Corporate Responses to Communicable Diseases: Case Studies of Innovative Responses
In 2006, the FGFJ launched an in-depth study of roughly a dozen major corporations around the world that are undertaking exemplary initiatives in the fight against communicable diseases. FGFJ researchers compiled case studies of particularly effective programs in order to identify models that corporations, especially Japanese firms, can emulate or look to for inspiration. Information on these cases was gathered through research; field visits to project sites in Asia, Africa, and the United States; and interviews with corporate executives.

**Raising Public Awareness and Engaging the Media**

The FGFJ also aims to raise public awareness and understanding about communicable diseases and the role of the Global Fund in dealing with these threats through various outreach activities and through its website, with special efforts made to engage the Japanese and international media.

**Media Trip to Cambodia and Vietnam on Global Health Cooperation**

On April 21–25, 2008, the FGFJ assisted in the facilitation of a visit to Cambodia and Vietnam by a delegation of five journalists from major national Japanese newspapers. The goal of the program was to ensure more accurate reporting on topics related to communicable diseases. The journalists, covering health topics in the lead up to the G8 Summit in Toyako, Hokkaido, visited a broad range of sites so that they could better understand the public health problems these countries face and the efforts on the ground to improve the situation. They were able to witness local government and NGO projects providing treatment and prevention services for people affected by HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria as well as those providing immunizations and maternal and child healthcare through support from the Global Fund, the GAVI Alliance, and the Japan International Cooperation Agency.
In the year leading up to the July 2008 Toyako G8 Summit, JCIE organized a high-level working group comprised of scholars, government officials, and practitioners from diverse sectors in Japan to explore new international approaches to global health challenges and the contributions that Japan can make in this area. The working group was chaired by Keizo Takemi, a prominent former politician and former senior vice minister of health, labor, and welfare, who joined JCIE as a senior fellow in September 2007.

In the first phase of the program, from September 2007 to July 2008, the working group produced a set of recommendations for the Japanese government based on intense consultations with key experts around the world. The activities of the working group during this crucial period have been credited with helping keep global health issues high on the G8 Summit agenda.

The second phase of the program, from August 2008 to October 2009, identified ways to turn the Toyako G8 Summit recommendations on health system strengthening into concrete action and, by doing so, to help ensure that political momentum was maintained during the transition to the 2009 G8 Summit in Italy. A high-profile conference was convened in Tokyo in November 2008 to explore the creation of a global strategic framework for strengthening health systems in developing countries around the world, and the program task force released a major report in January 2009 compiling policy recommendations for the G8 countries.

Working Group Members

Keizo Takemi, Research Fellow, Harvard School of Public Health; Senior Fellow, JCIE (Chair)
Tadashi Yamamoto, President, JCIE (Director)

Kazushi Hashimoto, Director, Japan Bank for International Cooperation
Masami Ishii, Executive Board Member, Japan Medical Association
Sumie Ishii, Managing Director and Executive Secretary, Japanese Organization for International Cooperation in Family Planning (JOICFP)
Masamine Jimba, Professor, Department of Community and Global Health, Graduate School of Medicine, University of Tokyo
Yasushi Katsuma, Professor, Waseda University Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies
Kiyoshi Kurokawa, Professor, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies; Chairman, Health Policy Institute, Japan
Daikichi Monma, Deputy Director-General, International Bureau, Ministry of Finance
Taro Muraki, Assistant Minister for International Affairs, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare
Yasuhide Nakamura, Professor, Department of International Collaboration, Graduate School of Human Sciences, Osaka University
Yohei Sasakawa, Chairman, Nippon Foundation
Takehiko Sasazuki, President, International Medical Center of Japan
Shinsuke Sugiyama, Director-General for Global Issues, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Takashi Taniguchi, Assistant Minister for Technical Affairs, Ministry's Secretariat, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare
Yoshiihisa Ueda, Vice President, Japan International Cooperation Agency
Recommendations to the G8 Toyako Summit

Based on intense consultations with key experts around the world, the working group produced a set of recommendations for the Japanese government in advance of the July 2008 G8 Summit in Toyako. The recommendations were presented at an FGFJ symposium in Tokyo on May 23–24, immediately prior to TICAD IV. At the summit, the leaders of the G8 countries endorsed the Toyako G8 Common Framework for Action on Global Health, which highlighted health system strengthening as a crucial complement to vital disease-specific programs.

