

Abe Global Forum: Japanese and American Innovation in the Global Age

21-Nov-2018

Both the United States and Japan have long taken pride in their robust scientific research communities' contributions to economic growth and human welfare. But the slowing pace and rising costs of research, along with strong competition from China and India, have challenged both governments to rethink their approaches to science and technology policy and set agendas that encourage innovation towards solving demanding social problems. CGP and SSRC will bring together experts including a number of Abe fellows, to discuss how the United States and Japan are responding to these challenges, as well as the rapidly rising innovation hubs in China, India, and Singapore.

[December 1, 2 PM](#) [Georgia Institute of Technology \(Atlanta, GA\)](#)
[RSVP here](#) for the December 1 event at the Georgia Institute of Technology

[December 3, 3 PM](#) [Carnegie Endowment for International Peace \(Washington, DC\)](#)
[RSVP here](#) for the December 3 event at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

An initiative of the [Abe Fellowship Program](#), the [Abe Fellows Global Forum \(Abe Global\)](#) is designed to bring Abe Fellow research and expertise on pressing issues of global concern to broader audiences. Abe Global will host several events each year in partnership with academic and civic organizations throughout the United States.

2019 CGP Grant Program Guidelines

10-Sep-2018

CGP is pleased to announce that the grant guidelines for the CGP Grant Program are now available. There are two categories under this grant program: the "[Intellectual Exchange: Policy-Related Projects](#)" and the "[Grassroots Program: Education and Network-Strengthening](#)". Please download [the guidelines](#) for complete details on objectives, requirements and priorities for each category.

Application checklist, cover sheet, and budget template are available on the respective program pages.

Grant support will be capped at \$30,000/year for a maximum of two years. Proposals are due December 3, 2018; concept papers are not required.

Announcing the 2017-2018 Abe Fellows

20-Apr-2018

We are pleased to announce the Abe Fellows and Abe Journalism Fellows for the 2017-2018 cycle. These two programs are designed to encourage research and coverage on topics of pressing global concern. The programs are administered by the [Social Science Research Council \(SSRC\)](#) with funding provided by CGP. We encourage you to learn more about the [Abe Fellowship Program](#) and the [Abe Fellowship Program for Journalists](#), by visiting their respective program pages.

Abe Fellows 2017-2018

Dorothea Abraham

College of William and Mary

A Comparative Analysis of the 2017 Cybersecurity Strategies of Japan and the United States: Implications for Healthcare and Government

Jason Danely

Oxford Brookes University

Comparison of Older Ex-Offender Resettlement and Community-Based Organizations for Reducing Recidivism in Japan and the United Kingdom

Elizabeth DeSombre

Wellesley College
Comparative Influences on Port Sustainability

Noriko Endo

Keio University
Reconsidering the role of the national government in US-Japan Nuclear Liability

Toshiaki Iizuka

The University of Tokyo
The Value of Medical Care in the US and Japan

Heather Montgomery

International Christian University
Global Financial Stability in the wake of Banking Sector Consolidation: Evidence from Japan and the United States

Sumie Nakaya

United Nations
Ceasefire Planning in Multi-Layered Armed Conflicts: Towards a New Model of Violence Management among Heterogeneous Armed Groups

Koki Oikawa

Waseda University
Research on the Impact of Monetary Policy on Economic Growth through Reallocation among Heterogeneous Firms

Albert Park

Claremont McKenna College
Rural Ecology: Environmentalism, Building New Communities and Social Renewal in Korea and Japan

Jolyon Thomas

University of Pennsylvania
Religion, Morality, and Public School Education in Japan and the United States

Abe Journalism Fellows 2017-2018**Carolyn Kormann**

Contributing Writer/Editor/Researcher, The New Yorker Magazine
Farmers, Soldiers, and a Knuckleballer: North Korea, Climate Change, and the Future of Japanese Gender Politics

Brigid Schulte

Director, The Better Life Lab, New America
Overwork in Japan: Causes, Consequences and Prospects for Change

Amos Zeeberg

Journalist, Freelance
How to Invent the 21st Century's Great Lifesaver: Stem-Cell Therapy

