



2006-07 ANNUAL REPORT



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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

It is with great pleasure that I report on the activities of the Australia-Japan Foundation (AJF) in 2006-07. The period was a pivotal one in the 30 year history of the foundation and marked an important change in its operations and administration.

On 1 December 2006, the AJF was re-formed as a non-statutory, unincorporated bilateral body within the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. The decision follows the recommendations of the Review of Corporate Governance of Statutory Authorities and Office Holders, conducted by Mr John Uhrig, and provides a more appropriate and sustainable governance structure for the foundation. It has resulted in far simpler administrative, compliance and reporting obligations than existed when the AJF was a separate legal entity and a prescribed agency under the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997*. The AJF can now use its resources more efficiently and effectively in support of Australian foreign and trade policy objectives.

The change shifted the foundation's focus to providing grants to selected individuals and organisations to deliver quality projects in both countries under the International Relations Grants Program – the largest discretionary grants program administered by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. The new arrangements also reflect the mature relationship Australia now enjoys with Japan based on shared values, complementary economic ties and an increasing convergence of strategic interests.

Indeed, the past year has been highly significant for Australia and Japan on many fronts. In December 2006, both prime ministers agreed to commence negotiations on a bilateral Free Trade Agreement in 2007. The decision to commence negotiations was timely in view of 2007 being the 50th anniversary of the Agreement on Commerce between Australia and Japan. The 1957 Commerce Agreement laid the foundation for our most successful trading partnership over the past 40 years, and in 2006, Japan remained Australia's largest export market. Subsequently, in March 2007, Prime Minister Howard and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe jointly signed the Australia-Japan Joint Declaration on Security Cooperation. The Joint Declaration is the most significant security arrangement undertaken by Japan apart from the Japan-United States alliance, and provides a platform for discussion on issues of common strategic interest.

The 2006 Australia-Japan Year of Exchange (YOE) – a joint prime ministerial initiative to mark the 30th anniversary of the signing of the Basic Treaty of Friendship and Cooperation between the two countries – also succeeded in raising awareness in Australia and Japan about the strength and diversity of the bilateral relationship, and helped further enhance the community and institutional linkages. Overall, the YOE was a valuable means of reaffirming the goodwill and friendship between our two countries. The AJF launched its community grant program and provided support to a number of commemorative events as part of the celebrations.

Throughout 2006-07 the AJF continued to support a range of education, cultural, business and community-based events and exchanges between Australia and Japan. Notable was the highly successful Australia-Japan Arts Forum held at the newly opened National Art Centre in Tokyo. Senior curators from each country developed a strategic plan aimed at promoting Australian talent and expertise in the visual arts in Japan, and increasing depth and breadth of two-way collaborations in this field. The foundation was also pleased to support curatorial work by the National Museum of Australia associated with an exhibition of works

by Australia's leading indigenous artist, Emily Kame Kngwarreye, to be held in Japan in 2008. This included a visit to Australia by a delegation of Japanese curators to meet representatives from leading Australian art institutions and to travel to Emily's country in Utopia, Northern Territory.

The AJF also continued to support Australian Studies as an academic discipline at Japanese universities and as part of the curriculum for Japanese schools. Since 2000, the AJF has awarded the Sir Neil Currie scholarships to selected Japanese scholars to enable them to pursue post-graduate research and teaching on an Australian topic, or to have works published in Japanese. We were pleased to offer the awards to six outstanding individuals again this year and to receive the final reports from four recipients from the previous year.

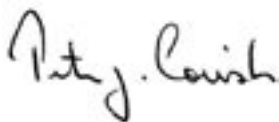
An important new initiative this year was the launch of the Australia-Japan Young Professionals Exchange Network in November 2006. It helped establish new and dynamic professional linkages between young people in both countries working in architecture, engineering, town planning and allied health. Participants in the project discussed a range of technical and cross-cultural issues, and subsequently developed a number of proposals for joint research and further exchange visits. The project will also yield indirect benefits by helping to facilitate two-way trade in services between Australia and Japan.

The foundation's goals have continued to evolve steadily over the past three decades to complement the maturing bilateral relationship. Its focus has also adapted to the changing regional and international policy environment, with greater emphasis on supporting informed debate and expert analyses of emerging challenges and opportunities for both countries in a global context. The Australia-Japan Conferences provide an important vehicle for these types of discussions, as does AJF support for projects undertaken by leading research institutions such as the Australia-Japan Research Centre at the Australian National University in Canberra – the only bilateral economic research body of its kind in Australia.

With the changes to the AJF structure, its approach has moved away from direct program delivery to outsourced arrangements aimed at building the capacity of Australians to live, work and study in Japan, and to develop sustainable ties with their Japanese counterparts. Increasingly the foundation will seek to identify projects which are likely to have a longer term impact in specific target areas such as higher education, the arts and business, and which will raise awareness in the broader general community about the strength and diversity of Australia-Japan relations.

On behalf of the board, I look forward to considering proposals for projects which will nurture our personal and institutional ties, promote positive images of Australia and Japan in each others' countries, and more fully and directly engage influential leaders in emerging areas of bilateral activity.

I would like to thank previous and current board members for their contribution to the work of the foundation, and especially to acknowledge the strong and effective leadership shown by my predecessor, Catherine Harris, who supported the board through the complex transition period and handed it over in fine shape.



Peter Corish
Chairman, Australia-Japan Foundation

AUSTRALIA-JAPAN FOUNDATION OVERVIEW

Following the Government's response to the Review of Corporate Governance of Statutory Authorities and Office Holders by Mr John Uhrig, the statutory status of the Australia-Japan Foundation (AJF) was revoked in 2006 and it was re-established as a bilateral foundation within the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT). *The Australia-Japan Foundation (Repeal and Transitional Provisions) Act 2006* received Royal Assent on 5 September 2006. The transitional provisions in the schedule of the Act came into effect by proclamation on 1 December 2006. Once the repealing legalisation came into effect, the AJF's assets and liabilities were transferred to DFAT.

The *Order Constituting the Australia-Japan Foundation* was signed by the Governor-General on 30 November 2006. It provides a framework for the continuation of the AJF's work in strengthening the Australia-Japan relationship through its professional, cultural, educational and other exchanges. From 1 July 2007, the AJF will be funded under the International Relations Grants Program administered by DFAT.

The AJF was originally established under the *Australia-Japan Foundation Act 1976* on the recommendation of the Crawford Commission under the chairmanship of Sir John Crawford AC CBE. It was a separate reporting entity to the Department, under the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997*, and as such, the responsibility for the management and reporting obligations were held by the Chair and Chair Executive of the AJF.

Role and Functions

Under Section 5(1) of the *Australia-Japan Foundation Act 1976*, the AJF's functions were to encourage a closer relationship between the peoples of Australia and Japan, and to further the mutual knowledge and understanding of each other. This involved enhancing Japanese perceptions of contemporary Australia as a dynamic, sophisticated and internationally competitive country, and strengthening bilateral relations in a broad range of sectors to advance Australia's national interests.