Global Health Working Group Visit to the United States

As part of their research in spring 2008, members of the working group visited Washington DC and New York on April 24–30 for a series of discussions with US global health experts. The events included a presentation on global health as a human security challenge at the Trilateral Commission annual plenary meeting on April 27 as well as a roundtable at the Brookings Institution on “Challenges in Global Health and Japan’s Contributions” on April 28 and a seminar on “Global Health and the G8” at the Council on Foreign Relations on April 29.

G8 Toyako Summit Follow Up

After the Toyako Summit, the working group was requested by the Japanese government to recommend ways to follow up on the commitments made by the G8 countries. In response, the working group organized an international, multisectoral Task Force on Global Action for Health System Strengthening. The working group chose to focus specifically on three issues—health information, health workforces, and health financing—as entry points for better understanding what the international community needs to do to strengthen health systems. In order to ensure that these three issues would be on the agenda at the 2009 G8 Summit the following summer, the task force sought to create a set of tangible and specific policy recommendations that could be acted upon by the G8 countries in the coming decade.

Workshop on Global Action for Health System Strengthening

As the members of the research team began to compile their papers in early fall 2008, they attended numerous international health conferences, including meetings convened by the World Health Organization and the Global Fund, and traveled to meet with experts in the global health field around the world to inform their writing. In preparation for a major conference in November, the Task Force on Global Action for Health System Strengthening organized a paper writers’ workshop in Tokyo on October 4, 2008. The writers presented their draft papers on the three main themes of health information, health financing, and health workforce and discussed the relationships among the three components.

International Conference on Global Action for Health System Strengthening: G8 Hokkaido Toyako Summit Follow-Up

In order to gain a broader perspective on the draft papers, JCIE and the working group convened a high-level international conference in Tokyo on November 3–4, 2008, which brought together leaders of the world’s major global health-related organizations.
and health experts from the G8 countries. Organized in partnership with the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Rockefeller Foundation, the World Bank, and the World Health Organization, and in cooperation with the Japanese Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare and the Global Fund, the conference explored the creation of a global strategic framework for strengthening health systems in developing countries, with a particular emphasis on clarifying the role that the G8 countries can play in the field.

Report on Global Action for Health System Strengthening: Policy Recommendations to the G8

The policy papers prepared for the November 2008 conference formed the basis of a comprehensive final report of the working group, *Global Action for Health System Strengthening: Policy Recommendations to the G8*. The report contains an overview chapter tracing the broad themes of the working group’s recommendations, as well as individual chapters that offer a more in-depth exploration of trends and priorities regarding health workforce, health financing, and health information. The report, which incorporated the discussions at the October workshop and November conference, was submitted in January 2009 to the Japanese government, which in turn submitted the report to the Italian government for consideration in advance of the next G8 Summit that took place in L’Aquila, Italy, in July 2009.

Dissemination Seminar in Asia

The working group embarked on a multi-region dissemination seminar tour for the report during the first half of 2009. The seminars were held on three continents—Asia, North America, and Africa—during the months leading up to the G8 Summit in Italy. These events included a January 27 seminar in Bangkok, Thailand, on “Global Action for Health System Strengthening.” At the Bangkok seminar, participants noted that the issues of health workforce should go beyond medical practitioners to also include technicians and policymakers and advocated prioritizing the most vulnerable groups when addressing challenges of health financing.

Roundtables in the United States

To disseminate the report in the United States, JCIE and the working group organized two Washington DC roundtables, one on “Global Action for Health System Strengthening” (co-sponsored by the Center for Global Development on March 17) and one on “Policy Recommendations to the G8: Health System Strengthening” (co-sponsored by InterAction on March 19). At the Washington DC seminars, participants welcomed the task force’s recommendation that country decision-making capacity should be strengthened and suggested that expanding the discussion to a more inclusive group than the G8 might be one way to improve country ownership. Lastly, an Africa seminar on the report was organized in Nairobi, Kenya, in April 2009.