Abe Fellows Global Forum 2017

12-Dec-2017

The Abe Fellowship Program, a partnership between The Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership (CGP) and the Social Science Research Council (SSRC), launched a new initiative, the [Abe Fellows Global Forum \(Abe Global\)](#). Designed to bring Abe Fellow research and expertise on pressing issues of global concern to broader audiences, three events were held this autumn. The first two events were in Houston at the [Asia Society Texas Center on October 18th](#), and at [Stanford University on October 20th](#), respectively. The topic at both events was, "Confronting Climate Change: What Can the U.S. and Japan Contribute to Creating Sustainable Societies?" The third event was in New York at [Columbia University on November 10th](#), on "Japan and the Leadership of the World Trading System."

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Sept 14th Earth Manual Project: Disaster Preparedness & the Constructed Environment

08-Sep-2017

The Japan Foundation and Parsons School of Design Team up to Create Design Solutions for Surviving Natural Disasters.

“Earth Manual Project: Disaster Preparedness & the Constructed Environment”

Date: Thursday, September 14, 2017
Time: 6:00pm-8:00pm
Venue: Parsons School of Design
Starr Foundation Hall; UL102
63 Fifth Avenue
RSVP: Please RSVP through [Eventbrite](#).
This event is free and open to the public.

This event is co-organized with the [School of Constructed Environments \(SCE\) at the New School's Parsons School of Design](#) and the [Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership \(CGP\)](#). International transportation for this event is generously supported by All Nippon Airways Co., Ltd.

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Amid the devastation wrought by the 2017 Atlantic hurricane season and the recent 8.0 magnitude earthquake that struck Mexico, [Parsons School of Design](#) at The New School and [The Japan Foundation's Center for Global Partnership](#) launch an innovative project centered around the creation of design solutions for surviving natural disasters.

The project, Earth Manual Project: Disaster Preparedness & Constructed Environment, launches with a week-long design intensive at Parsons in New York City September 11-16.

A showcase of student work will be held on Thursday, Sept. 14, 6-8 p.m. at The New School's University Center, 63 Fifth Ave. To RSVP, visit [Eventbrite](#). There will be introductory remarks at the beginning of the event, followed by a reception.

During the week-long intensive, students in Parsons' [School of Constructed Environments](#) will take inspiration from the various works and philosophies of [Hirokazu Nagata](#), a leading expert on disaster preparedness education from Kobe, Japan, as they develop design solutions — architectural, interior design, lighting design, and more — to surviving natural disasters. Students will look into case studies on Hurricane Sandy, the 1977 and 2003 blackouts in New York, and the September 11 terrorist attacks as they focus on addressing catastrophes related to climate change, terrorism, and infrastructure collapse. Research is provided by the [Zolberg Institute on Migration and Mobility at The New School](#).

Confronting the very real threat of natural disasters, the project reflects Parsons' and Japan Foundation's commitment to working collaboratively and across disciplines to address the most pressing issues of our time.

The event is the first step in the creation of the first North American iteration of the collaborative exhibition, [Earth Manual Project](#), which will be held at Parsons in Autumn 2018. Earth Manual Project is an accumulation of knowledge and ideas gleaned from the experiences of living through natural disasters. It will showcase thoughtful works by designers, artists, and architects from Japan and Southeast Asian countries, as well as fresh localized content from the United States.

The exhibition and related public programs will encourage a collaborative, interdisciplinary examination of disaster preparedness across New York City, Kobe (Japan), Chiang Mai (Thailand), and other communities to which the exhibition will ultimately travel.

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[Parsons School of Design](#) at The New School is one of the leading institutions for art and design education in the world. Based in New York but active around the world, the school offers undergraduate and graduate programs in the full spectrum of art and design disciplines, as well as online courses, degree and certificate programs. Critical thinking and collaboration are at the heart of a Parsons education. Parsons graduates are leaders in their respective fields, with a shared commitment to creatively and critically addressing the complexities of life in the 21st century.

Thursday Feb. 23 TALK: "This Could Save Your Life"

10-Feb-017

TALK: "This Could Save Your Life - Creative Design & Disaster Preparedness"



[School of Design](#) to bring the [Earth Manual Project Exhibition](#) to the US, including a component to localize its content.