The new Order in Council provides a framework for the continuation of the AJF's work in strengthening the Australia-Japan relationship. The Order also deals with matters including the appointment of the Chairman and members of the board, their remuneration, the termination and resignation of members, as well as the functions and procedures of the board and its secretariat. The newly defined function of the board is to strengthen the Australia-Japan relationship in ways that support Australia's foreign and trade policy interests.

The AJF's three core objectives are:

- (i) to increase awareness and understanding in Japan of shared interests with Australia;
- (ii) to increase awareness and understanding in Australia of the importance of Japan to Australia as an economic and strategic partner; and
- (iii) to increase recognition in Japan of Australian excellence and expertise.

The board subsequently developed a three-year Strategic Plan 2007-2010 to guide its work program under the mission statement of *Australia – Japan: broadening interests in a growing strategic relationship*. It will be implemented from 1 July 2007.

Board Members and Terms of Office

Until 1 December 2006, the foundation was a statutory body responsible to the Minister for Foreign Affairs under a board management structure. Under Section 9 of the *Australia–Japan Foundation Act 1976*, the board consisted of not less than five nor more than 15 members. From July to November 2006 there were four ordinary board members, in addition to the Chairman and Ex Officio member representing the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. The board usually met four times a year to review the foundation's activities, to approve new initiatives and to review the unaudited financial statements.

Board Membership: 1 July -1 December 2006

Chair and Chief Executive

Ms Catherine Rossi Harris AO PSM (Ex Officio member of the Audit Committee)

6 March 2006 – 5 November 2006

(Acting Chair 1 January 2006 – 5 March 2006)

(Board member 3 August 2004 – 30 November 2006)

Board Members

Mr Mark Hollands

(Audit Committee member)

23 August 2001 – 22 August 2007

Mr Jock McGregor

3 August 2004 – 2 August 2007

Ms Tina Slattery

(Audit Committee Chair)

3 August 2004 – 2 August 2007

Mr John McBride

23 August 2004 – 22 August 2007

Dr Geoff Raby

3 November 2003 – 2 November 2006

In light of the significant changes to the structure and governance of the foundation, a new advisory board was appointed on 7 February 2007. The new Order in Council specifies a Chairman, an Ex Officio member and no fewer than four and no more than nine other members. At the end of the reporting period, the board comprised six ordinary members in addition to the Chair and Ex Officio member.

Board Membership: 1 December 2006 – 30 June 2007

Chairman

Mr Peter Corish, Chairman, Corish Group
7 February 2007 - 31 December 2009

Board Members

Ms Catherine Harris AO PSM, Executive Director, Harris Farm Markets
7 February 2007- 31 December 2008

Mr John (Jock) McGregor, President, Australia Japan Society of Victoria
7 February 2007 - 31 December 2008

Mr Malcolm May, Director, Balco Group (the Balaklava Company)
7 February 2007 - 31 December 2009

Adjunct Professor Mike Gore AM, National Centre for Public Awareness of Science,
Australian National University 7 February 2007 - 31 December 2009

Mr Huw McKay, Senior International Economist, Westpac Bank
7 February 2007 - 31 December 2009

Mr John Bowdler, Principal and Director, John Bowdler and Associates P/L and Visiting
Fellow, Australian National University 7 February 2007 - 31 December 2009

Mr Peter Grey, Deputy Secretary, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Ex Officio member)



REPORT ON PERFORMANCE

Introduction

The AJF’s new status as a bilateral body within DFAT significantly improved its operational efficiency and ensured its activities are more closely aligned with the Government’s foreign policy and trade objectives with Japan. From 1 December 2006 the AJF’s funding strategy was brought into line with other departmental Foundations, Institutes and Councils which focus on providing grants to suitably qualified individuals and organisations. Following its merger into the department, DFAT assumed responsibility for the administration of the foundation’s funds and its financial statements were included in the DFAT Annual Report 2006-07.

The AJF’s performance is measured by the extent to which its funded activities increase public understanding of Australia’s foreign and trade policy, and project an accurate and positive image of Australia in Japan (DFAT Portfolio Outcome 3). From 1 July to 30 November 2006 and in the transition period from 1 December 2006 to 30 June 2007, the AJF measured its achievements against the following outcome and three corresponding outputs.

Figure 1: AJF Outcome and Outputs Structure 2006-07

<div> <div>OUTCOME</div> <div>Enhanced Japanese perceptions of Australia and strengthened bilateral relationship to advance Australia’s national interests.</div> </div>		
<div> <div>Effectiveness Indicators</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Positive contribution to the bilateral relationship Closer people-to-people links Productive interaction in designated areas </div>		
<div> <div>Output 1</div> <div>Provision of education programs and projects about contemporary Australia to targeted Japanese groups</div> </div>	<div> <div>Output 2</div> <div>Increased development and distribution of information about Australia and the bilateral relationship</div> </div>	<div> <div>Output 3</div> <div>Increased interaction between Australian and Japanese individuals and organisations that showcase or demonstrate Australian expertise in select areas</div> </div>

OUTPUT ONE

Provision of education programs and projects about contemporary Australia to targeted Japanese groups

EDUCATION – SCHOOLS

Experience Australia Kit

The Experience Australia Kit is a teaching resource for use in Japanese primary and junior secondary schools. It includes a selection of Australian resource materials and activity sheets which allow Japanese children to explore Australian geography, society and culture. The kit has been used widely by an estimated 1.8 million Japanese students since its introduction in 2002. The Japanese Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Technology has acknowledged the contribution made by the AJF to enhancing Japanese students' understanding of Australia through this program. Approximately 170 kits were officially handed over to schools, Boards of Education and universities throughout Japan in 2006-07. The AJF retained 30 kits for use by Australian participants in the Japan Exchange and Training Program.

Experience Australia Workshops

An Experience Australia lesson plan competition, award ceremony and networking event for teachers was held in Japan on 21 July 2006. A selection of the best quality lesson plans were compiled into a booklet and distributed to participants. A series of professional teacher development workshops also took place in September 2006. More than 250 teachers participated in the workshops across Japan, including in Sendai, Miyagi prefecture and at the Educational Solution Fair at Akihabara in Tokyo in conjunction with workshops on the Discover Eco Australia program. Other workshops were held in the Aichi Prefecture (organised by Mito Education Board), Kyoto City (organised by the Kyoto Education Centre), Okayama Prefecture (organised by Okayama and Kurashiki Education Boards), and at the Kagoshima International Centre - the first AJF workshop to take place in the Kyushu area.



*Experience Australia Workshop held in Aichi on 1 August 2006.
 A total of 27 teachers, one head teacher, and six trainers attended.*

Experience Australia Teacher Development Workshops

A program of workshops to train Japanese educators on delivering the Experience Australia kits in schools attracted 250 participants. An additional two workshops held in Fukushima and Miyagi in northern Japan was attended by 60 participants, including university representatives.

Workshops associated with the hand-over of the kits to Japanese educational institutions were held twice in Sapporo and Iwate in January 2007. The workshops and other promotional activity resulted in the hand-over of 60 kits to 32 Boards of Education, schools and universities throughout Japan.



