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JCIE/USA Board of Directors, Officers, and Staff
The two years covered by this report—from April 2011 to March 2013—have been the most challenging in JCIE’s history, but they have come with many blessings as well. Chief among them is the way in which adversity has highlighted the institution’s resilience and its unique capacity to contribute to national and world affairs, as well as how it has shown us just how many loyal friends JCIE has around the world.

Any review of JCIE’s last two years should probably begin with a hallmark event that took place a little earlier, on February 22, 2011. JCIE convened the New Shimoda Conference in Tokyo, a high-level gathering of US Congressional members, Japanese Diet members, senior officials, business leaders, and public intellectuals from both countries to discuss the issues that Japan and the United States should prioritize in order to revitalize their alliance to face 21st-century challenges. This meeting harkened back to the historic inaugural Shimoda Conference, which was organized by Tadashi Yamamoto and others in 1967 as the first bilateral dialogue to bring together Japanese and American leaders on truly equal footing. Given that the 1967 meeting provided the impetus for JCIE’s founding three years later, it was perhaps fitting that the New Shimoda Conference ended up being the last major forum Yamamoto would host.

A mere three weeks later, the importance of efforts such as the New Shimoda Conference was manifested in a visceral way when an unprecedented tragedy highlighted the power of people-to-people connections and demonstrated how we all can come together as a global community. On March 11, northeastern Japan was struck by a massive earthquake, devastating tsunami, and nuclear meltdown at the power plant in Fukushima—a triad of disasters that has come to be known simply as “3/11.” The aftermath of 3/11 showcased the resilience of the Japanese people, and the outpouring of sympathy and aid from around the world also demonstrated the value of international ties between people in Japan and overseas.

The disaster also demonstrated the capacity of JCIE to utilize its cross-sectoral networks of governmental, corporate, and NGO leaders around the world and its deep understanding of Japan’s nonprofit sector. Since the disaster, JCIE has been playing an important role in bridging the Japanese and overseas responses, providing introductions and guidance for groups that wish to help, disseminating information and analysis on the response, and working to nurture partnerships among Japanese and non-Japanese NGOs that have been advancing the recovery.

We have also been aiding the disaster survivors in more direct ways. Within three days of the disaster, JCIE launched the Japan NGO Earthquake Relief and Recovery Fund to collect donations overseas. The
generosity of people around the world was both stunning and humbling. This fund and others set up by JCIE eventually raised several million dollars for groups working in the disaster zone, and JCIE also began facilitating giving for half a dozen other organizations. Including the donations distributed through its own disaster funds, JCIE has had a hand in channeling nearly US$7 million to more than 40 Japanese nonprofit organizations that are leading the recovery.

While pivoting to respond to this emergency, JCIE was also able to continue its track record of contributing in more customary ways to East Asian regional cooperation. For instance, Korea-Japan relations have taken a turn for the worse in recent years, as territorial disputes and history issues have heightened bilateral tensions. Against this backdrop, the importance of Track 2 dialogues like the Korea-Japan Forum that JCIE has co-hosted since 1993 have become increasingly valuable vehicles for governmental and nongovernmental leaders from both countries to explore how to restore more amicable relations. While the 2012 Korea-Japan Forum was initially postponed due to a spike in tensions, when it was held in December 2012 it played a critical role in enabling the new, incoming governments in both countries to gain a better sense of what to expect from one another and it focused leaders on the need to mend the bilateral relationship.

In a similar vein, JCIE has been requested to take on the role of co-organizer of a new “ASEAN-Japan Strategic Partnership” initiative that is bringing together top thinkers from Japan and the 10 ASEAN countries to chart out ways in which ASEAN-Japan ties can be deepened in a variety of areas in order to build a more stable and prosperous region. The aim of this is to provide the impetus for deeper, more productive relations, and the findings of the study will be reported to the heads of state of each of the countries as a basis for discussions at the 2013 and 2014 ASEAN-Japan Summits.

In addition to regional affairs, JCIE’s efforts to serve as a catalyst for greater cooperation on global issues also continue to bear fruit. In 2005, JCIE launched the Friends of the Global Fund, Japan (FGFJ) to promote international cooperation in the fight against the major communicable diseases and encourage different sectors of society in Japan to expand their support for this effort. At the time, the Japanese government was contributing little more than US$80 million annually to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, but over the last three years, that amount has soared to an average of roughly US$250 million, saving countless lives in Africa, Asia, and elsewhere around the world.

Meanwhile, JCIE’s work under the leadership of Senior Fellow Keizo Takemi to encourage greater Japanese engagement in global health initiatives through its Global Health and Human Security Program has been credited with encouraging the Japanese government’s embrace of health
diplomacy and its growing commitment to helping countries around the world provide universal health coverage for their citizens. This has also blossomed into a new JCIE partnership with the World Bank to explore how to apply lessons from Japan’s experiences with healthcare to developing nations.

Ultimately though, any reflections on JCIE’s past two years are bound to be bittersweet. The sense of accomplishment that results from being able to contribute in such diverse ways to the international community is tinged by a deep feeling of sadness over the loss of JCIE’s founder and president, Tadashi Yamamoto. He passed away on April 15, 2012, with his beloved family at his side, leaving behind a broad community of devoted colleagues, internationally minded leaders, and civil society proponents in Japan and around the world who have been inspired by his example and his spirit.

After Hideko Katsumata briefly served as acting president, Ken Shibusawa, who had been deeply involved in social entrepreneurship and in a number of JCIE activities, took the helm of JCIE/Japan as its new president in June 2012. He has been bringing a new energy to many of JCIE’s programs. Meanwhile, Peggy Blumenthal, a longtime board member, took over as chair of JCIE/USA, where Jim Gannon and other staff have been working to strengthen the US arm’s institutional base. As part of this effort, a Tadashi Yamamoto Memorial Fund has been launched to allow JCIE to engage promising, young leaders in international dialogue (see page 65).

The loss felt by JCIE staff in Tokyo and New York remains acute, but we enter JCIE’s new era with the same sense of mission and the dedication to the spirit of internationalism that has infused the organization’s work from its very beginning. Yamamoto used to say that we can only come together by sharing both suffering and triumphs. With two simultaneously wrenching and inspiring years behind us, we now find ourselves even more appreciative of and reliant on the support and advice of friends around the world. We are deeply grateful for this solidarity and encouragement, which further reinforces our commitment to carry on Yamamoto’s legacy and build upon JCIE’s many contributions as we move forward.
Remembering Tadashi Yamamoto

The past year marked a sad milestone in the history of the Japan Center for International Exchange (JCIE) as we bid farewell to the institution's founder and leader, Tadashi Yamamoto, who succumbed to cancer at the age of 76. One of Japan's leading internationalists, Yamamoto pioneered a style of highly personal, face-to-face diplomacy that built a network of ties among leaders inside and outside of Japan and advanced international cooperation in a surprisingly broad range of areas.

In his youth, Yamamoto trained to become a Jesuit priest, but when he began to have doubts about that vocation, he transferred overseas to St. Norbert's College in Wisconsin. As a foreign student there in the late 1950s and early 1960s, he was deeply moved by the ideals of the American civil rights movement, the optimism and emphasis on public service that pervaded the public debate of the day, and the focus on “love and community” that he found in his faith. He often recounted how these experiences inspired his later work.

After returning to Japan in 1962, Yamamoto was hired as a special assistant for international affairs to Tokusaburo Kosaka, the president of Shin'etsu Chemical Company and later a prominent politician. Here, he began to hone his style of behind-the-scenes diplomacy by making arrangements for a groundbreaking trip to Japan in 1962 by Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy to promote stronger US-Japan ties.

At the time, Japan's domestic debate on foreign policy was characterized by violent clashes between leftists who rejected Japan's alliance with the United States and right-wingers who wished to stem the influence of communism. Yamamoto, though, was part of an emerging group of liberal realists who sought a third way in Japan's foreign policy dealings, and he helped to advance this cause by arranging the Shimoda Conference series. The inaugural Shimoda Conference in 1967 was the first postwar meeting to convene political leaders and public intellectuals from the United States and Japan on equal footing for a foreign policy dialogue, and it came to be seen as a milestone in Japan's reemergence on the world stage. Swarms of leftist demonstrators tried to shut down the conference and block the motorcade of its keynote speaker, Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield. Yamamoto was responsible for successfully negotiating a détente with protest leaders, walking back and forth down the steep hill from the conference site through a gauntlet of hundreds of protestors chanting, “Tadashi Yamamoto is the running dog of the American Imperialists.”

Inspired by Mansfield's words at the Shimoda Conference, Yamamoto launched the first US-Japan parliamentary exchange in 1968 to bring members of the Congress and the Japanese Diet together for frank and
substantive policy dialogues on challenges in US-Japan relations. These exchanges, which JCIE continues to hold today, are credited by such early participants as Thomas Foley, Donald Rumsfeld, and Howard Baker with introducing a generation of American leaders to Japan and creating the personal ties that later were important in defusing trade tensions and strengthening bilateral cooperation in a range of areas. This led former House Speaker Foley to remark that he knew “of no more important individual so effective in strengthening our bilateral ties.”

In 1970, at the age of 34, Yamamoto left his promising corporate career to launch JCIE as one of the first independent international affairs institutes in his country. At that time in Japan, the concept of a nongovernmental institution that was completely free from government or business control playing a role in foreign affairs was considered revolutionary; moreover, it was nearly unthinkable for such a young person to undertake so bold of an initiative. But despite steep odds, his combination of idealism and hardnosed pragmatism allowed his improbable new organization to quickly grow and contribute profoundly to international relations.

In JCIE’s early years, Yamamoto’s efforts centered on its US-Japan Parliamentary Exchange Program, but Yamamoto’s focus soon extended beyond US-Japan relations to ties with Europe, Asia, and other regions through his work on high-level forums including the Trilateral Commission, the “Hakone Conference” series with Europe, and bilateral dialogues with the United Kingdom, Germany, Russia, and India. He also was responsible for initiating historic dialogues with Korea and Southeast Asian countries that advanced postwar reconciliation and laid the foundations for deeper regional cooperation in Asia. In the 1990s, he expanded JCIE’s research program as a way of underpinning these dialogues with more substantive input, and in doing so he developed and expanded an extensive network of scholars and experts around the world.

From the inception of JCIE, Yamamoto realized that Japan’s nongovernmental sector faced a number of serious hurdles in terms of the tax and philanthropic systems in Japan. Although Japan was experiencing rapid economic growth, there were few incentives for individuals or corporations to support not-for-profit initiatives such as JCIE. In 1973, he launched the International Philanthropy Project, which marked the beginning of more than three decades of research and dialogue by JCIE staff and colleagues around the world on the evolving role of civil society, nongovernmental organizations, and the philanthropic sector. It also led to JCIE’s involvement in the creation of the Asian Community Trust in 1979, Japan’s first charitable trust modeled on American community foundations, and later to JCIE’s work with corporate donors in administering donor-advised funds and to the creation of a JCIE-led fund to support recovery efforts following the Great East Japan Earthquake of 2011. JCIE has also been
actively engaged in the discussions surrounding government reforms of the nonprofit laws in Japan.

Yamamoto was an astute observer of the shifting world around him, and under his leadership the focus of JCIE’s work evolved from the more traditional security and trade issues that once dominated bilateral and international relations dialogues to an array of broader global challenges where he believed Japan’s contribution could be pivotal. Over the past two decades, he led the way in mobilizing political leaders, policy experts, and NGOs in order to advance cooperation on governance, global health, the fight against HIV/AIDS, development issues in Africa, and the notion of human security.