Japan is subject to many natural disasters including earthquakes, tsunamis and volcanic eruptions; as a result, it is often at the forefront of disaster preparedness. Since 2006 Hirokazu Nagata, founder of the non-profit organization [+Arts \(Plus Arts\)](#) and the Vice Director of the [Design Creative Center Kobe \(KIITO\)](#), has been working with designers, social innovators and architects to create awareness and prepare communities for disasters through thoughtful and creative designs. After his talk at Japan Society last year, Mr. Nagata will be returning to New York for another event. Join us for an introduction to his broad body of work, particularly his work with the traveling "[Earth Manual Project Exhibition](#)". This talk is part of an ongoing collaboration with the [Parsons](#)

The talk by Mr. Nagata will be in Japanese, with consecutive English translation. The talk will be followed by a Q&A, brief panel discussion, and a reception.

Date: Thursday, February 23rd, 2017

Time: 6:30pm

Location: The New School's Parsons School of Design, Starr Foundation Hall, University Center, 63 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10003

Registration: Admission is free, however, registration is recommended.

Please refer [here](#) to register.

This event is co-organized with the [School of Constructed Environments \(SCE\) at the New School's Parsons School of Design](#), with the support of [All Nippon Airways](#). This event was made possible with the cooperation of the [Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations](#), [Japan Society](#), [AIG](#), [Muji](#) (Ryohin Keikaku Co., Ltd), and [Proctor & Gamble](#).

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Abe Fellowship 25th Anniversary

15-Dec-2016

The Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership (CGP) and Abe Fellowship Program marked their 25th anniversary by holding an international symposium “Emerging Futures in a Changing World,” on Tuesday, November 15, in Tokyo. The symposium was followed by a reception attended by many distinguished guests, including Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, U.S. Ambassador Caroline Kennedy, and Mrs. Yoko Abe, wife of the late Mr. Shintaro Abe, former Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan. Former Secretary of State, Mr. George P. Schultz also contributed a video message; he was a Special Advisor to CGP and made invaluable contributions in the development of CGP. Both events were held in collaboration with the Social Science Research Council.

For details on the event, please refer to the official [Press Release](#); photos from the event are available [here](#).

Nov 15th: Abe Fellowship 25th Anniversary Symposium

21-Oct-2016



A number of large, systemic shifts have occurred over the past 25 years including the reemergence of China, the proliferation of new international organizations (AIIB, G20) and the changing roles of regional institutions and arrangements for cooperation (ASEAN, EU). Power has become more dispersed, trade more complex, public support more volatile, diplomacy more immediate, and global governance even more elusive. The current system of international relations and the existing set of Bretton Woods Institutions (IMF, World Bank, WTO) face increasing pressure to adapt to these emerging trends and developments.

The 25th anniversary of The Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership and the Abe Fellowship Program provides a useful opportunity for reflecting on the many ways in which the international system has changed and developed over the last quarter century. The symposium will focus on the challenges and issues that Japan and U.S. faces, as well as the role of the American and Japanese intellectual communities in enhancing our understanding and efforts to resolve them. Abe Fellows have tackled many of these issues over the last quarter century and the symposium will draw on their work. Panelists will also discuss the future in the context of the larger geopolitical trends in trade, finance, security and diplomacy. For details on the panels, please refer to the [event program](#).

Event Details:

Date and Time: Tuesday, November 15, 2016 1:00 - 6:00 pm (Doors open at 12:00 pm)

Location: Toranomon Hills Forum, Main Hall (Toranomon Hills Mori Tower 5th Floor, 1-23-3, Toranomon, Minato-ku, Tokyo)

Public Transportation: Tokyo Metro, Ginza Line, Toranomon Station Exit 1, Approximately 5 minutes from the station on foot

Language: English/Japanese with Simultaneous Interpretation

Registration: Please register for the event [here](#).