*20 Japanese teachers attended the Experience Australia Teacher Development Workshops on 22 October 2006
 Group presentation by participants in Miyagi University of Education during sample lesson to introduce Australian culture*



*Workshop in Sapporo on 11 January 2007
 5 university lecturers, 10 educational institution staff, 25 teachers attended.*

Photo by E. Kano



*Workshop in Oshu in Iwate prefecture on 24 January 2007, 40 teachers attended.
 Activity 1: Building of Straw tower without talking*

Photo by H.Oikawa

Discover Australia and Discover Eco Australia

The *Discover Eco Australia* CD ROM educational materials, launched in December 2005, are based on Australia's integrated studies teaching methodology and seek to promote Australian expertise and strategies for the conservation of natural heritage and the environment. A number of *Discover Eco Australia* teacher training seminars were held in western and southern parts of Japan (Kansai, Chubu and Kyushu regions), including at Japanese environment education centres. The Boards of Education in these regions assisted with distribution of the materials. More than 21,000 CD ROMs have been distributed throughout Japan since the program's inception. Online access to the *Discover Eco Australia* website records more than 78,000 page views per month.

Around 1,500 Japanese students entered a competition initiated by AJF Tokyo and supported by QANTAS and Tourism Australia to promote the *Discover Eco Australia* program. The competition offered 30 students the chance to visit Cairns and Townsville on a *Discover Eco Australia* tour in August 2006. The Japanese students were accompanied by media representatives of Japan's Yomiuri and Hokkaido newspapers and the visit received wide coverage in the Japanese media.

EDUCATION - TERTIARY

Sir Neil Currie Awards

The AJF Sir Neil Currie Award program was established in 2000 to encourage and support academic research and curriculum development on an Australian theme by Japanese scholars. A total of 13 applications were received for the 2007 AJF Sir Neil Currie Awards. The recipients of 2007 awards were:

2007 AJF Sir Neil Currie Award Recipients

Award Category	Subject
Post Graduate <i>Ms Yuko Ota</i> School of International Liberal Studies Waseda University	Language Educator's Perspective on Policies, Theories and Practices of Language Education in Australia
Curriculum Development <i>Professor Kojiro Tanaka</i> Faculty of Psychology Otemon Gakuin University	Research for the Advancement of Studying and Teaching at the Centre for Australian Studies of Otemon Gakuin University
<i>Professor Kazuhiko Sekita</i> Faculty of Education, Soka University	Improving the course 'Special Issues on Psychology' by adapting Australian anti-bullying programs
Publication <i>Professor Yasue Arimitsu</i> Institute for Language and Culture, Doshisha University	Anthology of New Australian Short Stories: Getting to know multicultural society

2007 AJF Sir Neil Currie Award Recipients

Award Category	Subject
<i>Professor Yasuhiro Honda</i> Faculty of Liberal Arts for Global Studies and Leadership, Tokyo Jogakkan College	Gifted Children in Australia
<i>Associate Professor Keiko Yokota</i> Department of Intercultural Studies, School of Letters, Kobe College	Emancipatory Social Work Practice

In 2006-07, the AJF also received the four final reports of projects undertaken by 2005-06 award recipients.

Ms Tomoko Fujita (2006 Post Graduate Award) completed her research on *Social Reconstruction of 'Australian Family Stories – Historical changes of the Family Discourse and its Politics in Australia* at the University of Melbourne.

Professor Jota Ishikawa, Hitotsubashi University and **Professor Seiji Mitsuishi**, Miyagi University (2006 Curriculum Development Award) submitted reports on their respective topics – *An Economic Analysis on an FTA between Australia and Japan*, and *Tasting Australia – Impact of Changes in the Australian Grain and Food Industry*.

Ms Sayoko Iizasa, National Institute for Research Advancement (2006 Publication Support Award) published her work on the *Politics of Citizenship – The Changing Boundaries of Community Unification in Multicultural Australia*.

Mr Hiroshi Sato, Associate Professor at Graduate School of Education, Okayama University (2006 Publication Support Award) published a book which examined Australian educational reform.



Ms Yuko Ota, Recipient of Post Graduate Research Award and Mr Bruce Miller, Minister-Counsellor, Australian Embassy Tokyo.

Australian Studies Program

The Australian Studies program seeks to maintain and enhance Japanese interest in Australian Studies as an academic discipline, and to build linkages between Japanese and Australian scholars in this field. The AJF supported a series of academic events to raise the profile of the Australian Studies Association of Japan (ASAJ). The AJF and Otemon University jointly supported a ten-week Open Lecture Series organised by the ASAJ in Osaka from 28 September to 7 December 2006. The lectures attracted capacity audiences. Funds were also provided for the ASAJ to conduct a review of the status of Australian Studies in Japan. The report will be considered at a future ASAJ annual conference.

The AJF also supported a special 2006 Australia-Japan Year of Exchange Symposium on the topic, *Economic Integration in East Asia and Australia-Japan Relations*, which was convened by the ASAJ at the Nagoya University of Business and Commerce on 30 September 2006. The symposium helped increase understanding of shared economic interests between Australia and Japan. It attracted an audience of about 80 people including representatives from a major cosmetic company, Shiseido, Snow Brand Milk Products Co. Ltd, Kirin Brewery Co. Ltd, and Qantas Airways, Ltd.

Members of the executive of the Japanese Studies Association of Australia (JSAA) and the ASAJ attended each other's national conferences in 2006-07 and agreed to consider whether there was scope for annual scholarly exchanges and collaborative research projects between the two associations on topics of mutual interest. The AJF also supported official commemorations to mark the 50th anniversary of the Australia-Japan Commerce Agreement during the biennial conference of the JSAA held at Parliament House in Canberra in July 2006.

10 Week Open Lecture Series on Australian Studies in Osaka Year of Exchange event

The AJF and Otemon University jointly supported a 10 week Open Lecture Series on Australia organised by the Australia Studies Association of Japan in Osaka between 28 September - 7 December 2006.



Photo by Akiko Hisamatsu
Q & A session at the 3rd Lecture on Urban and Rural Areas in Australia by Akihiro Kinda, Kyoto University, 12 October 2006.



Photo by Akiko Tanaka, Centre for the Australian Studies Otemon Gakuin University
Professor Sachiko Kubota, Hiroshima University, presenting on Australian Aboriginal Traditional Culture 5 October 2006.

Visiting Professor in Australian Studies at Tokyo University

The AJF has funded the selection of the Visiting Professor of Australian Studies at the Centre for Pacific and American Studies (CPAS) at Tokyo University since 2000. In 2006-07, the International Australian Studies Association (InASA) conducted the recruitment process and further consolidated its relationship with CPAS.

The Visiting Professor position is open to Australian senior academics for one Japanese academic year usually commencing in October. The Visiting Professor is required to teach three courses at introductory and advanced undergraduate and postgraduate levels to present conference papers, conduct research and participate in other academic activities at the Centre.

Dr David Day, Honorary Associate, History Program, La Trobe University took up the 2006-07 Australian Studies Professorship at Tokyo University in October 2006. He commenced weekly lectures at Keio University and at Tokyo Gakugei University in April 2007. This is Dr Day's second appointment as Visiting Professor in Australian Studies at the University of Tokyo.