A warm, inspirational, and indefatigable leader, Tadashi Yamamoto will be dearly missed by his colleagues and friends around the world. They have set up a memorial fund (see page 65), and have launched a number of initiatives to carry on his important legacy.
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April 2011–March 2013

2011

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New Shimoda Conference Capitol Hill Follow-Up Roundtable [Washington DC]

April 8–10  
42nd Annual Plenary Meeting of the Trilateral Commission [Washington DC]

April 26–May 4  
Delegation visit to Global Fund sites in Ethiopia and Senegal

May 2–3  
TICAD IV Follow-Up Ministerial Meeting Satellite Seminar on “Health and Human Security in Africa” [Dakar, Senegal]

May 13  
Azabu Tanaka Juku: “Political Response to the Great East Japan Earthquake, Tsunami, and Nuclear Power Plant Accident: Columbia University Professor Gerald Curtis’s View” [Tokyo]

May 19–22  
28th UK-Japan 21st Century Group Meeting [London]

May 22–29  
Japan visit by Common Cents founder Teddy Gross

June 2–3  
Japan visit program for Global Fund Executive Director Michel Kazatchkine [Tokyo]

June 15–18  
Facilitation for Jefferson Fellowship Program [Tokyo]

July 5  
Japanese Government Conferment of the Order of the Rising Sun Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon upon JCIE President Tadashi Yamamoto

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July 19–23  
US-Japan Cooperation on the Japan Disaster: Delegation visit of Japanese NGO leaders [New York]

July 21  
Funding Conference on US-Japan Cooperation in Supporting the Japan Disaster Response [New York]

August 24–26  
19th Korea-Japan Forum [Seoul]

September 1–2  
Launch Symposium of the Lancet Special Series on Japan: Restructuring Japan’s Healthcare System—Beyond the March 11 Disaster [Tokyo]

September 8  
4th Tiffany Foundation Awards Ceremony

September 16  

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October 7  

October 4–5  
20th Japanese-German Forum [Tokyo]

October 24  
Asia Pacific High-Level Meeting on Innovative Partnerships for Health: Regional Solutions, Regional Opportunities [Tokyo]

October 24–28  
Japan visit program for UNAIDS Goodwill Ambassador James Chau

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November 22  The Vacuum of Political Leadership in Japan and Its Future Trajectory—Roundtable with Satoshi Machidori [Tokyo]
December 1  World AIDS Day Symposium [Tokyo]
December 7–9  Trilateral Commission Asia Pacific Regional Meeting [Hong Kong]
December 20–22  20th Korea-Japan Forum [Tokyo]

2013

January 29  Global Health: Keys to Africa’s Economic Growth—1st session [Tokyo]
January 30  Roundtable on Assessing International Partnerships in Supporting Tohoku Recovery [Tokyo]
February 2–4  ASEAN-Japan Strategic Partnership Workshop [Tokyo]
February 5  1st Azabu Global Salon [Tokyo]
February 7  The Vacuum of Political Leadership in Japan and Its Future Trajectory—Paperwriters Workshop [Tokyo]
February 28  Global Health: Keys to Africa’s Economic Growth—2nd session [Tokyo]
March 11–12  Japan visit program for Global Fund Executive Director Mark Dybul [Tokyo]
March 15–17  44th Annual Trilateral Commission Plenary Meeting [Berlin]
March 21  Global Health: Keys to Africa’s Economic Growth—3rd session [Tokyo]
GLOBAL THINKNET
Policy Studies and Dialogues

JCIE coordinates policy-oriented studies and dialogues on cutting-edge issues in the fields of international affairs, globalization, and governance. These projects are undertaken in collaboration with outside experts throughout the Asia Pacific region and around the world. JCIE also serves as the secretariat for numerous bilateral and multilateral forums and occasionally conducts commissioned research. JCIE places a special focus on strengthening networks among research institutions in Asia Pacific and worldwide, as well as supporting the work of talented young researchers who represent the next generation of international policy thinkers and decision makers.

One overarching theme within JCIE’s recent research has been a focus on East Asia community building and opportunities to advance cooperation in this crucial region on a wide range of issues, both through governmental and nongovernmental efforts. JCIE also continues to place priority on exploring the evolution of the US-Japan relationship. In the context of political, social, and economic shifts occurring within each country, and against the backdrop of the continually evolving regional and international environments, Global ThinkNet programs examine ways to deepen and enhance the bilateral partnership.
Strengthening Nongovernmental Contributions to Regional Security Cooperation

In thinking about how to build security cooperation in Asia, experts have tended to focus almost exclusively on how states interact. However, evidence from around the world points to the fact that nongovernmental actors, particularly civil society organizations, are playing a growing role in assuring regional security. In this context, JCIE is carrying out a multiyear study to explore how such nongovernmental initiatives can contribute concretely to regional security cooperation in East Asia. The project was made possible through a grant from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation as part of its Asia Security Initiative.

In the initial stage, the project team of mid-career experts assessed what civil society organizations and networks are currently doing that contributes to regional security. The team developed and carried out case studies in the fields of global health, disaster relief, human trafficking, piracy, and climate change to identify how civil society is contributing to efforts to develop regional cooperation in the fields of both traditional and nontraditional security. Building on this, the team then met for several program workshops, and a roundtable was convened in Indonesia with the CSIS, Jakarta, bringing together government leaders, NGO representatives, and policy experts to discuss the role civil society organizations have been playing in the region.

An edited volume based on the research to date was released in March 2013 as an English-language volume, A Growing Force: Civil Society’s Role in Asian Regional Security. (See publication section for further information.)
The Vacuum of Political Leadership in Japan and Its Future Trajectory

Echoing a phenomenon that faces countries around the world, Japanese politics have recently been characterized by the absence of strong political leadership. With a few exceptions, national leaders have been unable to maintain domestic support in recent years—as of 2013, Japan had 6 prime ministers in the last 6 years and a total of 15 have cycled in and out of office over the past 20 years. This political instability has increasingly been reflected in Japan’s policymaking, and is made all the more worrying by the immense domestic and international challenges that Japan is facing.

Naturally, the vacuum in political leadership has affected Japan’s foreign policy and its international standing. In order to better understand and deal with this phenomenon, JCIE convened a team of emerging leaders—individuals with a scholarly grounding but also real world experience in national politics and policymaking—to explore the future trajectory of political leadership and its implications for foreign policy, and especially for US-Japan relations. The project is being funded by Smith Richardson Foundation as well as the MRA House.

On February 29, 2012, the study team gathered in Tokyo for the first program workshop to discuss and identify the causes of Japan’s recent political instability and the growing difficulties national leaders have had in projecting strong leadership. This was followed by a series of roundtables and interviews with top political leaders and noted analysts of Japanese politics and foreign policy.

A second paperwriters workshop was held on August 30, 2012, and the following month the participants spent several days in Washington DC, where a joint roundtable was held with the Council on Foreign Relations and a seminar was held with the US Association of Former Members of Congress. On February 7, 2013, another workshop was held in Tokyo for the paperwriters. The final publication is scheduled for 2014.

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ASEAN-Japan Strategic Partnership and Regional Community Building

Various developments in Asia Pacific over the past decade have made it necessary to redefine the strategic value of Japan-ASEAN cooperation. With the adoption of the 2011 Joint Declaration for Enhancing ASEAN-Japan Strategic Partnership for Prospering Together and the ASEAN-Japan Plan of Action (2011–2015), the groundwork has been laid for a strategic partnership that will benefit not only ASEAN and Japan but also the wider international community. Against this backdrop, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia (Director-General for ASEAN Cooperation), as the proponent of a project on ASEAN-Japan Strategic Partnership funded for two years by the Japan-ASEAN Integration Fund (JAIF), requested that CSIS-Jakarta and JCIE compile policy recommendations on the ASEAN-Japan Strategic Partnership beyond 2015.

In response, CSIS-Jakarta and JCIE launched a project to study the role and contributions of ASEAN-Japan partnership in promoting regional community building in East and Southeast Asia, as well as in contributing to global governance. The project is being carried out by three study groups consisting of several dozen experts from Japan and ASEAN countries. These are coordinated by Rizal Sukma, executive director of CSIS-Jakarta, and Professor Yoshihide Soeya of Keio University.

A preparatory meeting was held in Bali, Indonesia, on September 1–2, 2012, and a three-day workshop was organized in Tokyo on February 2–4, 2013. In the first year, researchers are exploring Japan’s role in promoting the integration of ASEAN and the framework of the Japan-ASEAN partnership. In the second year, the project will focus on the ways in which Japan-ASEAN cooperation can contribute to the creation of an East Asian community, while helping to address global issues and improve global governance. The findings will inform the ASEAN Summit as well as the ASEAN-Japan Special Summit and will help facilitate dialogue between the relevant stakeholders, including policymakers, academics, economists, the media, and civil society.

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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 these changes will ultimately necessitate significant adjustments to the US-Japan relationship. With support from the Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership, JCIE conducted a multiyear 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, who worked with veteran leaders who have played a key role in US-Japan relations.

Meetings were initially held in 2008 and 2009, and on September 16, 2011, members of the project team reconvened in Washington DC for a roundtable discussion on “Domestic Political Change and the Agenda for US-Japan Partnership,” co-hosted by JCIE and the German Marshall Fund of the United States. The roundtable explored recent changes in the US and Japanese political landscapes, and opportunities for partnership in areas outside of the core security alliance, including disaster response, energy supply and safety, the environment, maritime security, and international development.

Six of the participants contributed to a working paper series that explores emerging areas where the US-Japan relationship can be deepened in order to face common challenges and strengthen regional and global stability. The papers were published in...
East Asia Insights

JCIE regularly publishes *East Asia Insights*, a series of policy briefs that offers perspectives on the various issues the region is facing, particularly in light of efforts to advance cooperation and community building in the region. 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. Recent topics include the following:

- “Recovering from Japan’s Disasters” (June 2011)
- “Consolidating East Asia Cooperation: A New Role for Northeast Asia” (August 2011)
- “Prime Minister Noda and Fixing the Futenma Impasse” (October 2011)
- “Bridging Asia and the Pacific: Japan’s Role in Reinforcing the US Pivot” (December 2011)
- “After the Launch: Moving Forward with North Korea” (April 2012)
- “Remembering Tadashi Yamamoto: Intellectual Dialogue for a New Era” (June 2012)
- “Politicizing the Senkaku Islands: A Danger to Regional Stability” (August 2012)
- “Myths of Decline: Why Japan Matters as China Rises” (December 2012)
- “A Reset for East Asia: Managing Risks Under New Leadership” (March 2013)
Trilateral Commission

The Trilateral Commission, founded in 1973, is a nongovernmental forum of leading private citizens from Europe, North America, and Asia Pacific 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 Asia Pacific Group Secretariat.

42nd Annual Plenary Meeting—Washington DC, April 8–10, 2011
When the 42nd annual meeting was convened in Washington DC, one underlying theme was the need to adjust global governance to existing power shifts and emerging global challenges. The Arab Spring and rise of the G20 were both discussed in this context, with a focus on measures to help ensure that these transitions lead to a more stable and equitable global order. A special briefing was also held on the March 11 Japanese tsunami disaster.

43rd Annual Plenary Meeting—Tokyo, April 20–22, 2012
Despite the somber mood as participants mourned the passing of JCIE President and Trilateral Commission Asia Pacific Director Tadashi Yamamoto just five days earlier, the 43rd plenary meeting went on as planned. The program began with a discussion of the governance challenges facing Japan, while subsequent sessions examined the geopolitics of the South China Sea; the prospects for and challenges involved in building a future regional architecture in East Asia; the impact of the financial and economic crises in Europe and worldwide; the implications of changes occurring in the Middle East and China; the role of business in global affairs; and the state of presidential politics and economic policy in the United States.