Friday Nov. 4 Lecture: "This Could Save Your Life"



14-Oct-2016

Japan is subject to many natural disasters including earthquakes, tsunamis and volcanic eruptions, as a result, it is often at the forefront of disaster preparedness. Since 2006 Hirokazu Nagata, founder of [NPO + Arts \(Plus Arts\)](#) and the Vice Director of the [Design Creative Center Kobe \(KITTO\)](#), has been working with designers, social innovators and architects to create awareness and prepare communities for disasters through thoughtful and creative designs. Join us for an introduction to his broad body of work, which includes collaborations with companies such as MUJI and AIG, preparing families through games and camps, pocket manuals for employees, and innovative emergency shelters, among other imaginatively designed products. Mr. Nagata will also give a small demonstration of how to make "disaster-preparedness plates". The lecture and demonstration will be followed by a reception.

This talk will coincide with [World Tsunami Awareness Day \(Nov 5th\)](#) and also commemorate the fourth anniversary of Hurricane Sandy.

Date: Friday, November 4, 6:30 PM

Location: Japan Society 333 East 47th St, Murase Room, New York NY 10017

Tickets: For tickets, please refer to the [event page](#) on [Japan Society's website](#).

This event is co-organized with the Japan Society, in cooperation with the [Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations](#) and the support of [All Nippon Airways, Ltd Co](#), Proctor and Gamble, and AIG.

Announcing The Japan Foundation Award 2016 Recipients

26-Aug-2016

Since 1973, the Japan Foundation has annually presented the Japan Foundation Awards to individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to promoting international mutual understanding and friendship between Japan and other countries through academic, artistic and other cultural pursuits. This year marks the 44th year of the awards, and for 2016, three recipients have been selected:

Susan J. Pharr: Edwin O. Reischauer Professor of Japanese Politics and Director of the Program on U.S.-Japan Relations of the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University (USA)

Cai Guo-Qiang: Artist (China)

Centro Brasileiro de Língua Japonesa (CBLJ): Nonprofit organization (Brazil)

Dr. Susan Pharr is an [Abe Fellow](#), and a member of the Advisory Committee for our [US-Japan Network for the Future](#) program.

For further details, please refer to the [official announcement](#).

"US-Japan Network for the Future" at AAS

15-Apr-2016

Sixteen participants across four cohorts of the "U.S.-Japan Network for the Future" program came together to network and reconnect at a roundtable organized by CGP and the Mansfield Foundation. Cohort members Andrew Oros (Washington College), Kay Shimizu (University of Pittsburgh), Nathaniel Smith (University of Arizona), and Hiroki Takeuchi (Southern Methodist University) led a roundtable on "New Directions for Japan: Japan's Regional Relationships." The discussion was moderated by one of the program's advisers, Prof. Susan Pharr (Harvard University). Two other program advisers, Len Schoppa (University of Virginia) and Ezra Vogel (Harvard University) were also in attendance.

This [program](#) is supported by the Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership and co-organized with the [Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation](#).

Announcing the Fourth Cohort of the "US-Japan Network for the Future" Program

13-Apr-2016

The Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership and The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation, are pleased to announce the selection of a fourth group of participants for the ["U.S.-Japan Network for the Future"](#) program. This is a two-year program designed to build and enhance a network of Japan specialists that can bring diverse expertise and perspectives to the bilateral policy-making process in the mid- and long-term.

Network participants will participate in a two day workshop in Washington, D.C. (June 2016), two day retreat in Montana (September 2016), a week-long series of meetings and workshops in Washington, DC (January 2017), Japan study trip (June 2017); and a public symposium and current issues panel discussions in Washington, DC (June 2018).

The cohort four participants:

Amy Catalinac

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science
New York University

Yulia Frumer

Assistant Professor, History of Science and Technology
Johns Hopkins University

Robert Hoppens

Associate Professor, History
University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

Noriyuki Katagiri

Assistant Professor, Political Science
St. Louis University

Adam Liff

Assistant Professor, East Asian International Relations
Indiana University

Ko Maeda

Associate Professor, Political Science
University of North Texas

Reo Matsuzaki

Assistant Professor, Political Science
Trinity College

Matthew Poggi

Deputy Director, International Banking and Securities Markets
U.S. Department of Treasury