In addition to the seminars, working group and task force members discussed the findings and recommendations in the report at meetings convened by other organizations in Africa, Asia, Europe, and North America. In the end, many of the ideas in the report were ultimately reflected in the G8 Leaders Declaration of the 2009 Summit, and excerpts from the program’s research were also featured in a special section in the international medical journal the *Lancet*. 
Preparing Future Leaders

Tanaka Juku Seminar Series for Emerging Leaders

In order to encourage future leaders to think more seriously about Japan’s international role, JCIE organizes the “Tanaka Juku,” a three-month series of eight intensive evening seminars for 15–25 young political leaders, corporate executives, journalists, and emerging intellectual leaders under the tutorage of Hitoshi Tanaka, JCIE senior fellow and former deputy minister for foreign affairs. During the sessions, prominent guest commentators are invited to add their insights, and the participants are invited to other high-level international conferences and events organized by JCIE to further encourage their professional development.

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Despite various efforts over the past decades to deal with the overwhelming challenges of AIDS, as of 2007 there were an estimated 33 million people around the world infected with HIV, according to the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS). Of that number, 1.7 million people in sub-Saharan Africa and 440,000 people in Asia had been newly infected in the previous year. In addition to the individual human suffering that it causes, AIDS takes a considerable social and economic toll on hard-hit communities in countries around the world. There is hope, however, that the emerging field of human security—with its emphasis on human-centered comprehensive approaches—might prove effective. This report analyzes five projects—two in Asia and three in Africa—funded by the United Nations Trust Fund for Human Security that deal with AIDS from various angles, such as the intersection between AIDS and issues of poverty, migration, education, and gender inequality. The case studies offer insight into the potential for human security approaches to help respond to the challenges of AIDS.

(English: JCIE 2008)
Global Action for Health System Strengthening: Policy Recommendations to the G8

Following the 2008 Toyako G8 Summit, JCIE’s Working Group on Challenges in Global Health and Japan’s Contributions was encouraged by the Japanese government to translate the summit recommendations on how G8 member countries and stakeholders should be working to strengthen health systems in developing countries into concrete proposals. Three possible areas for health system strengthening that were proposed at the G8 Summit were analyzed: the health workforce, health information, and health financing. The final report was submitted in January 2009 to the Japanese government, which in turn submitted the report to the Italian government as the latter prepared to chair the July 2009 G8 L’Aquila Summit.

(English, Japanese, Italian: JCIE 2009)

Philanthropy and Reconciliation: Rebuilding Postwar US-Japan Relations

The US-Japan relationship has undergone many changes since the end of World War II, but perhaps the most dramatic and least understood transition was the change in perceptions and values that allowed these two former enemies—countries which shared substantially fewer ties of kinship and culture than did the United States and Europe—to become the closest of allies in a remarkably short period of time. This study examines the critical role of civil society, and particularly of American and Japanese philanthropy, in rebuilding the US-Japan relationship in the postwar period.

Foundations and individual philanthropists set out to promote democracy in Japan, reconstruct the foundations of mutual understanding between Japan and the United States, and encourage a continuing dialogue on the future of the relationship. To do this, they provided generous support for strategic institution building, the development of human resources through support for individual study and training, the promotion of American studies in Japan and Japanese studies in the United States, and a broad range of international exchanges and dialogues. This groundbreaking study analyzes the context and implications of this support, both for understanding the past and for improving the way in which we address post-conflict reconstruction and reconciliation in the future.

(English: JCIE 2006; Japanese: Minerva 2008)
PERIODICALS AND REPORTS

Civil Society Monitor
JCIE’s Civil Society Monitor newsletter serves as one of few sources of English-language information on the current state of the Japanese nonprofit sector. It seeks to link Japan’s nonprofit sector with the international community by reporting on current events and noteworthy activities and organizations in Japan’s emerging civil society. The 13th issue was published in November 2008 and analyzed recent developments in Japanese civil society, including the high levels of civil society mobilization surrounding the July 2008 G8 Summit held in Toyako, Japan.

Dialogue and Research Monitor
The Dialogue and Research Monitor (DRM), available in print and online, surveys policy-relevant dialogue and research at both the governmental and nongovernmental levels dealing with the East Asian region. It focuses specifically on multilateral dialogues and research that relates to security (traditional, nontraditional, and human security) as well as to regional community building. In 2008, JCIE released an issue of the DRM covering the period from January to December 2006.

East Asia Insights: Toward Community Building in East Asia
JCIE publishes policy briefs reporting on and analyzing the long-term community-building process in East Asia. Current and past issues are available on JCIE’s website. Five issues were published in FY2008:

- A Japanese Perspective on the China Question (May 2008)
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