44th Annual Plenary Meeting—Berlin, March 15–17, 2013
The 44th plenary opened in the German Bundestag-Reichstag Building with discussions focused on Germany and the European economic crisis as well as Germany’s relations with the rest of Europe. Chancellor Angela Merkel offered the keynote address. The following day, sessions looked at the 21st century agenda for international trade, China’s rise and its geopolitical implications, the events that have followed in the wake of the Arab awakening, and energy security and global climate change. On the last day, following a discussion on the current situation in the United States, participants devoted the final session to reflections on the 40th anniversary of the Trilateral Commission and discussions of the future direction of the commission.
Regional Meetings
In addition to the plenary meetings, each of the three regional groups meets annually to discuss issues pertinent to their region. The Asia Pacific Group’s 2011 regional meeting took place on November 25–27, 2011, in Bali, Indonesia. Participants discussed topics such as the economic and political integration of the ASEAN region, as well as how Asia can cope with regional leadership changes and the global economic crisis. On December 7–9, 2012, the Asia Pacific Group convened in Hong Kong to discuss the challenges of changing political leadership in the region, sustainable economic growth, and security issues in East Asia. This meeting also marked JCIE President Ken Shibusawa’s first meeting as the new director of the group, having been named to succeed Tadashi Yamamoto.

UK-Japan 21st Century Group

The UK-Japan 21st Century 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.

The 28th meeting brought together 32 senior Japanese and British figures to discuss potential areas for greater collaboration between Japan and the United Kingdom, such as emerging global political and security issues as well as the challenges faced by both countries in responding to fiscal pressures and competition from the emerging economies. The devastating Japanese earthquake and tsunami of March 2011 and the international ramifications of the disaster also featured heavily in the discussions. The Japanese delegation had the opportunity to meet with Prime Minister David Cameron, and their discussions further stressed the importance of reinvigorating UK-Japan relations to meet the challenges of the Japanese disaster as well as other international challenges. The Japanese participants also met with several other leaders from the British government, including Secretary of State for Business Innovation and Skills Vince Cable and Secretary of State for Culture, Olympics, Media and Sport Jeremy Hunt.

29th Meeting—Tokyo, May 23–26, 2012
Fifty senior leaders from the two countries attended the 29th meeting of the group, engaging in a series of roundtable discussions on issues such as the domestic and regional developments in each country, the changing security and economic environment in East Asia, fiscal and financial challenges and the global economy, international development cooperation, prospects for UK-Japan collaboration on defense and nuclear/energy issues, and other opportunities for UK-Japan cooperation. The UK delegation had the opportunity to meet with Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda, who expressed his commitment to closer cooperation with the UK, as was set out in the joint statement released during Prime Minister David Cameron’s April 2012 visit to Japan.

Foreign Minister Gemba addresses the 29th UK-Japan 21st Century Group Meeting
Japanese-German Forum

The Japanese-German Forum was created in 1992 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.

20th Japanese-German Forum—Tokyo, October 4–5, 2011
Bringing together 37 participants from both countries, the forum opened with a keynote address on future energy policy by German Federal Minister of Education and Research Annette Schavan. Later that day, the German participants met with Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda and attended a reception hosted by Japanese Senior Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs Ryuji Yamane, which was also attended by Minister of Foreign Affairs Koichiro Gemba and Chief Cabinet Secretary Osamu Fujimura. During the forum's sessions, participants discussed key issues in the bilateral relationship, such as political and diplomatic challenges for both countries; the impact of the earthquake in Japan; and the rise of China, India, and other emerging countries. At the end of the forum, the chairmen prepared a joint statement summarizing the discussions and findings of the meeting, which was presented to Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda and Chancellor Angela Merkel.

Thirty-seven participants from the two countries engaged in discussions focused on the new agenda and policies in each country in the context of their respective shifting political environments, pressing issues and potential areas for Japan-Germany cooperation in regard to energy security and the environment, and the new challenges presented by a growing East Asia. On November 6, the Japanese-German Forum was held for the first time within the Bundestag, and in the evening participants met with Chancellor Angela Merkel, who spoke with them about Germany and the EU, her country’s relations with the various European nations, and the importance of a multilateral approach on China. The following day’s sessions were held at the Japanese-German Center Berlin, where Senior Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs Shuji Kira was among the speakers.

Korea-Japan Forum

The Korea-Japan Forum was initiated in November 1993 during a summit 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 secretariats.

19th Korea-Japan Forum—Seoul, August 24–26, 2011
Forty-eight politicians, scholars, journalists, and business executives from both countries gathered in Seoul to discuss how the bilateral relationship can be mobilized to promote political and economic stability as well as security in the region. The forum opened with a dinner hosted by Korean 1st Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade Suk-hwan Park and a public session featuring Reconstruction Design Council
Chairman Makoto Iokibe that was dedicated to the potential for Korea-Japan cooperation in response to the Japanese earthquake and tsunami disaster.

20th Korea-Japan Forum—Tokyo, December 20–22, 2012
Despite mounting tensions in bilateral relations during the summer of 2012, the co-chairs and secretariats persevered and convened the forum believing that dialogue was more critical than ever. The meeting opened with a dinner hosted by Foreign Minister Koichiro Gemba. Over the next two days, participants exchanged views on the role of Korea-Japan cooperation in facing security issues in Northeast Asia, global economic challenges, and cross-border issues such as disaster relief, and they discussed the new governments that had recently been elected in each country and the likely foreign policy approaches that each would adopt. The wrap-up session commemorated the 20th anniversary of the forum and focused on overcoming the various challenges facing bilateral ties and reconstructing a future-oriented Korea-Japan relationship.
Prefering Future Leaders

Azabu Tanaka Juku Seminar Series for Emerging Leaders
In order to encourage future leaders to develop different perspectives and increase awareness of Japan’s international role, JCIE launched the Azabu Tanaka Juku in 2006, a series of eight intensive evening seminars for 15–25 young political leaders, government officials, corporate executives, journalists, and emerging intellectual leaders under the tutorage of Hitoshi Tanaka, JCIE senior fellow and former deputy minister for foreign affairs. Prominent guest commentators, including diplomats and intellectuals, are also invited to add their insights, and the participants are invited to high-level international conferences and events organized by JCIE to further encourage their professional development. The project is funded by the Shibusawa Ei’ichi Memorial Foundation and by the MRA House.

FY2011 Topics (4th Series)
- Structural Changes in International Relations
- Foreign Policy Strategy
- Diplomatic Tools
- The Evolution of US-Japan Relations
- The East Japan Earthquake, Tsunami, Nuclear Power Plant Accident, and Risk Management
- The Korean Peninsula and its Future

Managing Japan-China Relations (Guest speaker: Former Ambassador to China Yuji Miyamoto)
Political Response to the East Japan Earthquake, Tsunami, and Nuclear Power Plant Accident
(Guest speaker: Columbia University Professor Gerald Curtis)

FY2012 Topics (5th Series)
- Structural Changes in International Relations
- The Foreign Policy/Security System
- Security Policy

Economic Partnership Policy (Guest speaker: Teiji Hayashi, Head, Economic Partnership Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs)
Rebuilding US-Japan Relations
Rebuilding China-Japan Relations
The Korean Peninsula Issue
A Vision for East Asia Diplomacy
Facilitation for the Jefferson Fellowship Program

On June 15–18, 2011, JCIE coordinated a visit to Tokyo by 12 journalists participating in the Jefferson Fellowship program of the East-West Center (EWC). Established in 1967, the Jefferson Fellowship is the EWC’s oldest seminar program, bringing together print and broadcast journalists from the United States and Asia Pacific for professional dialogue, study, and travel. The spring 2011 Jefferson Fellowship focused on “New Challenges for Asia Pacific Security,” and 11 journalists from eight different countries were brought to Tokyo to meet with their counterparts in the Japanese media industry, as well as with a range of leaders from government, business, and academia. Participants discussed the shifting security dynamics in Asia Pacific and the role of US-Japan security cooperation, as well as Japan’s foreign policy toward human security and emerging nontraditional security issues. In addition to their stay in Tokyo, the participants also traveled to Okinawa, Seoul, and Beijing.
POLITICAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

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 its political exchange programs to include exchanges for young political leaders from Japan and the United States (since 1973), senior US Congressional staff (since 1982), and young Australian and Japanese political leaders (since 1991). In the ensuing years, more than 1,000 political leaders have taken part in one or more of JCIE’s exchanges.

The increasing complexity and interconnectedness of the international and domestic environment has made dialogue between international leaders all the more imperative, and JCIE has worked to expand the breadth and depth of political exchange. For example, as bilateral relations between Japan and its partner countries have matured, JCIE has also increasingly emphasized discussions of issues of common concern during its exchanges, such as climate change, IT policy, and global health. As its network of program alumni has grown, JCIE has worked to engage these individuals in other areas of our programs, such as the Friends of the Global Fund, Japan; bilateral dialogues such as the UK-Japan, Korea-Japan, and Japanese-German forums; and various policy studies.
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 one another’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 strengthen bilateral cooperation on issues of shared concern.

In February 2011, right before the start of FY2011, six Congressional members visited Japan as part of the program to participate in the New Shimoda Conference. Since then, however, Congressional and Diet visits have been hampered by the aftermath of the 3/11 disaster and by electoral politics in both countries.

Nonetheless, on April 7, 2011, less than four weeks after the disaster, JCIE and the US-Japan Council co-sponsored a roundtable on Capitol Hill with seven US Congressional members, a delegation of Japanese leaders, and experts on US-Japan relations from both countries. This was organized as a follow-up to the New Shimoda Conference, and discussions centered on ways to strengthen US-Japan relations in light of Asia’s shifting balance of power, steps to create a more robust and meaningful partnership between the two countries, and ways that the United States can support Japan in responding to the devastating earthquake and tsunami that occurred just 17 days after the New Shimoda Conference.

As FY2012 drew to an end, preparations were well underway for a visit by a bipartisan delegation of Diet members that took place in April–May of 2013, during which up-and-coming Diet members joined with young Japanese policy experts for a visit to Washington DC. Delegation members spoke at the Tadashi Yamamoto Memorial Seminar at the Council on Foreign Relations and met with dozens of policy experts, analysts, and government officials.
Since 1973, JCIE has partnered with the American Council of Young Political Leaders (ACYPL) to operate the US-Japan Young Political Leaders Exchange Program. With support from the Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership, this intensive two-week study program exposes young leaders from each country to the politics and policymaking of the other country, enhances their understanding and appreciation of US-Japan relations, and creates 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, corporate executives, and community leaders. American delegates typically include state and local elected officials as well as party staff, and efforts are made to select equal numbers of Democrats and Republicans each year. The Japanese delegates primarily consist of prefectural and local elected officials from the major ruling and opposition parties, as well as Diet staffers.

28th US Delegation to Japan

The 28th US delegation of the US-Japan Young Political Leaders Exchange Program arrived in Japan on September 24, 2011, for a two-week study tour. Over the course of the trip, the group met with nine Diet members from different political parties, including Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) President Sadakazu Tanigaki and Muneaki Murai, chairman of the Democratic Party (DPJ) Special Committee on Disasters and a program alumnus. They also met with US Ambassador John Roos to hear his views on the current climate of US-Japan relations. The discussions with leading politicians were complemented by meetings with Japanese business leaders, journalists, and diplomats, and the participants served as panelists in a public seminar on “American Perspectives on US Politics and Diplomacy.”