Michael Sharpe

Associate Professor, Political Science
York College of the City University of New York

Jolyon Thomas

Assistant Professor, Department of East Asian Languages and Civilization
University of Pennsylvania

Kristin Vekasi

Assistant Professor, Political Science and International Affairs
University of Maine

Joshua Walker
Vice President, Global Programs
APCO Worldwide

“Toward A More Inclusive Society...” March 4th, 2016 (Tokyo)

19-Feb-2016

The promotion of working women is a signature feature of Prime Minister Abe’s growth strategy for Japan (“Abenomics”). Ms. Beatriz Otero, former Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services for Washington, D.C., will examine opportunities and challenges related to female participation in the workforce, focusing on its intersections with early childhood care and education, as well as elder care. What can be done to increase women’s participation in the workforce? How can government and community work together to create better social infrastructure and support for working women? Ms. Otero will draw on her extensive experience formulating and executing policy related to early childhood education and community development to answer these and other questions. Mr. Hiroki Sugita, Managing Editor of Kyodo News and former Washington Bureau Chief (2005-2009) will moderate the Q&A. More information about the event is available on [CGP Tokyo's website](#) and also on the [American Center JAPAN's website](#) (Japanese only).

The talk will be held in both English and Japanese with simultaneous interpretation at the American Center JAPAN in Tokyo on Friday March 4th, 2016 from 18:30. This event is free and open to the public, but advance registration is required. Please click [here](#) to register; the event will also be streamed live on the [US Embassy in Tokyo's Youtube Stream](#).

Location: American Center Japan NOF Tameike Building, 8F 1-1-14, Akasaka, Minato-ku, Tokyo, 107-0052

Date: Friday March 4th, 2016 at 18:30-20:00 (Doors Open at 18:00)

Language: English/Japanese with Simultaneous Interpretation

Registration: Advance Registration is required; please click [here](#) to register.

Contact: The Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership, Tel: +81-(0)3-5369-6072

“Update on Japan's Role in Asia - Japan's Importance in the Future of Asia”: March 31st, 2016

22-Dec-2015

The Japan-America Society of the State of Washington has organized an afternoon of lectures and discussions on the future of Asia and the roles of Japan and the US-Japan Alliance given the changing dynamics of the region. Speakers will cover issues ranging from economics, geopolitics, and international development. Prof. Akihiko Tanaka, former president of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), will give one of the keynote lectures. Please see the [pdf flier](#) for more information on the event. Registration is required for this event; to register, please contact the [Japan-America Society of the State of Washington](#) at (206) 374-0180.

Schedule:

<<Keynote Lectures>>

12:00pm~1:00pm

Abenomics and the Japanese Economy

Daisuke Karakama
Chief Market Economist
Mizuho Bank

*Complimentary lunch will be served from 11am to 12pm.

1:00pm~2:00pm
Regional Security and the Law of the Sea

Mariko Kawano
Professor of International Law
Waseda University

2:00pm~3:00pm
Japan in search of Foreign Policy Equilibrium: Post Cold War Dynamics

Akihiko Tanaka
Professor of International Relations
University of Tokyo
Former President of Japan International Cooperation Agency

<<Panel Discussion>>

3:30pm~5:00pm
Regional Security in Asia and Japan's Role

Tosh Minohara
Professor of Political Science
Kobe University

Bonji Ohara
Research Fellow
The Tokyo Foundation

Glen S. Fukushima
Senior Fellow
Center for American Progress

James Auer
Emeritus Professor
Vanderbilt University

(Updated March 18, 2016)

Cultural Understanding through Design

06-Jun-2015

From May 22nd to June 3rd architecture students from Tuskegee University TCACS traveled to Kagoshima University to collaborate together in person in order to propose new design ideas in each location around the theme of "community development". Together with the Kagoshima University students, they traveled to the town of Koyama to survey the area and meet with town officials before selecting project sites to begin their design work. At the end of their trip they presented their design ideas to the public in Koyama. This project was under supported by the Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership.