Professor David Carter, Professor of Australian Literature and Cultural History in the Faculty of Arts, University of Queensland, was appointed 2007-08 Visiting Professor in Australian Studies. He will take up the position in October 2007.

Australia-Japan Debaters' Exchange Program

The Australia-Japan Debaters' Exchange Program seeks to create ties between tertiary students in Australia and Japan and to increase their understanding of issues of shared interest between the two countries. The AJF provided funding to the Japan Parliamentary Debating Union (JPDU) to conduct a three-day English language debating workshop at the Tokyo National Olympic Centre in March 2007. Three world class Australian university debaters were invited to participate as coaches, and more than 250 Japanese university students took part in the event. A Japanese edition of the "Australia-Asia Debate Handbook", was distributed to participants. The AJF also funded the participation of three English speaking Japanese debaters from the JPDU in the Australian Intervarsity Debating Tournament held at the University of Sydney in April 2007.



Australian adjudicator Nicole Lynch speaks to young Japanese debaters.



JPDU Committee members with visiting Australian debate instructors.

OUTPUT TWO

Increased development and distribution of information about Australia and the bilateral relationship

AUSTRALIAN RESOURCE CENTRE

A review of the AJF Australian Resource Centre housed at the Australian Embassy in Tokyo was conducted in late 2004. The findings indicated that the need for a 'shopfront' library presence had diminished significantly as a result of the increased use of computers and access to the Internet. The review also took into account embassy security concerns, public access issues and the overall cost of maintaining the service. In line with its recommendations, the library ceased operations at the embassy in May 2007. Following an extensive consultative process, the collection, comprising more than 15,000 works, was transferred to the newly established 'Australia Library' at Otemon Gakuin University in Osaka in October 2007. The university is one of Japan's leading tertiary institutions offering Australian Studies courses. It's Center for Australian Studies received the AJF Achievement Award in 2006 in recognition of its outstanding contribution to the development of Australian Studies in Japan. Combined with the university's existing resources, the new 'Australia Library' will become the foremost library on Australia in Japan.

The AJF also donated 370 books to the Center for Pacific and American Studies, University of Tokyo, in November 2006. The donated books will form the basis of an Australian Studies collection at the university. An additional 50 books were donated to the newly established Australia-Japan Tourism Foundation.



Mr Murray McLean, Australian Ambassador to Japan, and Professor Notoji, Director, Center for Pacific and American Studies, Tokyo University, at the donation ceremony.

AJF ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Hon Alexander Downer MP, presented the 2006 Australia-Japan Foundation Achievement at the Australian Embassy in Tokyo in August 2006. The awards recognise significant and sustained contributions made by Japanese individuals and organisations to enhance relations between Australia and Japan in the areas of business, cultural exchange, academic research and the arts.

2006 AJF Achievement Award Recipients

Mr Yuichi Tomita, Chairman of the Osaka Japan-Australia Society and Senior Advisor/ former President of The Japan Wool Textile Co Ltd (Nikke), for his contribution over many years to the development of community-based and commercial networks between Australia and Japan

Mr Shigeki Chiba and Mrs Yoshimi Chiba, film director and film producer, for their longstanding contribution to the creation of grass-roots exchanges in the area of film and to the promotion of peace and friendship between the two nations.

Sister M. Clement Baseden, former Australian Headmistress of Seiwa Girls High School in Sasebo, Nagasaki Prefecture, for her outstanding contribution to grass-roots exchanges between Australia and Japan in the Nagasaki region since the 1960s.

The Centre for Australian Studies, Otemon Gakuin University, for its academic contribution to the promotion of mutual understanding between Australia and Japan over 39 years.

A Special Award was presented to the **Japan Parliamentary Debate Union (JPDU)** and **Mr Ray D'Cruz**, Board member of the Debaters' Association of Victoria, in recognition of their efforts to develop a network to foster youth exchange through English language parliamentary debate in Australia and Japan.



L-R: AJF Director Ms Lucy King, Mr Yuichi Tomita, Mr Shigeki Chiba, Mrs Yoshimi Chiba, the Hon Alexander Downer MP, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Sr Hiro Kageyama (on behalf of Sr M. Clement Baseden), Mr Masao Yamanaka (Otemon Gakuin University), Ambassador Mr Murray McLean OAM, Ms Nao Hidaka (JPDU representative) and Mr Ray D'Cruz.

Australia-Japan Foundation Achievement Award 2006 Celebration

An Achievement Award was presented to The Centre for Australian Studies, Otemon Gakuin University, by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Hon Alexander Downer MP, on 2 August 2006. The award recognised the outstanding academic contribution the Centre has made to the promotion of mutual understanding between Australia and Japan for the past 39 years.

Dr Takashi Suzuki, Chancellor, Otemon Educational Foundation, formally thanked the AJF for the award during an inspection of the Centre's library facility by AJF staff members on 28 September 2006. The award helped raise the profile of the Centre within the University, as well as the Otemon Educational Foundation, and other Australia-Japan related institutions in the Kansai area.



Photo by Otemon Gakuin University

L-R: Prof. Akira Morishima; Prof. Takeo Nishioka (Executive Vice-President); Ms Akiko Yagi (Manager, Centre for International Studies); Prof. Shinsuke Minamide (Director, Centre for Australian Studies) Dr Takashi Suzuki (Chancellor, Otemon Educational Foundation); Ms Lucy King (Director, Australia-Japan Foundation); Ms Akiko Hisamatsu (Director, Australia Japan Foundation Australian Resource Centre); Prof. Masao Yamanaka (Executive Vice-President).

INFORMATION AND ADVOCACY

Australia-Japan Foundation Website

The AJF continues to place a high priority on the availability of electronic information about its programs and about Australia more broadly. The AJF's bilingual website is hosted and maintained by the Australian Embassy in Tokyo. It includes the *Discover Australia* and *Discover Eco Australia* websites written specifically for younger Japanese audiences and a number of links to other bilateral organisations in Australia and Japan. The AJF's website continues to be one of the most visited sections of the Australian Government's official website, Australia Web, in Japan. In 2006–07 the site registered over 1.9 million page views.

Australia-Japan Foundation Address

The Deputy Prime Minister, the Hon Mark Vaile MP, delivered an AJF address to senior Japanese and Australian business leaders in Canberra in October 2006. The address reaffirmed the importance of Japan to Australia as an economic and strategic partner, and also provided an opportunity to announce the change in the AJF's status and its strategic direction.

OUTPUT THREE

Increased interaction between Australian and Japanese individuals and organisations that showcase or demonstrate Australian expertise in select areas

PROFESSIONAL / BUSINESS/INDUSTRY

The Australia-Japan Young Professionals Exchange Network

The AJF, in partnership with Professions Australia, supported the establishment of the Australia-Japan Young Professionals' Exchange Network. The purpose of the network is to enable young professionals in Australia to build long term, productive and collaborative relationships with their Japanese counterparts. The project also seeks to facilitate professional mobility between Australia and Japan. The AJF provided funding for a seven-member Australian delegation from six different professions – dentistry, architecture, quantity surveying, information technology, town planning and engineering – to undertake a study tour of Japan from 13-17 November 2006. The study tour included a briefing at the Australian Embassy, individual meetings with their Japanese counterparts and a networking reception at the Embassy.