After Tokyo, the delegation continued on to Okayama, Hiroshima, Hyogo, and Kyoto. In Okayama, they met with the chairman of the LDP Diet Affairs Committee, Ichiro Aisawa, as well as with Governor Masahiro Ishii and members of the Prefectural Assembly. They then had a one-day visit to Hiroshima, where they visited the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum and spoke with an atomic bomb survivor. In Hyogo, the delegation met with Vice Governor Kazuo Kanazawa and other prefectural leaders, as well as with DPJ Youth Division members and labor union members from Daihatsu Motors. In addition, they learned about Japanese disaster management strategies at the Disaster Reduction and Human Renovation Institute, and discussed organized crime at the Hyogo Prefectural Police Headquarters. The trip concluded with a historical and cultural tour of Kyoto.
Political Exchange Programs

Participants

Jennifer Epperson, Legislative and Policy Counsel, North Carolina (Democrat)
Michael Frerichs, Member, Illinois Senate (Democrat)
Malvina Gasco, Government Relations Manager, Boeing Company, Florida (Independent)
Marc Kaschke, Mayor, City of North Platte, Nebraska (Republican)
Noreen Otto, Operations Director, Iowa House of Representatives Leadership Office (Republican)
Ryan Williams, Member, Tennessee House of Representatives (Republican)
Mike Opat, Delegation Escort; Commissioner, Hennepin County Board, Minnesota (Democrat)

29th US Delegation to Japan

The 29th US delegation traveled to Japan on September 15–28, 2012. They began with a visit to Rikuzentakata, Ofunato, and Kamaishi, three of the cities hit hardest by the 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake and the resultant tsunami. The delegates heard from local leaders and NGO representatives who are trying to chart the recovery of their communities, including representatives from the Kamaishi Social Welfare Council, Fuji Welfare Foundation, and Kamaishi Platform. The group also met with Mayor Takenori Noda of Kamaishi and Ofunato City Council Member Kenetsu Suzuki.

Next, the delegation traveled to Tokyo for a series of meetings and roundtables with journalists, policy experts, and Diet members, including former Minister for Foreign Affairs Seiji Maehara and former Chief Cabinet Secretary Yasuhisa Shiozaki. The delegates also spoke at a large public symposium on domestic politics and the US presidential election, and met with a number of officials at the United States Embassy, including Ambassador John Roos.

Afterwards, they visited Kumamoto, where Governor Ikuko Kabashima hosted a dinner for them, and they exchanged views with LDP Youth Division members of the Kumamoto Prefectural Assembly. In Nara, the delegates were guests at a local school and met with members of the Nara City Board of Education. Since Nara is known for its cultural legacy, the group also heard from those preserving its regional heritage, including a local architect, a tea ceremony master, and a museum director.

Participants

Ling–Ling Chang, Mayor, Diamond Bar, California (Republican)
Megan England, Member, Roeland Park City Council, Kansas (Democrat)
Thad Inge, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs, US Small Business Administration (Democrat)
John King, Member, South Carolina House of Representatives (Democrat)
Jillian Matundan, AFSCME Eastern Region Field Coordinator, AFSCME New York (Democrat)
Laurie Smalling, Delegation Escort; Senior Director Political Programs, Walmart (Independent)

23rd Japanese Delegation to the United States

Six local legislators and Diet staff members visited Washington DC, Minnesota, and Colorado on July 16–29, 2011. They began their visit in Washington, where the delegation members were briefed on bilateral relations by State Department Director of Japanese Affairs Rust Deming and on campaigning by officials from the National Republican Congressional Committee.

In Minnesota, the delegates met with Supreme Court Associate Justice G. Barry Anderson and
several Minnesota state representatives, and discussed local politics at the St. Paul City Council and Minneapolis City Hall. The visit took place during intense state budget negotiations and a looming government shutdown, providing the delegates with a firsthand view into the US state-level political system.

The trip concluded in Colorado, where the delegation met with the Colorado City Council and other local leaders, including Colorado Springs Mayor Steve Bach and El Pomar Foundation chairman and CEO Bill Hyble. They also toured the US Air Force Academy, and they visited the National Renewable Energy Laboratory to learn about research conducted for the US Department of Energy on promising renewable energy sources. On their last day in Denver, the group met with Colorado Attorney General John W. Suthers and State Senator Ted Harvey to hear their views on Colorado state politics.

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**24th Japanese Delegation to the United States**

On April 28–May 11, 2012, six Japanese local legislators and political party staff members traveled to Washington DC and to the states of Tennessee and Washington. Given that the visit took place during the electoral primaries, while in Washington DC the group discussed US politics with leaders from the Democratic National Committee and the Young Republicans and Young Democrats of America. They also had a meeting on US foreign policy at the State Department, as well as other meetings on trade, lobbying, and government communications. They met with a number of ACYPL alumni in the corporate and government sectors and spoke with Japanese Ambassador Ichiro Fujisaki about the current state of US-Japan relations.

The delegation then traveled to Nashville and Memphis, Tennessee, where they explored the US state-level political system through meetings with a number of state officials and the mayor of Memphis and toured such cultural sites as the Civil Rights Museum. The group then departed for Spokane and Seattle, Washington, where they met with several Washington state representatives as well as the mayor of Spokane. In addition, the group discussed the role of think tanks in American policymaking at the Washington Policy Center in Seattle and visited the Port of Seattle, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and Microsoft before returning to Japan.

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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. Since its inception, over 150 staffers serving Congressional members from both parties have visited Japan on this program, allowing them to bring a heightened understanding of US-Japan relations and the politics of Japanese policymaking back to their work in the US Congress. No staff exchange programs were held in FY2011–FY2012, but as of spring 2013, JCIE staff were busily preparing for the 22nd US Congressional Staff Exchange Program, which was held in August 2013. That program brought six senior Congressional staff to Japan for meetings, roundtables, and site visits related to US-Japan relations, regional affairs, and the state of recovery efforts in the devastated Tohoku region.
For more than three decades, JCIE has played a leading role in promoting the development of a vibrant civil society in Japan, in Asia Pacific, and around the world. Through its CivilNet program, JCIE has worked to create collaborative networks of civil society organizations addressing common challenges. It has promoted a broader and deeper understanding of civil society’s role in Japan and around the world through research and dialogue projects. And it has supported international outreach by Japan’s civil society, including grassroots exchanges between Japan and other countries.

At the same time, JCIE has sought to encourage dynamic and innovative approaches in the philanthropic sector—a critical component of any active and independent civil society. Following on its groundbreaking International Philanthropy Project in the early 1970s, JCIE founded Japan’s first charitable trust supported by general fundraising and collaborated on launching Japan’s first donor advised fund. JCIE currently facilitates philanthropic programs for a growing number of Japanese and foreign corporations that are seeking ways to address diverse social challenges. In FY2011 and FY2012, these included the Tiffany & Co. Foundation, Voyager Management, Bain Capital, and MetLife Alico Japan.

When the Great East Japan Earthquake struck northern Japan on March 11, 2011, JCIE’s experience and leadership in the civil society field allowed it to move quickly and efficiently, disseminating information not readily available in English on the disaster, serving as a key liaison in the disaster response by linking overseas and Japanese philanthropic organizations and disaster relief organizations to Japanese NGOs, and facilitating nearly $3.7 million in donations for Japanese groups while aiding other overseas organizations in distributing millions more.
**Tiffany Foundation Award**

The Tiffany Foundation Award for the Preservation of Japanese Traditional Arts and Culture in Contemporary Society was established by the Tiffany & Co. Foundation and JICIE to recognize organizations that have made notable contributions to the promotion of Japanese traditional culture and to the revitalization of local communities. Award ceremonies were held in Tokyo on September 8, 2011, and October 4, 2012, to hand out honors in two categories: the Taisho Award for nationally recognized organizations that have introduced an innovative element to their field; and the Shinkosho Award for organizations recognized at the community level as having great potential or having produced exemplary results in their regions. Recipients receive a ¥2 million grant and a custom-designed trophy from Tiffany & Co.

**Selection Committee**

Katsuhiro Hibino, Artist; Professor, Tokyo University of the Arts
Kengo Kuma, Architect; Professor, University of Tokyo
Fumio Nanjo, Director, Mori Art Museum
Yuko Tanaka, Professor, Hosei University

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**2011 Awardees**

**Taisho Award:** Amawari Roman Association (Uruma City, Okinawa Prefecture)—The association supports an annual theater production put on by over 150 junior and senior high school students from Uruma City. The production relates a local legend and combines the traditional Okinawan theater style called *kumiodori* with contemporary music and dance, nurturing the students’ pride and connections to their local cultural heritage and community.

**Shinkosho Award:** Taiguruma Revival Project (Niigata City, Niigata Prefecture)—The project team is reviving the once-lost tradition of taiguruma, fish-shaped lanterns on wheels. The project seeks to reintroduce a symbol of the community and what was once a common sight of children parading around with taiguruma in the summertime. At the same time, the project provides an opportunity for old and young residents to interact and strengthen community ties.

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**2012 Awardees**

**Taisho Award:** Yamamoto Noh Theater (Osaka) The mission of the Yamamoto Noh Theater is to preserve and revive Noh, Japan’s oldest Japanese theatrical art. Because Noh is often described as outdated...
and difficult to understand for contemporary audiences, the Yamamoto Noh Theater regularly holds workshops and other programs to introduce Noh to new audiences, including international audiences and children. While it has retained the quality of traditional Noh theatrical performance, the theater also integrates contemporary arts into the stage set and involves children as performers to encourage community participation.

**Shinkosho Award:** Wajima Dozo Culture Renovation Center (Wajima, Ishikawa Prefecture)

A dozo is a traditional Edo Period architectural structure used to store valuable commodities. In Wajima, the dozo also provided excellent space for craftsmen to work with lacquer, which requires consistent temperature and humidity. In the aftermath of the 2007 earthquake in Wajima, the Wajima Dozo Culture Renovation Center initiated a project to preserve the local history by repairing damaged dozo, training younger builders in the process. The center has successfully made dozo into accessible spaces for local residents and venues for displaying Wajima’s lacquerware culture.

**SEEDCap Japan**

Through the Social Entrepreneur Enhanced Development Capital Program (SEEDCap 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 re-granted by JCIE to exemplary Japanese nonprofit organizations that are implementing innovative new approaches to pressing social issues. Multiyear funding, which is not common in the Japanese context, is designed to enable the organizations to make their programs financially self-sustaining. This innovative arrangement was conceived by the investment advisory firm Shibusawa & Company and launched in 2004. In the 2008–2009 financial crisis, the fund for Japanese investors that was associated with SEEDCap Japan had to be shut down, and the final funds were disbursed to Japanese social entrepreneurs.

**2011 Grants**

Ecotwaza received a second year of funding to help scale up its international customer base, allowing Japanese producers of ecofriendly goods to reach markets outside of Japan. In doing so, the organization promotes environmentally responsible practices while helping to maintain Japan’s traditional handiworks and craftsmanship and to strengthen the economic viability of the local communities where the crafts are made.

Pangaea received a third and final year of funding to develop a system for training local facilitators throughout the world to use the Pangaea system, which operates programs for children around the globe to communicate nonverbally through online games and activities.

**2012 Grants**

Ecotwaza received its third and final year of funding to help bolster its staff base and administrative capacity so that the organization can continue to function and grow after this funding ends.
Introducing the Penny Harvest Model

JCIE has been facilitating a collaborative project to introduce Penny Harvest, an American philanthropic education program for children, to Japan. Developed by a New York City nonprofit, Common Cents, Penny Harvest is an innovative program designed to encourage an understanding of philanthropy and a sense of community membership among school-aged children. On May 22–29, 2011, JCIE partnered with Common Cents and the Japan Philanthropy Association to bring Penny Harvest founder Teddy Gross to Japan for a series of workshops and programs for educators and philanthropy experts.

Penny Harvest founder Teddy Gross talks to participants at Tokyo seminar

Civil Society Monitor

Civil Society Monitor serves as one of the few sources of English-language information on the current state of Japan’s 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. Issues published in FY2011 and FY2012 are listed below.