Lessons from Japan's Lost Decades (May 1, 2015)

03-Apr-2015

How can the U.S., Europe, and Asia avoid the mistakes Japan made during its so-called "lost decades", or the twenty years after falling into recession during the 1990s? Focusing on the dimensions of economics, security and history issues, and education and employment, panelists examine the policy decisions taken during this period and the lessons that can be learned from Japan's experiences. For the conference schedule, please refer to the [event website](#).

If you would like to attend the conference, please register [here](#).

Date: Friday May 1, 2015
Time: 9:00-17:00
Location: [Sheraton Commander Hotel](#) (George Washington Room)
16 Garden St, Cambridge, MA 02138, United States

This event is co-organized by the [Rebuild Japan Initiative Foundation](#) and [Harvard University's Weatherhead Center](#).

KAKEHASHI Program: Emerging Japanese Researchers

18-Nov-2014

The Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership, (CGP) is assisting with the implementation of the KAKEHASHI Project: Emerging Japanese Researchers. The ultimate goal of the [KAKEHASHI Project](#) is to promote deeper mutual understanding between the people of Japan and the U.S. and to enable future leaders of Japan-U.S. exchanges to form networks. The KAKEHASHI Project also includes large-scale youth exchanges (middle school, high school, and undergraduate students), as well as graduate students and working professionals. As part of the program, we are organizing programs for three groups of emerging Japanese academics and researchers to come to the U.S.



The first two groups arrived in September and October respectively. The first group consisted of researchers from the [US-Japan Research Institute](#) and the [Institute for Global Environmental Strategies](#). They spent eight days in the US, splitting their time between Washington, DC and Seattle. They met with individuals at various government offices pertinent to their field of study, had discussions with think tank researchers, participated in roundtables with academic institutions, and networked with U.S. NGOs. In between the meetings, they also had some opportunities to take in the sights in the two cities.



The second group consisted of individuals from the [Institute of Energy Economics Japan](#) and [Japan Center for Economic Research](#). This second group spent five days in the Washington, DC area. They interacted with government officials, met with think tank researchers, and also interacted with students at Georgetown University.



The third group of participants included researchers and professors from [Japan Institute of International Affairs](#), [Aoyama Shachu Corporation](#), [Kyorin University](#), [Okinawa International University](#), and [Yokohama National University](#). They spent five days in the Washington, DC area meeting with government officials and think tank researchers. They also participated in a roundtable discussion with former US KAKEHASHI participants.

SPICE hosts Japan Day

27-Aug-2013

The Stanford Program on International and Cross-Cultural Education (SPICE), with support from CGP, honored three of the top students of the 2013 Reischauer Scholars Program (RSP) and celebrated the tenth anniversary of the RSP at a Japan Day event at Stanford University. The three 2013 RSP Japan Day honorees—David Chao, Kaylyn Cheape, and Brittany Schulte—offered research presentations on a variety of Japan-related topics including the role of mass media in shaping public opinion in China and Japan, the dual crises of Japan's aging population and shifting priorities of the Japanese healthcare system, and how the uniquely Japanese concern with mastery and perfection has played role in guiding Japan's economic success. Click [here](#) to read more about SPICE's Japan Day. Congratulations to all the Reischauer scholars!

Local Economic Recovery: Firsthand Accounts from Tohoku (Sept. 17 at 6:30 p.m.)

23-Aug-2012 The world's eyes were on Kamaishi City in Iwate Prefecture a year and a half ago when a large portion of the city was devastated by the March 2011 tsunami. A number of small and mid-sized businesses—the lifeblood of the region—have taken innovative, entrepreneurial approaches that have yielded initial successes in revitalizing the local economy. Local leaders, **Akiko Iwasaki**, Owner, Horaikan Ryokan; **Akio Ono**, President, Ono Foods Co., Ltd.; **Takahiro Sasa**, Deputy Manager, Industry Promotion Department, Kamaishi; as well as **Takeo Kikkawa**, energy expert and Professor, Graduate School of Commerce and Management, Hitotsubashi University will give firsthand accounts of how they have restarted their businesses against formidable odds and the challenges that continued to confront their community and others like it throughout the disaster zone. Followed by a reception.