A group of eight young Japanese professionals subsequently undertook a reciprocal visit to Australia in June 2007. Professions Australia hosted a seminar in Canberra to enable the Japanese participants to discuss technical and broader cross-cultural issues with their Australian counterparts. Key outcomes of the visits include the establishment of post graduate student exchanges and research collaborations in dentistry and the establishment of a working group of young professionals in the built environment which will consider possible future joint research projects and design competitions on sustainable cities.



The visiting Australian delegation from the Young Professionals Exchange Network at the Australian Embassy with Ambassador McLean and Mr Miller, Minister-Counsellor and AJF Tokyo Director.

Australia-Japan World Skills Scholarship

With AJF support, WorldSkills Australia selected a group of Australia's best young apprentices and trainees to represent Australia at the 39th WorldSkills Olympics in Shizuoka, Japan, on 14 – 21 November 2007. The Australian competitors were drawn from the categories of web design, IT software applications, restaurant services, and cookery. The AJF, in partnership with WorldSkills Australia, also supported the official Observers' Delegation. The aim of the visit was to promote the role of WorldSkills Australia in vocational training and to increase recognition in Japan of Australian excellence and expertise in vocational trades.

The WorldSkills International Competition is hosted by a member country every two years. The competition, which runs over four days, involves more than 700 young people from 46 member countries. Participants test themselves against tough international standards in 40 key skills and technologies.

Australia-Japan Economists Network

The AJF provided funds to the Australia-Japan Research Centre (AJRC) at the Australian National University to establish an online network of economists based in Australia who research the economy of Japan. The purpose of the network is to provide links between specialists, to create a forum for discussion of research work and to provide venues and opportunities for conferences and workshops. It will also encourage the sharing of information between Visiting Scholars at universities around Australia. The network seeks to improve the quality of economic research on Japan and to enhance the quality of reporting in academic journals and the popular press.

COMMUNITY AND CULTURE

AsiaLink Strategic Ties for the Arts Initiative – Visual Arts Program

In 2006, AsiaLink won a competitive tender process to develop a three-year *Strategic Ties for the Arts Initiative* aimed at promoting Australian visual arts in Japan. The program includes forums, contemporary art exhibitions and curatorial exchanges. Asialink administers the program with additional support from the University of Melbourne and the Myer Foundation. The program is also supported by the Australia Council. Its annual work program is overseen by an Advisory Committee comprising the AJF secretariat, the Asialink Visual Arts Committee, the Australia Council and an independent arts administrator. The exhibitions focus on the most contemporary visual arts and craft in Australia and Japan, including photography, installations, performance and media art.

Two exhibitions were held in 2006-07. *Research – Art Collaboration between Australia and Japan* was a collaborative project between Sendai Mediatheque and Melbourne-based Experimenta, featuring site specific works by four Australian and three Japanese artists. *View Master: Remix* was a collaborative environmental sound project between West Space ARI and Osaka Arts. In addition, three Australian curators, Reuben Keehan, Sally Breen and Bec Dean visited Japan to participate in a forum at the Yokohama Museum of Art.

The highlight of the AsiaLink visual arts program in 2006-07 was the Australia-Japan Art Forum held at the National Art Centre in Tokyo (NACT) on 29-30 September 2006. The forum brought together Australian and Japanese curators, museum directors and artists to discuss approaches for the development of visual arts programs and exchanges between the two countries. A key outcome of the forum was an agreed statement of principles, priorities and recommendations to guide the future development of visual arts exchanges. An associated reception to mark the launch of the Australia Festival, a two week celebration of Australian culture, food and wine and education, was also held at NACT on 29 September 2006. A second forum will be held in Australia in 2008.



The Australia-Japan Art Forum held at the National Art Centre in Tokyo on 29-30 September 2006.

Australia-Japan Art Forum 29-30 September 2006, National Art Centre in Tokyo (NACT)

The Australia-Japan Art Forum brought together key representatives from the Australian and Japanese art community to discuss the development of visual arts programs and exchanges between countries.

The forum was organised by Asialink with support from the AJF and the Australian Embassy in Tokyo.



Art Forum kicks off with remarks by NACT Director, Hideki Hiyashida.



Akira Tatehata, Director, National Museum of Art, Osaka leads a breakout session



Anna Waldmann, (Australia Council), Hossein Valamanesh, (artist), Kimio Tsuchiya, (artist).



Max Delany, Director, Monash University Museum of Art, Tony Ellwood, Deputy Director, National Gallery of Victoria, Michael Beckmann, Director, Ipswich Art Gallery.



A public symposium held on Day 2 attracted a capacity audience.



Emily Kame Kngwarreye Exhibition - Research Visit to Australia

The National Museum of Australia (NMA) hosted a research visit to Australia by a Japanese delegation to develop the education component of an exhibition of works by one of Australia's leading Indigenous artist, Emily Kame Kngwarreye. The exhibition will be the first major Kngwarreye solo exhibition ever held outside Australia and is expected to attract widespread attention in Japan and internationally when it opens in Osaka and Tokyo in 2008.



Visiting Japanese delegation in the Northern Territory to research the life and works of Emily Kame Kngwarreye.

The Japanese delegation consolidated their relationship with all Australian partners, including NMA, DFAT and Asialink. Members of the delegation visited key lending institutions including the National Gallery of Victoria, the National Gallery of Australia, the Holmes à Court Collection, the Queensland Art Gallery and the Art Gallery of New South Wales. The opportunity to view Emily's works was inspiring for the Japanese delegation and strengthened both their appreciation of Emily's artistic genius and their confidence in holding the exhibition in Japan. By visiting various arts institutions in Australia, the Japanese curators also had the chance to learn about Australian contemporary art and its cultural context of Australia, and to strengthen their ties with Australian partners for possible future projects.

“Deltora Quest” TV Animation Series Preview

The AJF and the Australian Embassy in Tokyo supported the launch of the ‘Deltora Quest’ - series of fantasy adventure books for children by Australian author, Emily Rodda - as an animation series on Japanese television. The books were first published in Australia in October 2001. The “Deltora Quest” series will be broadcast from TV Aichi throughout the TV Tokyo Network throughout 2007. With over four million copies sold to date, ‘Deltora Quest’ is by far the most successful and widely read Australian book in Japan. Over 100 school children from Koshigaya city (sister city to Campbelltown) attended the preview event which was widely reported in Japanese print and broadcast media news.



Ms Rodda signs autographs for Japanese fans of her books.

Cineliterary – Australia’s Challenge

The AJF supported a preview screening of “Cineliterary – Australia’s Challenge”, a documentary film produced and directed by Mr Shigeki Chiba and Mrs Yoshimi Chiba (recipients of the 2006 AJF Achievement Award) at the Australian Embassy on 14 November 2006. AJF awarded seed funding for this initiative in 2003. The preview event attracted more than 130 people from Japanese local government, to education sector and the film industry.