- “US Giving in Response to Japan’s March 11 Disaster Exceeds $630 Million” (March 2012)
- “US Giving in Response to Japan’s March 11 Disaster Tops $665 Million” (September 2012)
- “Friendship across Borders: Nearly 100 US Sister City Organizations Raise Relief Funds for Japan” (September 2012)
- “US Giving in Response to Japan’s March 11 Disaster Exceeds $710 Million” (March 2013)
Responding to Japan’s 3/11 Disaster

The March 11, 2011, earthquake and tsunami was the worst natural disaster to ever strike a developed country. Since then, JCIE has been utilizing its overseas networks and its long track record of supporting Japanese civil society and philanthropy to help with the disaster response. Its accomplishments include the following:

- Establishment of JCIE relief and recovery fund
- Establishment of funds on behalf of other organizations
- Advising philanthropic organizations on their giving
- Serving as a liaison between funders and NGOs
- Facilitating work of disaster relief organizations (identifying NGO partners)
- Assisting in coordinating efforts of US NGOs and philanthropic organizations
- Providing reliable information and analysis on the disaster response

Japan NGO Earthquake Relief and Recovery Fund

Three days after the earthquake, JCIE launched the Japan NGO Earthquake Relief and Recovery Fund to raise funds for Japanese nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) that are taking part in the relief effort, as well as to ensure longer-term support for local organizations working hard to rebuild their communities. The fund received an outpouring of grassroots support from individuals, companies, schools, and community groups across the United States and around the world. JCIE’s promise to get the funds to NGOs working on the ground in Tohoku and to set aside funds for the recovery phrase was appreciated by many donors.

Half of the funds raised over the first three months were channeled through the Center for Public Resource Development’s Give One initiative to six leading Japanese organizations that were providing immediate disaster relief in the affected areas. The other half was reserved for long-term recovery initiatives. As of March 2013, the fund had raised $1.7 million, and provided funding for 39 Japanese groups responding to the disaster. Of this, $304,000 went to the Give One initiative in the first weeks and months after the earthquake while the remainder is being distributed as multiyear grants to local groups working to revitalize their communities and support vulnerable populations.

Immediate Relief Funding

Association for Aid and Relief (AAR), Japan—provided food and other goods with a particular focus on people with disabilities

Association of Medical Doctors in Asia—dispatched doctors and nurses to the earthquake zone to provide desperately needed medical attention

Japan Platform—a coalition of 32 humanitarian NGOs; coordinated and facilitated the emergency response by NGOs, corporations, and government agencies
participatory programs each month for senior citizen facilities in the city of Higashi-Matsushima, as well as performances by a 20-person theater troupe that consists of senior citizens from Sendai.

Fuji Social Welfare Foundation (Kitchen Car Project)—Support for a project that offers low-fee rental food trucks to local chefs in Kamaishi who have lost their restaurants. The project, funded in part by the Japan America Society of Indiana, provides a path back to restaurant ownership for these chefs.

Fukushima Organic Agriculture Network—Support for efforts to integrate farmers displaced by the nuclear accident—many of whom are senior citizens—into the local community by matching them with local farmers who need employees. They also run a number of other programs to strengthen farming communities.

Kamaishi Platform (Coastal Community Project)—Support for a project to help revive Kamaishi’s oyster industry, which was devastated by the tsunami, by building connections between small artisanal oyster producers in Kamaishi and Tokyo-based consumers and restaurants. The customers make contributions to support the rebirth of the industry and in return receive an allocation of oysters for the next 10 years.

Leading Aging Society Forum (Coordination Platform for Senior Citizens Health and Welfare)—Funding for the forum’s initiative to survey the actual needs of seniors and ensure that none slip through the cracks as different agencies try to respond to their various needs. They target seniors who remained in their homes rather than living in temporary housing, compiling a database of people’s health and needs in an effort to prevent isolation and suicides, and to revive the community.

SakuraNet (Pilot Project of Rural Senior’s Center)—Support for the coordination of a joint effort by several groups to rebuild a community
center to be used primarily by senior citizens in an isolated area outside of Miyako City. This was made possible with lead funding from the MetLife Foundation.

Sanaburi Foundation—The Sanaburi Foundation was launched in 2011 as the Tohoku region’s first community foundation, and funds are going to strengthen its institutional base, conduct outreach, and reach sustainability.

Sankaku Planning Iwate (Delivery Care Project)—Funding for a project that hires unemployed women affected by the disasters to provide shopping services to other survivors—many of them disabled senior citizens—who have lost their homes and now live in temporary housing without transportation or other means to go out to purchase groceries and daily necessities.

World in Asia (WiA)—Support for WiA’s efforts to offer a new model for scaling up the work of local entrepreneurs to address the critical challenges facing the Tohoku region as they try not only to recover from the devastation of the earthquake, but also to create employment, provide services for the aging population, and encourage the rebuilding of community ties.

BTMU Americas Community Recovery Awards
The BTMU Foundation, a charitable foundation supported by the Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, Ltd. (BTMU), provided a special contribution of $308,898 to the Japanese NGO Earthquake Relief and Recovery Fund in December 2011 to help rebuild community ties in areas affected by the Great East Japan Earthquake. These monies were donated by bank staff, customers, vendors, retirees, and people associated with BTMU in North and South America, and augmented by bank matching funds. This award helps strengthen community-based organizations, preserve local heritage, and reconstitute the formal and informal networks that make communities function. Grants to five of the organizations listed above have received this award, which provides full or partial funding for their initiatives, allowing them to expand, strengthen their institutional bases, and reach sustainability.

AidTAKATA (Radio FM Rikuzentakata)
Fukushima Organic Agriculture Network
Kamaishi Platform (Coastal Community Project)
Sanaburi Foundation
Sankaku Planning Iwate (Delivery Care Project)

Takagi Fund for Citizen Science—Funding to educate and promote collaboration among mothers’ groups, neighborhood associations, and other grassroots organizations that are dealing with radioactive contamination following the accident at the nuclear power plant in Fukushima. The goal is to help communities make informed decisions that will help them lead healthy and secure lives.
Bain Capital Japan Disaster Relief Fund

With nearly $2 million in donations from Bain Capital, other corporations, and individual donors, this JCIE-managed fund has supported a range of relief and recovery efforts in and around the Tohoku region with a special focus on Fukushima Prefecture and the surrounding areas, where the nuclear accident posed special challenges. All of the funds have been disbursed for the following three initiatives:

Disaster Relief Distribution System Project—In partnership with the Tokyo Voluntary Action Center, this initiative created a transportation and distribution system to ensure the delivery of supplies and to support volunteer activities in Fukushima Prefecture and the southern parts of Miyagi Prefecture in the weeks after the nuclear meltdown. These areas had not been able to get sufficient supplies (food, clothing, etc.) and other services due to the damage from the disaster and concerns about radiation.

Bain Capital Kosen Scholarship Fund—This fund, created in cooperation with the National Institute of Technical Colleges, allows promising students affected by the disaster to attend technical colleges, or “kosen,” which provide the skilled workforce needed to help rebuild the manufacturing sector in Tohoku.

Fukushima Radiation Initiative—Funding is enabling Fukushima Medical University to obtain special equipment to purify water contaminated by radiation and to conduct research on individual radiation exposure levels, the emotional health and lifestyles of evacuees, and other issues related to affected youths as well pregnant and nursing mothers.

MetLife Alico Employees’ Children Support Program

In spring of 2012, JCIE and MetLife Alico Japan launched a special program to help children and their families cope with the recovery process. The program is made possible by donations from MetLife Alico employees. One-year grants to 21 promising organizations that work with children were disbursed in FY2012.

Academy Camp Executive Committee
Ai Chikara (Power of Love): Great East Japan
Earthquake Reconstruction Support Group
Asuiku (Education for Tomorrow)
ATOPICO Network for Children of the Earth
BeSUPPORT
Children & Youth Community Matching
Children’s Garden
House for a Brighter Future of Fukushima Children
Ishinomaki Koyo Youth Mini Basketball Club
Kamaishi Higashi Junior High School
Kirara Kai (Children of the Stars Group)
Kodomo to Noasobi-wo-tanoshimu kai (Enjoying the Outdoors with Children)
Marutto Nishi-Nihon (Western Japan Evacuee Coordination Group)
Miyagi Warasukko Project (Miyagi Child Laughter Project)
Niko-niko Support (Smile Support)
Ogawara Youth Swimming Club
P@CT (3/11 Recovery Assistance Team)
Peace Jam
Rainbow Project for Playing with Art
Sukiurakai (LoveUrayasu)
Tohoku University of Art & Design: Tohoku Reconstruction Association
Connecting Japanese Responders and Overseas Partners

JCIE has worked to encourage greater coordination among US groups that wish to aid Japan and Japanese nonprofit organizations that need support. In the days and weeks following the disaster, it advised overseas humanitarian groups on the Japanese nonprofit sector, introducing them to local partners in Japan. JCIE also convened a series of meetings for Japan-related groups in New York and around the United States to share information on their activities, and since then it has served as an important source of information for overseas nonprofits, businesses, and community groups trying to help with the disaster. Drawing on its long track record in Japan’s philanthropic and nonprofit sectors, JCIE has been advising overseas grantmakers on various aspects of giving in Japan, introducing them to potential partner organizations involved in the disaster response, and helping to facilitate more than $2.5 million in direct contributions from half a dozen overseas donors to groups involved in disaster recovery.

Delegation Visit of Japanese NGO Leaders & Funding Conference

On July 19–23, 2011, JCIE and the Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership organized the first major US delegation visit of Japanese nongovernmental leaders who have been active in coordinating the relief and recovery efforts in Japan after the March 11 disaster. The delegation was composed of key leaders who are at the heart of Japanese and international networks of nonprofit organizations that are working to create a more effective and balanced disaster response. During their week in New York, the delegation met with leaders from US organizations that have been central in the fundraising and support response in the United States to discuss how to foster better collaboration and information sharing between international funding organizations and Japanese nonprofits working on the ground in the affected region.

In addition to taking part in a major conference, as described below, they served as panelists in a public program at the Asia Society on the Japanese civil society response to the disaster and were speakers for a special roundtable on the disaster organized with New York–based funders at Philanthropy New York. The delegation also met with experts involved in the Hurricane Katrina response and with New York City’s Office of Emergency Management to discuss US disaster preparedness.

Conference: US-Japan Cooperation on the Japan Disaster

On July 21, 2011, JCIE hosted a major conference that was co-sponsored by the Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership and the Institute of International Education, and which convened over 50 partners from the United States who were channeling funds to Japan and supporting Japan in other ways. The participants, including the NGO delegation members, shared views on how to better reconcile Japanese and American styles of grantmaking and which needs to prioritize in the response.

Delegation

Yoichiro Abe, Deputy Director (Planning and External Relations), Central Community Chest of Japan; Executive Member, Joint Committee for Coordinating and Supporting Voluntary Disaster Relief Activities

Noboru Hayase, CEO, Osaka Voluntary Action Center; Vice President, Japan NPO Center
Facilitating Civil Society Collaboration on Recovery Efforts

With support from the Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership (CGP), JCIE has been engaged in a multipronged initiative to foster deeper cooperation between the American and Japanese nonprofit and philanthropic sectors in responding to the 2011 disaster. This involves a series of interconnected activities that disseminate analysis on the disaster response, nurture deeper US-Japan cooperation, and identify lessons for emulation elsewhere.

Providing Information and Analysis on the Disaster Response

In addition to advising Japanese and overseas organizations, JCIE is also acting as a hub for information on local and international responses to the disaster in Japan, and on the evolving needs in the region—information that is not readily available in English. Highlights of these efforts include the following:

**Survey of US Giving in Response to Japan's March 11 Disaster**

JCIE has been tracking more than 1,100 American and Japanese organizations to gauge the total level of contributions for disaster relief and recovery, and used this to construct a database of key US funders. Based on that survey, JCIE has issued 1-year, 18-month, and 2-year anniversary reports.

Facilitating Giving for United Way Worldwide and the Central Community Chest of Japan

JCIE has been working with the United Way Worldwide and the Central Community Chest of Japan to manage a multimillion-dollar grant program conducted on behalf of Polo Ralph Lauren for Japanese groups working in Iwate Prefecture. The grantees include the Kamaishi Social Welfare Council, Kodomo no Empowerment, Kurashi no Supporters, and SakuraNet, and they are working together to provide a range of services to survivors that should assist them in recovering from the disaster and contribute in a broad sense to their psychological wellbeing.