This program is co-sponsored by The Shibusawa Eiichi Memorial Foundation, Japan Center for International Exchange, and Asia Society, and is supported by the City of Kamaishi, The Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership, and the Consulate General of Japan in New York.

The event will be held at the Japan Society, 333 East 47th. Street, New York, New York. Tickets: \$12/\$8 Japan Society and Asia Society members, seniors & students.

For more information please contact [Japan Society](#).

Kizuna Project: Strengthening the bond between the U.S. and Japan through student exchange

18-Jul-2012

We are pleased to announce the *Kizuna* ('bond') *Project* which has been developed in an effort to continue to support the Great East Japan Earthquake recovery efforts. Encouraging youth exchange between Japan and the U.S., the Kizuna Project is administered by [The Laurasian Institution](#) and will enable 1,000 American high school students to visit the areas devastated by the earthquake and tsunami in Japan; 1,000 Japanese high school students and 200 Japanese college students to visit various states across the U.S.

While in the U.S.:

- The high school students will spend 15 days visiting both the East and West Coasts, and give presentations on the current situation of the disaster-affected areas and promote understanding of Japan's recovery from the unprecedented disaster through homestay and exchanges with American high school students.
- The college students will spend 6 months, and give presentations on the current situation of the disaster-affected areas through English language study courses and internship programs offered by corporations and organizations. This program aims to foster future leaders with international viewpoint who will take the initiative in advancing Japan's reconstruction and Japan-U.S. exchanges.

While in Japan:

- The high school students will spend 14 days and visit four devastated prefectures (Miyagi, Iwate, Fukushima, Ibaraki) to experience the current status of reconstruction in the areas, engage in volunteer activities, and participate in exchange programs.

This program will run from June 2012 to March 2013 (tentatively). Please visit [here](#) for more information.

JET Memorial Project: Taylor Anderson Memorial

28-Nov-2011

The Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership (CGP) announces the launch of the "**JET Memorial Project**," to commemorate the two American JET participants, Ms. Taylor Anderson (Ishinomaki City, from Virginia) and Mr. Montgomery Dickson (Rikuzen Takada City, from Alaska) who lost their lives during the Great East Japan Earthquake. CGP will support various activities at each of their respective universities for 5 years, with the intent to enhance the younger generation's further understanding of Japan.

This announcement introduces the first year project activities of the "Taylor Anderson Memorial Project" at Randolph Macon College (R.M.C.).

Details of the "Montgomery Dickson Memorial Project" are forthcoming.

Taylor Anderson Memorial Project (Year 1)

1. R.M.C Faculty Travel to Japan (Summer 2012, 2 weeks)

A travel opportunity to further educate and prepare faculty members with the goal to increase course offerings in Japanese Language and Culture and to lead student travel courses to Japan which are planned to start from Year 2.

2. Workshop and Website for Virginia Teachers (Spring 2012, 2 days)

A seminar workshop on Japan organized and conducted for Virginia elementary, middle, and high school teachers who intend to teach courses that include significant content on Japan.

3. Taylor Anderson/Japan Foundation "Scholarship" (Summer 2012)

To provide an opportunity for students who demonstrate a high ability of Japanese Language to enroll in an accredited summer language immersion program either in the U.S. or in Japan.

4. Taylor Anderson/Japan Foundation Japanese Scholar-in-Residence (Spring 2012)

The College will increase its course offerings in Japanese Studies in spring 2012 by hiring an additional professor, with the intent to expand offerings in Japanese language in the future.

5. Taylor Anderson/Japan Foundation Memorial Collection of Japanese Literature and Film

The College will expand the library's Japanese Literature and Film collection through the acquisition of additional fiction and modern collections.

6. Taylor Anderson/Japan Foundation Lecture (Spring 2012)

As a memorial event of the Earthquake, the College will host a lecture on Japanese literature or culture.

In addition to the above endeavors, the Japan Foundation Japanese Language Institution, Kansai also started a 5-year project which provides an opportunity for selected U.S. high school students to receive intensive Japanese language training and first-hand cultural experiences during the summer in Japan.

Please download the [full press release](#) for details, including contact information, for this memorial project.

UPDATE: Please read [this article](#) from Randolph Macon on this grant project.