Images from the promotional DVD of 'Cineliteracy – Australia's Challenge'.



*From left: Ms Lucy King (AJF Tokyo), Mr Katayama, Director, Kawasaki City Government, Mr Shigeki Chiba, film director, Mr Tadao Sato, film critic, and Mrs Yoshimi Chiba, film producer.
 Photo by N Kinoshita*

Community Grant Program

The AJF Community Grant Program was established as an initiative of the 2006 Australia-Japan Year of Exchange. The program enables individuals and community groups to access funds up to \$10,000 to undertake bilateral projects and/or to travel between Australia and Japan. The program seeks to reinforce people-to-people ties, especially through sister schools and sister cities and mutually popular sports and small scale cultural exchanges.

Australian Rugby Union Exchange

Australian Rugby Union conducted an Elite Player Development and Coach program in conjunction with the Prime Ministers' XV versus Japan fixture held in Tokyo on 4 November 2006.

Rock Challenge – Japan

The *Be Your Best Rock Challenge Japan* is a school-based performing arts event designed to motivate and inspire students to live healthy lifestyles. Rock Challenge is the international name for the well-known Australian event – the Rock Eisteddfod Challenge. Students from seven schools including a combined Australian team of 16 schools and an UK team performed in the first ever Rock Challenge in Japan. The expectation is that it will grow in Japan as it has done in other countries through the foundation's seed funding.

Nohara – Ironside Sister School Exchange

An AJF grant was awarded to Nohara Primary School, Hyogo prefecture Japan, in recognition of 25 years of active bilateral exchange with Ironside State School, Brisbane. Over 1,142 children from both countries have benefited from this program and learnt how to appreciate their different culture and languages. The 5th and 6th grade students from Nohara Primary School visited Brisbane on 20-28 July 2006.



Welcome party for students of Nohara Primary School at Ironside State School in July 2006.

Australia-Japan Torch Football Festival

The Japan Touch Association held the “Australia Japan Touch Festival” in Tokyo and Miyagi prefecture, on 22-28 August 2006. The festival included a number of workshops and matches with 18 visiting players from Queensland.

Arts Program for people with disabilities

Tampopo no Ye Foundation in Nara, and Access Arts in Brisbane developed a series of activities to support the involvement of people with disabilities in local communities. Two Japanese artists, program support staff and art supporters travelled to Brisbane for one month in July 2006. The project enabled participants to exchange experiences and share strategies to improve the social inclusion of people with disabilities.

National Federation of Australia-Japan Societies

Under a three year Memorandum of Understanding, the AJF provided funds to help build the capacity of the National Federation of Australia-Japan Societies (NFAJS). The aim is to help expand the membership of societies in Australian States and Territories and build stronger networks with its Japanese counterparts. A number of official NFAJS functions were held in 2006-07, including an art exhibition held in the Japanese garden at Gosford, a cultural exhibition in Hobart and a Japanese literary lunch in Adelaide. The NFAJS consolidated linkages with its counter-part organisation in Japan, the Japan Australia New Zealand Federation (JANZ) of which there are now 49 member societies in Japan.

ADMINISTRATIVE OVERVIEW

The period 1 July 2006 to 30 November 2006 represents the final period of operation of the Australia-Japan Foundation as a separate financial reporting entity under the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997*. On 1 December 2006, Section 12 of the *Australia-Japan Foundation (Repeal and Transitional Provisions) Act 2006* came into effect. The Act transferred the AJF's assets and liabilities to DFAT. DFAT also assumed responsibility for AJF staffing overheads, operating expenses, asset depreciation and related costs.

Auditor's reports

The financial affairs of the AJF are examined by the Australian National Audit Office as part of its examination of the accounts of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. The AJF's Financial Statements for July to November 2006 were audited by ANAO and an unqualified audit report was received. These Statements have been incorporated into the DFAT Annual Report 2006-2007.

Remuneration

AJF board members are appointed by the Minister for Foreign Affairs and serve on a part-time basis.

Board members receive sitting fees and travel expenses when undertaking AJF business such as attending meetings or conducting selection processes, in line with Remuneration Tribunal determinations for part time members of non-statutory bodies.

Assets Management

In line with the strategy of moving out of traditional library services in favour of online web based information services, the asset life of the Australian Resource Centre (ARC) was reduced from 15 years to 26 months effective from 1 July 2005. The asset life of all other library associated assets was also reduced. The asset life of the ARC and associated assets will expire at the end of August 2007.

All asset acquisitions and disposals are recorded on the Department and Foreign Affairs and Trade's SAP Financial Management and Information System.

Purchasing

All contractual arrangements entered into were conducted in accordance with the *Commonwealth Procurement Guidelines*, industry development policies and the DFAT procurement manual guidelines.

Industrial Democracy and Workplace Diversity

Secretariat staff are covered under the industrial democracy and workplace diversity programs of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade as well as the Department's Certified Agreement.

Freedom of Information

In the reporting period, the AJF did not receive any applications under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*.

Meetings and Decision Making

The AJF board holds three meetings each calendar year to discuss emerging issues in the bilateral relationship, to identify future funding priorities and to monitor progress and performance of its programs. Other business is conducted inter-sessionally on a needs basis. AJF board meetings held during the reporting period were:

Meeting No.	Location	Date
110	Canberra	19 September 2006
111	Canberra	28 February 2007
112	Sydney	22 May 2007

Applications for Awards and Funding

Details of procedures for applying for AJF program funding and awards, including application forms and funding conditions are available on the AJF website www.ajf.australia.or.jp

APPENDIX A

2006-07 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

SUMMARY OF SPECIAL ACCOUNT

Receipts and Expenditure 2006-07 **(000)**

Receipts

Appropriation	2,373
Other revenue	330

Total Receipts **2,703**

Total Funds Available **2,703**

Expenditure

Grants	589
Operating expenses	730
Employee expenses	401

Total Expenses **1,720**

Retained Earnings **983**

Retained earnings absorbed by DFAT	279
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Unexpended Funds 2006-07 **705**

* The Australia-Japan Foundation Financial Statements 2006-07 are included in the DFAT Annual Report 2006-07

2006-07 Australia-Japan Foundation Grant Expenditure

Project	Amount
Education - Schools	
Discover Eco Australia - Competition and School Tour	81,625
Education - Tertiary	
Japan Studies Centre, Monash University - Teach the Teachers	35,000
Australian Studies Association of Japan - Market research and annual conference participation	33,454
Professional, Business and Industry	
World Skills Australia - World Skills Olympics	95,000
Australia-Japan Research Centre - Economists' Network	40,000
National Farmers' Federation - Young Farmers' Exchange Scoping Study	5,000
Professions Australia - Young Professionals Exchange	60,000
Information and Advocacy	
Japan Studies Centre Australian National University - Dinner to mark the 50th anniversary of Australia-Japan Commerce Agreement	15,000
Community and Culture	
National Museum of Australia - Emily Kame Kngwarreye Exhibition	25,000
National Gallery of Australia - Black Robe White Mist Exhibition Catalogue	30,000
Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology - Seminar on New Trends in Architecture Conference - Participation by Mr Taira Nishizawa	10,000
Australian Maritime Archeology	5,000
Japan Parliamentary Debaters Union and Free Debate Inc. - Australia-Japan Debaters Exchange	19,539
AsiaLink Strategic Ties for the Arts Initiative	85,000
National Federation of Australia Japan Societies - Annual Conference, Sydney	10,000
National Federation of Australia Japan Societies - Memorandum of Understanding	30,000
National Federation of Japan-Australia Societies - Seminar	6,994
Australia-Japan Society of NSW - Kure Kids	2,500
Total Expenditure	589,111