Public Outreach

Many of those donating to the JCIE fund were schoolchildren from around the country. JCIE staff visited several of these schools to personally thank the children and educators for their support and to fill them in on the situation in Japan. JCIE staff have also written dozens of articles and offered lectures at numerous events around the world to help promote greater understanding of what has been occurring in Tohoku, what lessons have been learned, what remains to be done, and how people can help in that effort. A number of those articles are listed in the publication section of this annual report.
on the totals. The March 2013 report found that had donated $712.6 million to aid victims of the disaster, ranking as the largest US philanthropic outpouring ever for a disaster in another developed nation and the third most generous American charitable response in history for any overseas disaster. This figure has gained substantial media coverage in Japan and elsewhere as the most reliable and accurate estimate of US giving and as evidence of the strength of US-Japan ties.

**Database on Overseas Grantmaking for 3/11**
JCIE has launched a searchable online database that documents more than $1 billion in donations by overseas organizations to Japanese nonprofits and other groups involved in the disaster response. This is intended to help overseas and Japanese disaster responders gain a clearer picture of how other organizations are responding, allow fundseekers to identify potential funders and vice versa, and enable scholars to research trends in disaster giving. The database allows users to search by donor and grantee name, grant type, and location.

**JCIE 3/11 Relief & Recovery Website**
A special section on the JCIE website and a Facebook page were launched to provide information to the public, and these serve as perhaps the most comprehensive and up-to-date English-language source of information on the disaster response. The site offers background on the disaster, lessons from the response, resources for donors, and details on how the funds donated to or through JCIE are being used by the recipients. Regular updates on the website and Facebook page are providing a unique look at what NGOs are doing to help the region recover.

**JCIE Newsletter**
In October 2012, JCIE also launched a monthly email newsletter for overseas groups involved in the disaster response that compiles information and news on what is happening in the field. This serves as one of the most comprehensive sources of information for the community of overseas organizations undertaking disaster-related activities.

**Nurturing US-Japan Cooperation in Recovery Efforts**
As part of this program, JCIE has also helped facilitate US giving to Japan through a spectrum of activities, ranging from providing background information on the overall context to making introductions to experts and potential partners, and to extensive hands-on support for grantmaking, monitoring, and reporting. In addition, it has convened the following events to bring together US and Japanese leaders involved in the response.

**US Visit of Local Business Leaders from the Disaster Zone**
In cooperation with the Shibusawa Ei'ichi Memorial Foundation, JCIE arranged a NY visit program on September 16–17, 2012, for four leaders who have been involved in efforts to promote economic recovery in Kamaishi. JCIE set up a panel discussion entitled “Local Economic Recovery: Firsthand Accounts from Tohoku,” which was held at the Japan Society and co-sponsored by the Asia Society in cooperation with CGP, the Consulate General of Japan in New York, and Kamaishi City. The sold-out event drew more than 100 participants. Afterwards, a brief but emotional side meeting occurred between the tsunami survivors from Kamaishi and a group of 9/11 survivors and families who were planning to travel to the disaster zone later in the year. Other events involving JCIE included a dinner with local leaders in the Japanese community, and a separate roundtable that was arranged by the Japanese Chamber of Commerce in New York.

**Funders Roundtable**
On March 29, 2012, nine representatives of funding organizations gathered in New York City for a roundtable with Kiyoshi Murakami, the head of AidTAKATA, to discuss the challenges on the ground for Rikuzentakata’s recovery efforts. This event was co-sponsored with the Japan Society.
Identifying Lessons from the Disaster Response

A third aim of the program is to identify lessons from the disaster response, both about how Japanese and overseas organizations can better work together in advancing recovery in the Tohoku region, as well as about how they can partner more effectively in other areas in the future. This objective is interwoven through many of the program activities and it has been specifically emphasized in the following initiatives:


A number of important international partnerships have been forged during the disaster response, and hopefully many can be sustained for joint work in other areas. This makes it crucial to draw lessons from the experiences of Japanese and overseas organizations about what types of partnerships have worked and what can be done to make them more effective both for the Tohoku response and for future mobilization when disasters strike elsewhere. JCIE is convening a series of meetings among overseas and Japanese groups to discuss the successes and challenges of cooperative efforts in order to draw up recommendations for improving international partnerships on disaster responses. The first roundtable was held in Tokyo on January 30, 2013, with 17 representatives of overseas organizations, and similar meetings will be held later in the year.

Highlighting Best Practices

JCIE has also focused on drawing lessons from the disaster and identifying successful approaches. As part of this effort, in September 2012, a policy brief entitled “Friendship Across Borders: Nearly 100 US Sister City Organizations Raise Relief Funds for Japan” highlighted the unanticipated benefits of strong US-Japan grassroots ties. Meanwhile, a catchy online feature called “10 Great Ideas—Innovative Responses to the 3/11 Disaster” was launched to showcase NGO, business, and governmental approaches that are worthy of emulation when other disasters occur.
HUMAN SECURITY AND GLOBAL COOPERATION

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 JCIE has 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 aims to build support in Japan and throughout Asia for the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.
Friends of the Global Fund, Japan

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 supports 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. Given that HIV/AIDS has become a rapidly escalating human security threat in East Asia, the FGFJ seeks to build cooperation between Japan and other East Asian countries in this shared struggle.

In the past nine years since the FGFJ was created, the Japanese government has more than tripled its support to battle communicable diseases through the Global Fund. In September 2010, then Prime Minister Naoto Kan announced a multiyear $800 million commitment to the Global Fund as part of what was called the Kan Commitment. The contribution of $340 million to the Global Fund for 2012, which was part of that pledge, marked the highest amount contributed by Japan to date, bringing Japan’s cumulative contributions to the Global Fund since 2002 to more than $1.6 billion. It was particularly significant in that Japan maintained its commitment despite the fact that its ongoing economic woes were further exacerbated by the enormous financial burden of recovery and rebuilding after the March 2011 disaster.

Mobilizing Leadership

As a core component of FGFJ activities, JCIE works to engage leaders from all sectors in Japan and around the world more actively in the fight against HIV/AIDS, malaria, and tuberculosis. The support of 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 of Advisors

The FGFJ engages Japanese leaders in a number of ways. Twenty senior figures in Japan from politics, government, business, academia, civil society, and medicine meet as members of the FGFJ board of advisors 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. The FGFJ board is co-chaired by Representative Ichiro Aisawa of the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) and Representative Motohisa Furukawa of the Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ).

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.
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FGFJ Events and Roundtables with Overseas Leaders

As part of its efforts to encourage international cooperation on the issue of communicable diseases as well as interest and understanding in Japan, the FGFJ organizes meetings for international communicable disease experts when they visit Japan and facilitates dialogue with key figures from diverse sectors within Japanese society.

Japan Visit by New Global Fund Executive Director Mark Dybul

Recently appointed Global Fund Executive Director Mark Dybul made his first visit to Japan on March 11–12, 2013, accompanied by Director of External Relations Christoph Benn and Director of Strategy, Investment and Impact Osamu Kunii. The purpose of the visit was to meet partners in Japan and encourage them to maintain Japan’s commitment to the fight against communicable diseases. With the assistance of the FGFJ, Dr. Dybul met with the minister of health, labor, and welfare; the senior vice minister for foreign affairs; 14 members of the Japanese Diet, including the secretary general of the ruling LDP; an official from the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA); and other health experts from NGOs, academia, and the corporate sector. In addition, US Ambassador John Roos hosted a lunch at the embassy for the Global Fund delegation and several influential global health experts and policymakers. Dr. Dybul and Dr. Kunii also sat for interviews with NHK (Japan Broadcasting Corporation) and Sankei Shimbun. Acknowledging the key role that Japan has played throughout the life of the Global Fund, Dr. Dybul encouraged Japan to stay with the fight and continue to offer financial and technical assistance to the Global Fund.
Japan Visit by the Global Fund General Manager Gabriel Jaramillo
On June 13–15, 2012, the FGFJ organized a series of meetings in Tokyo for Mr. Gabriel Jaramillo, general manager of the Global Fund, and Christoph Benn. During their visit, they met with members of the FGFJ Diet Task Force, led by Co-chair Ichiro Aisawa and including members of the ruling and major opposition parties. Jaramillo and Benn also met with the FGFJ’s multisectoral board of advisors, as well as officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare. In addition to these two core meetings, Jaramillo and Benn met individually with former Prime Minister Naoto Kan, other senior Diet members, several senior government officials, and JICA officials.

Japan Visit by UNAIDS Goodwill Ambassador James Chau
On October 24–28, 2011, the FGFJ organized a program in Japan for China Central Television news anchor and UNAIDS goodwill ambassador James Chau. He participated in the Asia Pacific High-Level Meeting on Innovative Partnerships for Health: Regional Solutions, Regional Opportunities on October 24 (see page 51) and met with key officials from government ministries and civil society to discuss political perspectives on health policy. On October 25, Chau met with the key AIDS activists in Tokyo at Community Center Akta, an information center on sexual health and HIV/AIDS located in one of the biggest gay communities in Japan. He spoke with the group of civil society leaders and professionals working on AIDS about the community center’s functions and the need for a holistic and multisectoral response to combat what is not only a physical challenge but also an issue of basic human dignity and psychosocial support.

Japan Visit by Global Fund Executive Director Michel Kazatchkine
The FGFJ organized a series of events with Prof. Michel Kazatchkine, then executive director of the Global Fund, while he was in Japan to give a presentation at the MDGs Follow-Up Meeting held in Tokyo on June 2–3, 2011. During his visit, he met with members of the FGFJ Diet Task Force and individual political and government leaders. Referring to the Global Fund’s recently published results report, Professor Kazatchkine cited the impact generated by the fund and its partners and described the series of reforms the fund was undertaking to improve its governance and grant management practices. He spoke candidly about the Global Fund’s efforts to rebuild trust following recent press reports on fraud and corruption that gave the false impression that a large portion of funds had been misused. He also touched on the subject of Japan’s ODA budget cuts that resulted in a withholding of that year’s allocation to the Global Fund. Professor Kazatchkine expressed his sincere hope that Japan would remain strongly committed to the Global Fund despite the difficulties confronting the nation following the March 11 disaster. To this, leaders in all of the meetings assured him that the budget cut was a temporary measure and that Japan remains strong in its commitment to the Global Fund.

Raising Public Awareness and Engaging the Media
The FGFJ 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.

World AIDS Day Symposium
To celebrate the 2012 World AIDS Day, which takes place every year on December 1, the FGFJ co-organized a seminar in Tokyo on the global fight against AIDS in collaboration with the Institute of Developing Economies (IDE-JETRO). The seminar featured a lecture by former head of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) and current director of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Peter Piot, whose new book,
No Time to Lose: A Life in Pursuit of Deadly Viruses, was published in May 2012. Dr. Piot talked about the need for both personal and collective responsibility in fighting AIDS and challenged the audience of more than 150 people to find a role that they can each play in the fight against this disease that touches everyone around the world in one way or another. A panel discussion was also held on how Japan can fight AIDS as a disease that impedes foreign investment.

Lecture—No Time to Lose: A Life in Pursuit of Deadly Viruses
Peter Piot, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine
Tomoko Omura, NHK World TV [Interviewer]

Discussion—How Can Japan Fight AIDS as It Stands in the Way of Its Foreign Investment?
Katsumi Hirano, IDE-JETRO [Moderator]
Damien de Walque, World Bank
Seiro Ito, IDE-JETRO

James Chau Press Briefing at Japan National Press Club

On October 25, 2011, China Central Television news anchor and UNAIDS goodwill ambassador James Chau spoke at the Nippon Press Club about how health journalism and the media can contribute to the field of global health and the promotion of health issues, particularly in HIV/AIDS awareness and response. He also spoke about the stigma and discrimination that persist against people living with HIV/AIDS at home and at work and about the measures that China has recently been taking to scale up its response to HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention.