APPENDIX B

AUSTRALIA-JAPAN FOUNDATION BUSINESS PLAN 2006-07

Introduction

As part of the implementation of the Government's response to the *Review of Corporate Governance of Statutory Authorities and Office Holders*, the Australia Japan Foundation (AJF) was re-formed as a bilateral foundation within DFAT on the same footing as the department's other Foundations, Councils and Institutes. This is intended to improve the operational efficiency of the foundation and better align its activities with the Government's foreign policy and trade objectives with Japan.

The AJF's purpose is to support Australian government interests through the fostering and development of the Australia-Japan relationship.

Strategic Goals

This is to be achieved through the following strategic goals:

Increasing:

- awareness and understanding in Japan of shared interests with Australia (economic, political, cultural, social);
- awareness and understanding of the importance of Japan to Australia as an economic and strategic partner; and
- recognition of Australian excellence and expertise in Japan.

Underpinning these activities will be the foundation's commitment to the **values and principles** of:

- Support for new and innovative activities
- Continuous improvement – review and evaluation
- Program implementation through active partnerships
- Transparency and accountability
- Efficient and effective use of resources

Operations

The Foundation will achieve its strategic goals by:

- establishing partnership in new areas of interest;
- providing grants to Australian organisations preferably in partnership with Japanese organisations to deliver AJF funded projects;
- encouraging activities that engage younger persons (18 – 35 years) in business, industry, academic and professional exchanges; and
- recognising and supporting appropriate community activities;

Projects will include:

- clearly identifiable and measurable objectives;
- an evaluation and review and exit strategy;
- be self funding or reaching completion after three years; and
- be delivered by Australian organisations in partnership with their Japanese counterparts.

Income and expenditure

In 2006-7, AJF funding will be used to:

- meet existing program commitments;
- develop and implement strategies to phase out existing projects which have achieved their objectives; and
- develop and implement new projects that support Australian interests.

The funding strategy will be brought into line with other DFAT Foundations, Institutes and Councils. In this regard there will be an increased focus on providing grants and establishing funding agreements with individuals and organisations to deliver foundation activities on its behalf.

The foundation's overall program and budget for 2006- 07 will seek to achieve results in the following areas:

- (i) Education - Schools
- (ii) Education - Tertiary
- (iii) Professional/Business /Industry
- (iv) Cultural/Community
- (v) Information services

These activities will be supported by the delivery of:

- (vi) Board management and support

The following sets out the foundation's agreed activities for 2006-07.

EDUCATION – SCHOOLS \$258,351

Discover Australia 1, 2 (video and online) and Discover Eco 3

Website and interactive electronic materials for use in and by primary and junior high schools. The purpose of the Program is to increase understanding of Australia particularly promoting Australia's expertise, culture and environment strategies, in Japan

Objectives

- Maintain quality and effectiveness of Discover Australia 1 and 2.
- Implement the Discover Eco competition and tour to Australia by 30 Japanese students in partnership with Qantas and Tourism Australia.
- Review Discover Eco 3 against the Foundations new goals and strategic direction

Issues

Discover Australia 1 and 2 have been successfully delivered in Japan for four years. The inclusion of Discover Eco 3 in 2005-06 was intended to rejuvenate the project and make it more attractive to newer users. The product (DE 3) is being reviewed to identify cost effective promotion and distribution strategies.

Experience Australia Kit

Curriculum and large kit of uniquely Australian teaching aids delivered to schools through teaching workshops run by Foundation staff) The purpose of the Program is to increase understanding of Australia particularly promoting Australia's geography, history and culture.

Objectives

- Reduce administration costs through hand over to the Japanese education sector
- Develop and implement cost effective strategies to maximise the number of effectively used and maintained Kits after outsourcing.
- Finalise hands on management of EA Kits directly to schools by 30 June 07.

Issues

This project has been successfully delivered in Japan for more than five years. The project has now established its credentials and a number of Boards of Education are interested in the proposal to take over the administration and management of the product.

EDUCATION – TERTIARY

\$206,796

Sir Neil Currie Awards

The SNC Awards (scholarships) are provided under three categories.

1. *Post Graduate Award*
2. *Curriculum Development Award*
3. *Publications Award*

The purpose of the Awards is to stimulate Japanese interest in Australian studies. Build partnerships between Japanese and Australian academics that strengthen the bilateral relationship.

Objectives

- Improve the effectiveness of the Sir Neil Currie awards.
- Increase the numbers and quality of applications.

Issues

The SNC awards are an existing project that targets influential and important academics who can effectively promote the relationship in areas that promote the Australian Government's agenda.

Australian Studies

The purpose of the Australian Studies support program is to maintain and grow Japanese interest in Australian Studies and to build linkages between Japanese and Australian academics.

Objectives

- Build capacity within Japanese academia for study of significant Australian issues.
- Facilitate the building of linkages between Australian and Japanese institutions.
- Support a targeted seminar series to raise the profile of the ASAJ in Japan.
- Support the selection of and maintenance of the Australian Studies Chair at Tokyo University.

Issues

This is an existing project that targets influential and important academics who can effectively promote the Australia Japan relationship in areas that promote the Australian Government's agenda.

Debaters' Exchange

The purpose of this program is to tertiary student interest in Australian issues. To build networks and linkages between tertiary students in Japan and Australia

Objectives

- To support Australia Japan Debate Workshop in Japan (March 2007)

Issues

The debater's program has created sustainable linkages between individuals and tertiary institutions and targets potential young leaders. It aims to stimulate research and discussion of important contemporary issues for the Australia Japan relationship.

Australian Resource Collection

The purpose of this program is to provide accessible, high quality materials on Australia to the Japanese academics.

Objectives

- Re form the library so that it provides a cost effective, cost efficient and accessible academic library service.
- Reduce administration costs.
- Progress a strategy to create an AJF collection in a Japanese institution.

Issues

The need for a foundation managed general public library has been re-evaluated in the light of availability of information on line, increased security and public access issues and increasing costs.

Australia-Japan Foundation Website

The purpose of this program is to provide accessible, high quality materials on Australia to the Japanese public.

Objectives

- Improve and maintain the quality and currency of web based information services.
- Promote AJF initiatives.

Issues

The Foundation's website continues to be the most visited part (39 per cent) of the Australia Web. With the phasing out of library services to the public, the website will play an even more important role in providing general information service and links.