Global Health and Foreign Policy

One of the goals of the FGFJ is to promote better understanding of how Global Fund support reinforces health-related activities at the community level as well as health-related policy on the national level, emphasizing cooperation within and across regions to reflect the cross-border nature of communicable diseases. The FGFJ conducts research and works to promote regional cooperation on health system strengthening and governmental responses to the threat of communicable diseases.

Site Visits to Global Fund–Supported Projects in Ethiopia and Senegal

The FGFJ and JCIE worked closely with the Global Fund to organize a study trip for several prominent Japanese global health experts and emerging scholars to Ethiopia and Senegal from April 26 to May 4, 2011. In Ethiopia, the delegation visited several health centers before traveling to a rural health post to meet with health extension workers who—with support from the Global Fund and UNICEF—visit all of the households in their community to promote healthy lifestyles, screen members of the households for common infections and illnesses, refer people in need of more specialized care to health clinics, provide family planning and counseling, and encourage pregnant women to access antenatal care and to deliver their babies in health facilities. The delegation also met with the Minister of Health Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, who at the time was serving as the chair of the Global Fund board, and with officials of the African Union.

In Senegal, the delegation visited health facilities on the outskirts of the capital, Dakar, and met with members of the Senegalese Country Coordinating Mechanism for Global Fund grants. While in Senegal,
the FGFJ and JCIE also organized a seminar on global health and human security (see page 52).

Delegation Members
Masamine Jimba, Professor and Chairman, Department of Community and Global Health, Graduate School of Medicine, University of Tokyo
Yaushi Katsuma, Director, Institute for Global Health, Waseda University
Yukio Takasu, Japanese Ambassador for Human Security and Special Advisor on Human Security to UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon
Keizo Takemi, former Senior Vice Minister for Health, Labour and Welfare; JCIE Senior Fellow
Tadashi Yamamoto, President, JCIE; Director, FGFJ
Director

Global Fund Business Forum on Investing in Asia Pacific: Public-Private Partnership in Health
The FGFJ collaborated with the Global Fund, the Thailand Business Coalition on AIDS, the Global Business Coalition on Health, and Pacific Friends of the Global Fund to organize a forum on July 11–12, 2012, in Bangkok on public-private partnership in health. The forum was organized to explore ways in which corporations can partner with the Global Fund and become more engaged in the fight against communicable diseases in the communities where they operate. Presentations addressed the state of communicable diseases in Asia and opportunities for corporate engagement, and the meeting also highlighted work that several major corporations are doing in this field to give participants a sense of the various kinds of partnership that are out there. The second day of the forum consisted of optional site visits to initiatives in the Bangkok vicinity.

The Global Fund and the Role of the Private Sector in Response to the Three Diseases
Anthony Pramualratana, Thailand Business Coalition on AIDS [Facilitator]
Christoph Benn, Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria
Michael Schreiber, GBCHealth
JCIE’s Global Health and Human Security Program encourages Japan and other wealthy countries to translate their commitments to improve global health into concrete action. Through this program, JCIE encourages Japan to play a leadership role in global health over the long term and builds domestic and international support for such a role. The program seeks to define a robust, comprehensive, and innovative Japanese policy on global health with the support of leaders from all sectors in Japan; explore lessons from Japan’s own experience that can be applied to other countries’ health systems; strengthen the role of Japan’s nongovernmental sector; and develop a better understanding of the critical value of human security to global health. The program centers around a multisectoral commission of experts on various aspects of Japan’s domestic health system and global health policy, and it has already made significant contributions to the newly created policy on global health diplomacy that Prime Minister Abe announced in June 2013. It has also organized major seminars on health and human security in New York and Dakar, Senegal, and launched a research project that resulted in a special series on Japan’s health system in the renowned international medical journal, the *Lancet*.

### Developing a Strategic Approach to Global Health

**Lancet Japan Series**

In September 2009, JCIE began working with the renowned British medical journal, the *Lancet*, to create a September 2011 publication of a special series on Japan. The series, “Japan: Universal Health Care at 50 Years,” examines lessons learned from Japan’s health system, which achieved universal health insurance coverage relatively quickly after the devastation of World War II and today enjoys some of the world’s best health indicators. The project encouraged Japanese health experts to take an outward focus by building networks between Japanese and overseas health experts, particularly those in Asia Pacific. JCIE put together a study team of mid-level Japanese scholars to draft papers on

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various aspects of the development of Japan’s health system and its current challenges. This represents the first series that the journal has published on a single industrialized country.

A preliminary workshop with the project’s lead authors was held in Odawara, Japan, on February 18–19, 2010, followed by a major international symposium in Tokyo in September 2010. Then, as part of the series launch, JCIE and the Lancet organized an international public symposium in Tokyo in September 2011.

**Opening Session and Overview**

**Tadashi Yamamoto, JCIE [Moderator]**

**Richard Horton, Lancet**

**Lincoln Chen, China Medical Board**

**Keizo Takemi, JCIE**

**Session 1: What Does the Disaster Teach Us about Japan’s Health System?**

**Keizo Takemi [Moderator]**

**Kenji Shibuya, University of Tokyo**

**Hidekazu Tanaka, Yomiuri Shimbun**

**Michael Reich, Harvard School of Public Health**

**Session 2: Current Challenges Facing Japan’s Health System**

**Michael Reich [Moderator]**

**Hidekazu Tanaka, Yomiuri Shimbun**

**Naoki Ikegami, School of Medicine, Keio University**

**Harvey V. Fineberg, Institute of Medicine**

**Suwit Wibulpolprasert, Thai Ministry of Public Health**

Launch Symposium on Restructuring Japan’s Healthcare System—Beyond the March 11 Disaster

The purpose of this symposium, held in Tokyo on September 1, 2011, was to share findings from the Lancet Special Series on Japan and to discuss the challenges confronting Japan’s health system in the wake of the disasters in Tohoku. This event provided a forum for sharing Japan’s experience in achieving and maintaining a healthy population in the face of an aging population and changing economic conditions with other countries that are trying to strengthen their own health systems. In other words, the series and symposium presented Japan with the opportunity to play an important role in creating a healthier world by sharing its successes and challenges with experts from around the globe.

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- Development of a Disaster Cardiovascular Prevention Network, Kazuomi Kario et al.

**50 Years of Pursuing a Healthy Society in Japan, Michael Reich et al.**
Session 3: Reforms for the Future—Maintaining Equity, Efficiency, and Sustainability

Shunsuke Watanabe, Tokyo Women’s Medical College [Moderator]
Naoki Ikehama, School of Medicine, Keio University
Bong-min Yang, Seoul National University
Keiji Yamada, Governor of Kyoto Prefecture; National Governors’ Association
Shigeru Omi, Jichi Medical University

Session 4: Global Implications of Achieving Universal Healthcare Coverage Based on Human Security

Richard Horton [Moderator]
Kenji Shibuya, University of Tokyo
Sudhir Anand, Oxford University; Harvard Medical School
Joseph Kutzin, World Health Organization (WHO)
Armin Fidler, World Bank
Y. S. Chi, Reed Elsevier
William Summerskill, Lancet
Keizo Takemi

Asia Pacific High-Level Meeting on Innovative Partnerships for Health: Regional Solutions, Regional Opportunities

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (MOFA), JICA, and JCIE organized—in collaboration with the Japan Institute for Global Health and the Pacific Health Summit—a high-level meeting in Tokyo on October 24, 2011, to explore the role of innovative partnerships in improving health in Asia Pacific. The full-day meeting brought together key decision makers from Asia Pacific, including leaders from the government sector from industrialized and developing countries, traditional and emerging donor organizations, international health organizations, businesses, foundations, academia, and nongovernmental organizations.

Opening Remarks and Keynote Speech

Tadashi Yamamoto, JCIE
Koichiro Gemba, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan
Bill Gates, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation [via video]
Shigeru Omi, Jichi Medical University; WHO Western Pacific Region

Session 1: Expanding Development and Delivery—Creating Economies of Scale

Kenji Shibuya, Japan Institute for Global Health [Moderator]
Triono Soendoro, Minister of Health, Indonesia
Bruce Aylward, WHO
Daniel Toole, UNICEF
Yoshimasa Takao, Sumitomo Chemical
Deog-young Choi, LG Life Sciences

Session 2: Effective Public-Private Partnerships for Achieving Regional Health Goals

James Chau, China Central Television; Goodwill Ambassador, UNAIDS [Moderator]
Enrique T. Ona, Secretary of Health, Philippines
Le Quang Cuong, Health Strategy and Policy Institute, Vietnam
Helen Evans, GAVI Alliance
Keiko Nakamura, GlaxoSmithKline
James M. Jones, ExxonMobil Corporation

Lunch Panel: Asia Pacific Success Stories and Partnership Opportunities

Yukio Takasu, Special Advisor to the UN Secretary-General on Human Security [Moderator]
Yoriko Kawaguchi, House of Councillors, Japan; Diet Task Force on Global Polio Eradication
Kiyoshi Kodera, JICA
Jaeyun Chang, Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA)
Wade Warren, United States Agency for International Development

Session 3: Innovative and Sustainable Financing Partnerships

Kenneth Cukier, Economist [Moderator]
Muhammad Arif Azim, Ministry of Inter-provincial Coordination, Pakistan
Kazuhiro Koshikawa, MOFA, Japan
Christoph Benn, Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria
Health and Human Security in Africa

Lecture Series on Keys to Economic Growth in Africa: Global Health

In June 2013, the 5th Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD V) will be held in Yokohama. At the time of the first conference in 1993, Africa was considered primarily in terms of its need for aid and assistance, but in recent years, with several countries across the continent achieving economic growth rates in excess of 10 percent, the region has increased in importance as a potential new market. At the same time, however, many people there remain unable to enjoy aspects of life that are taken for granted in Japan and the United States, including access to basic needs such as food, water, and medical care and freedom from many fundamental risks to health.

JCIE has launched a series of lectures in Tokyo focused on the field of health-related business as the core of Japan’s growth strategy. The lectures feature speakers involved in efforts by Japanese companies to improve health in Africa (e.g., clean water, nutrition, and healthcare) and with insight into achieving sustainable growth. They are thus able to introduce many ideas for creative approaches ranging from social business to corporate social responsibility. These events are being co-organized by the Health and Global Policy Institute and the Entrepreneur Group for Growing Japan (EGG Japan), and JCIE’s Ken Shibusawa is serving as the moderator.

Health in Africa: Investment and the Development of New Markets

January 29, 2013

Kiyoshi Kurokawa, Chairman, Health and Global Policy Institute; Academic Fellow, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies

Shigeomi Sato, CEO, Africa Business Partners

Funding and Human Resources to Support Healthcare in Africa

February 28, 2013

Ikuo Takizawa, Director, 1st Health Division, Human Development Department, JICA

Tetsuo Mizuno, Director, Malaria No More Japan; former General Manager, Vector Control Division, Sumitomo Chemical

A Mid- to Long-Term Strategic Perspective: Efforts through the Water Business

March 21, 2013

Kanetoshi Oda, Chairman and CEO, Nippon Poly-Glu

Mihoko Tozuka, Yamaha Motor

Satellite Seminar of the Third TICAD Ministerial Follow-Up Meeting

On May 2–3, 2011, JCIE organized a symposium and roundtable on “Health and Human Security in Africa” in Dakar, Senegal. The events, which were co-organized by JICA in conjunction with the 3rd TICAD Ministerial Follow-Up Meeting, brought Japanese government officials and public intellectuals together with high-level health officials, academics, and NGO leaders from throughout Africa for a dialogue on how Japan’s foreign policy emphasis on human security can be employed in implementing health-related programs in Africa.

At the symposium, senior Japanese and African government officials spoke about their countries’ efforts to improve health and development in Africa, including Japanese State Secretary for Foreign Affairs Chiaki Takahashi and Senegalese Minister of Urbanization, Housing, Construction and Water
Oumar Sarr. Human security luminaries delivered keynote speeches while some of the most well-known African promoters of global health and human security presented in-depth reviews of their work currently underway on the ground in Africa.

Opening Remarks and Speeches
Tadashi Yamamoto, JCIE [Moderator]
Aw. Boubacar, Higher Institute of Management, Enterprise and Organization, CESAG
Kazunori Oshiyama, JICA
Oumar Sarr, Minister of Urbanization, Housing, Construction and Water, Senegal
Chiaki Takahashi, State Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Japan

Tadashi Yamamoto [Moderator]
Miriam Were, Hideyo Noguchi Africa Prize Laureate
Yukio Takasu, Special Advisor on Human Security to UN Secretary-General; Japanese Ambassador for Human Security

Presentations from the Ground
Cheick Tidiane Tall, African Council of AIDS Service Organizations [Co-moderator]
Masamine Jimba, Graduate School of Medicine, University of Tokyo [Co-moderator]
Noerine Kaleeba, AIDS Support Organization Uganda; AMREF International Board of Directors
Lola Dare, Centre for Health Sciences Training, Research and Development (CHESTRAD)
Adrien Sonko, CHESTRAD
Fru Fobushi Angwafo III, Ministry of Public Health, Cameroon

Concluding Remarks: African Strategies to Human Security and Health
Tadashi Yamamoto [Moderator]
Matshidiso Moeti, WHO Regional Office for Africa
Aw. Boubacar

The roundtable on the following day provided a more intimate opportunity to explore individual human security approaches and case studies. Two representatives from JCIE’s Global Health and Human Security Program Executive Committee, Yasushi Katsuma and Masamine Jimba, provided analysis from JCIE study trips in Ethiopia and Senegal undertaken the preceding week, as well as cases that the JCIE team had been collecting from organizations throughout Africa. Then, global health experts Cheikh Seydil Moctar Mbacke (New Partnership for Africa’s Development) and Carlos Santos-Burgoa (Pan American Health Organization) took a wider perspective on the discussion, exploring how the human security approach can be used to meet broad international targets, such as the Millennium Development Goals, across the African continent and beyond.

Similar meetings were organized in Lima, Peru, on September 6–7, 2012, focusing on experiences in the Americas and Africa. The Lima meetings highlighted the need for cross-sectoral efforts that fully engage all stakeholders. The next phase of JCIE’s project will focus on similar topics in Asia, as the team draws lessons from cases it is studying in all three regions to develop guidelines for implementing human security approaches.
Japan–World Bank Partnership Program for Universal Health Coverage

A Japan–World Bank Partnership Program on Universal Health Coverage (UHC) has been launched to examine lessons from Japan’s health system, especially its achievement of UHC more than 50 years ago. The goal of the program is to explore how these lessons can be applied to other countries that are trying to develop systems of UHC. The project focuses in particular on financing and human resources, two key components of health systems. JCIE is coordinating the program activities in Japan, including the development of a case study on Japan and various related meetings, through close consultation with the World Bank and other stakeholders. The research team on Japan is reviewing the relevance of lessons from Japan’s experience for lower- and middle-income countries and providing advice and guidance on developing systems of UHC. The analysis of Japan’s experience and that of other country case studies will be consolidated into a global synthesis report.

Launch Seminar and Workshop: Challenges and Opportunities for Achieving Universal Health Coverage

On January 24, 2012, JCIE joined the World Bank and JICA in organizing a seminar in Bangkok on the Challenges and Opportunities for Achieving UHC. The seminar was held on the sidelines of the Prince Mahidol Awards Conference, a prominent annual meeting on global health that brings health experts, practitioners, and policymakers from around the world together to discuss cutting-edge topics in global health. One purpose of the seminar was to follow up on some of the findings—particularly on Japan’s experience with health financing and health workforce—from the Lancet special series on Japan that JCIE published in partnership with the Lancet in 2011. The other purpose of the seminar was to launch the Japan–World Bank Partnership Program for UHC. A closed workshop was organized on the following day to discuss details of the Japan–World Bank joint research project.

IMF/World Bank Annual Meetings Side Events

Roundtable on Challenges for Universal Health Coverage

JCIE convened a roundtable on October 10, 2012, in Tokyo to examine the lessons from Japan’s experience in maintaining UHC, research progress on the topic in France and other developed countries, and proposed case studies on challenges and opportunities for developing countries in providing UHC.

Opportunities and Challenges in Designing and Implementing UHC

Nicole Klingen, World Bank

Session 1: Successes and Challenges in Maintaining UHC—Global Lessons from Japan

Michael Reich, Harvard School of Public Health

[Moderator]

Naoki Ikekami, Keio University School of Medicine
Shuzo Nishimura, National Institute of Population and Social Security Research; Kyoto University
Global Health Seminars
As the secretariat of the Japan case study of the Japan–World Bank Partnership Program on UHC, JCIE worked closely with the World Bank and Ministry of Finance of Japan to organize two side seminars on global health and UHC on October 11, 2012. The seminars dealt with cutting-edge topics in global health such as sustainable health financing in times of austerity, the socioeconomic benefits of investing in health, and challenges as well as lessons learned from countries like Japan that have achieved and struggle to maintain UHC. Lessons are intended to help guide those working to improve health coverage in their own countries amidst political and financial difficulties.

**Seminar 1: The Case for Investing in Health, Again!**
Akihiko Tanaka, President, JICA, Japan
Maria Kiwanuka, Minister of Health, Uganda
Christopher Murray, Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation, USA
Haruo Naito, Eisai, Japan
Sania Nishtar, Heartfile, Pakistan
Andrew Jack, Financial Times, UK [Moderator]

**Seminar 2: UHC—Opportunities and Lessons**
Keizo Takemi, JCIE
Nisha Agrawal, Oxfam, India
Margaret Chan, Director-General, WHO, Switzerland
Martin Hirsch, Civil Service Admin, France
Richard Horton, Lancet, UK [Moderator]
Panel on Strategies for Implementing Universal Health Coverage—Positive and Negative Experiences from Japan

On November 2, 2012, JCIE organized an official session and a side event at the Beijing Health Systems Research Symposium. The preliminary findings of the Japan–World Bank Partnership Program on UHC were shared and policy options were explored. Researchers presented the analysis of Japan’s experience in achieving and maintaining UHC and potential positive and negative lessons for developing countries. This was followed by presentations of the case study proposals by participating developing countries and a discussion on the relevant lessons to be shared across countries at different levels of income and economic development.

Strategies for Implementing UHC: Positive and Negative Experiences from Japan

Naoki Ikegami, Keio University School of Medicine
Suwit Wibulpolprasert, Ministry of Public Health, Thailand [Discussant]

Strategies for Implementing UHC: Experiences from Developing Countries

Akiko Maeda, World Bank [Bangladesh]
Tania Dmytraczenko, World Bank [Brazil]
Afisah Zakaria, Director, Ministry of Health, Ghana
Eva Jarawan, World Bank [Vietnam]
Timothy Evans, James P. Grant School of Public Health, BRAC University, Bangladesh [Discussant]
BOOKS AND PAPERS

A Growing Force: Civil Society’s Role in Asian Regional Security

Edited by Rizal Sukma and James Gannon

East Asia is undergoing a remarkable transformation, but at the same time it faces an increasing number of potentially destabilizing security challenges. While there has been growing attention to the need for governmental cooperation to make the region more secure, much less attention has been paid to what is happening outside of official circles. Yet nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) in the region have, in fact, quietly been playing a greater role in responding to security threats. In this volume, authors from the region explore how NGOs are becoming a growing force in five areas—piracy, disaster relief, human trafficking, health, and climate change—to shed light on how they are helping to make East Asia more secure and on the potential for civil society to serve as a catalyst for deeper regional cooperation.

(English: JCIE 2013)

New Challenges, New Approaches: Regional Security Cooperation in East Asia

Edited by Tadashi Yamamoto and Koji Watanabe

Since the end of the Cold War, new nontraditional security threats have risen in prominence. Challenges related to issues such as nuclear development, terrorism, peace building, and piracy increasingly require regional cooperation due to their cross-border nature. While the countries in East Asia are embarking on the process of institutionalizing patterns of regional cooperation, more attention needs to be paid to creating institutions that are able to address these nontraditional security issues. In this volume, the authors explore new challenges related to nontraditional security threats, analyze the capacity of existing regional mechanisms to deal with them, and offer recommendations on the necessary steps to create a more secure region in today’s world.

(English: JCIE 2011)
A Pacific Nation: Perspectives on the US Role in an East Asia Community

Edited by Mark Borthwick and Tadashi Yamamoto

Historic shifts within East Asia have driven efforts to build up regional institutions. Despite its longstanding ties to the region, the United States has been largely absent from these efforts until recently, when American officials declared that the United States is “back in Asia” and began a flurry of activities to strengthen US involvement in the region’s emerging institutions. Many questions remain, however, about the role the United States will ultimately play in the evolving regional architecture and how the region will react to this. In this volume, experts from Asia and the United States explore the latest changes in US involvement in regional affairs and analyze the region’s divergent perspectives on the role that the United States should play in a new East Asia community.

(English: JCIE 2011)


A JCIE team of up-and-coming policy experts studied relatively unexplored areas—outside of the traditional realms of hard security and trade—where greater US-Japan cooperation and coordination can help revitalize bilateral partnership and complement ongoing efforts to strengthen the alliance. The US-Japan Papers present the findings of several members of the team.

“An Enhanced Regional Architecture for East Asia: Managing Globalization, Power Transition, and Domestic Fragility,” Satoru Mori, Professor, Hosei University

“US-Japan Cooperation on the Reform of International Organizations,” Philip Lipscy, Assistant Professor of Political Science, Stanford University

“A New Framework for US-Japan Development Cooperation,” James Gannon, Executive Director, JCIE/USA


“Revitalizing US-Japan Collaboration on Global Health,” Eriko Sase, Lecturer, Graduate School of Medicine, University of Tokyo; Susan Hubbard, Senior Associate, JCIE/USA

“The Rise of China and the Changing Regional Security Architecture,” Ryo Sahashi, Associate Professor, Kanagawa University
Lancet Japan Series

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PERIODICALS

**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. The primary contributor is JCIE’s Senior Fellow Hitoshi Tanaka. The series is edited and distributed by JCIE/USA, and current and past issues are available on JCIE’s website. The following issues were published in FY2011 and FY2012:

- “Recovering from Japan’s Disasters” (June 2011)
- “Consolidating East Asia Cooperation: A New Role for Northeast Asia” (August 2011)
- “Prime Minister Noda and Fixing the Futenma Impasse” (October 2011)
- “Bridging Asia and the Pacific: Japan’s Role in Reinforcing the US Pivot” (December 2011)
- “After the Launch: Moving Forward with North Korea” (April 2012)
- “Remembering Tadashi Yamamoto: Intellectual Dialogue for a New Era” (June 2012)
- “Politicizing the Senkaku Islands: A Danger to Regional Stability” (August 2012)
- “Japan-ROK Relations: Defusing Tensions to Build a Regional Partnership” (October 2012)
- “Myths of Decline: Why Japan Matters as China Rises” (December 2012)
- “A Reset for East Asia: Managing Risks Under New Leadership” (March 2013)

**Civil Society Monitor**

*Civil Society Monitor* serves as one of the few sources of English-language information on the current state of Japan’s 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.

- “US Giving in Response to Japan’s March 11 Disaster Tops $630 Million.” (March 2012)
- “Friendship across Borders: Nearly 100 US Sister City Organizations Raise Relief Funds for Japan” (September 2012)
- “US Giving in Response to Japan’s March 11 Disaster Exceeds $665 Million” [18-month update] (September 2012)
- “US Giving in Response to Japan’s March 11 Disaster Exceeds $710 Million” [2-year update] (March 2013)
• “Nichi-Bei minkan koryu no keifu” [The genealogy of US-Japan private exchange]—President Tadashi Yamamoto's article in Asteion (vol. 74, April 2011)
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