AJF Address/Workshops/Seminars/Conferences

The purpose of the program is to improve understanding of the importance of Japan to Australia as an economic and strategic partner.

Objectives

- To establish an AJF lecture series in Australia.

Issues

The promotion of the importance of Japan to Australia as a strategic and economic partner has been agreed as a new priority for the foundation.

AJF Achievement Awards

The purpose of these awards is to promote and value the contribution made by individuals and organisations to the development of the Australia Japan relationship.

Objective

- Select suitable awardees and arrange an appropriate awards ceremony.

Issues

Provides important linkages to important and influential stakeholders in Australia and Japan. These linkages provide leverage to broker other important partnerships to further the goals of the Foundation.

PROFESSIONAL/BUSINESS/INDUSTRY \$201,394

Australia-Japan Young Professionals Exchange Network

The purpose of this program is to build constructive and mutually beneficial relationships between young professionals in Japan and Australia. It also seeks to promote professional mobility.

Objectives

- Develop an agreement with Professions Australia to implement a study tour to Japan and an Australian workshop involving young professionals from each country.
- Formally launch and establish the Network.

Issues

This is a new project that has been established under the new strategic direction agreed by the Board in June 2007. It has been developed in partnership with Professions Australia who will manage and deliver the project.

Australia-Japan World Skills Network

The purpose of this program is to promote Australian trade skills excellence in Japan and promote exchanges between Australians and Japanese to develop potential for increased services mobility between the two countries.

Objectives

- Enable the Australian team to participate in World Skills Olympics in Japan
- Build linkages between vocational training institutions in Australia and Japan

Issues

Project has been designed around, and will be launched at, the World Skills Olympics to be held in Japan in November 2007.

Teaching Profession Exchange

Objective

- To establish an active partnership with the Japanese Ministry of Education (MEXT) to deliver Japanese teaching professional exchanges to Australia.

Issues

This project has been funded entirely by AJF to date. Further funding is subject to MEXT support.

CULTURE AND COMMUNITY \$203,920

AsiaLink Strategic Ties for the Arts Initiative

The purpose of this program is to increase awareness and appreciation of Australian visual arts and crafts in the Japanese market via the exhibitions program in Japanese galleries and museums as well as symposia and curatorial exchanges.

Objectives

- Hold an Australia Japan Arts Forum in Japan
- Hold at least two exhibitions held in Japan

Issues

This program follows a similar, successful program undertaken by AsiaLink for three years from 2003. The program will run for three years from 2006-09 subject satisfactory performance by Asia Link and the continued availability of funds.

Community Grant Program

The purpose of the program is to recognise the value of community based activities in furthering the Australia Japan relationship.

Objectives

- Advertise and select at least four projects that meet AJF objectives through a competitive process.

Issues

The program was established in 2005-06 to commemorate the Australia-Japan Year of Exchange. It aims to encourage the development of innovative and contemporary bilateral projects, particularly for young people aged 18 – 35 years.

Australia Japan /Japan Australia Societies

The purpose of the program is to recognise the value of community based organisations in furthering the Australia-Japan relationship.

NFAJS Funding Agreement

Objectives

- To provide capacity building support to the Australia-Japan, and Japan-Australia Societies to foster their growth and development.

Issues

The National Federation of Australia-Japan Societies (NFAJS) is the peak body covering the State and Territory societies. The local groups seek to sustain people-to-people ties between the two countries, and to increase understanding and appreciation of Japanese culture in Australia. The AJF support will help the NFAJS expand its membership, especially youth representatives and representatives from regional Australia, and improve its leadership and strategic direction.

APPENDIX C

Commonwealth of Australia

Order Constituting The Australia-Japan Foundation

WHEREAS the Australian Government is desirous of further developing relations between Australia and Japan:

AND WHEREAS it is desirable that such relations should be developed by the promotion in Japan of a greater awareness of Australia, and by the promotion in Australia of a greater awareness of Japan and the enlargement over the longer term of the areas of contact and exchange between Australia and Japan and their respective peoples:

AND WHEREAS it is desirable that there be established a body for the purpose of providing a focus for the collection, exchange and dissemination of information, and a source of advice, in relation to the ways in which such relations may be encouraged, strengthened and developed:

NOW THEREFORE I, Philip Michael Jeffery, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, HEREBY ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

1. There is hereby established a foundation to be known as the 'Australia-Japan Foundation' (hereafter referred to as 'the Foundation').
2. (1) The Foundation shall consist of:
 - (a) a Board comprising
 - (i) a Chairman; and
 - (ii) the Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) or a DFAT representative appointed by the Secretary as an ex-officio member; and
 - (iii) no fewer than four and no more than nine other members; and
 - (b) a secretariat provided by DFAT
- (2) The Chairman shall be appointed by the Governor-General on the recommendation of the Minister for Foreign Affairs for a period not exceeding five (5) years, and on a part-time basis.
- (3) Members of the Board, other than the Chairman and the ex-officio DFAT member, shall be appointed by the Minister for Foreign Affairs for a period not exceeding three (3) years; and on a part-time basis.
- (4) The Chairman and members may be re-appointed.

3. (1) The Governor-General may terminate the appointment of the Chairman or a member on the recommendation of the Minister for Foreign Affairs. The Chairman may resign his or her membership by notification in writing to the Governor-General.
- (2) The Minister for Foreign Affairs may terminate the appointment of a member of the Board, other than the ex-officio DFAT member.
- (3) A member (other than the Chairman) may resign his or her membership by notification in writing to the Minister for Foreign affairs.
4. A person appointed to be the Chairman of or a member of the Foundation Board shall be:
 - (a) paid sitting fees, travel and accommodation expenses in accordance with Australian Government Remuneration Tribunal Determinations; and
 - (b) entitled to be reimbursed for other expenses approved by the Board and actually incurred by the member in the performance of their duties as a member of the Board.
5. (1) Subject to sub-clause (2), meetings of the Board shall be held at such times and at such places as the Board determines.
- (2) The Chairman shall, upon receipt of a written request signed by four other members of the Board, summon a meeting of the Board to deal with such matters as are specified in that written request.
6. At a meeting of the Board, a quorum shall be constituted by any three members or not less than half the members for the time being holding office, whichever is the larger.
7. The procedures for the conduct of meetings of the Board, including procedures for the appointment of an Acting Chairman and a Deputy Chairman, shall be determined from time to time by the Board.
8. The function of the Board is to make recommendations to the Australian Government through the Minister for Foreign Affairs on fostering the development of an Australia–Japan relationship that supports Australian Government interests specifically to:
 - (a) increase understanding in Japan of shared interests with Australia;
 - (b) increase understanding in Australia of the importance of Japan to Australia as an economic and strategic partner: and
 - (c) increase recognition of Australian excellence and expertise in Japan.
 - (d) In developing its functions the Board should consult as widely as possible with individuals, organisations, enterprises and government departments and agencies associated or concerned with the broadening of relations between Australia and Japan.

9. The functions of the secretariat, under the authority of the Minister for Foreign Affairs, are:
- (1) to provide administrative support for the Board;
 - (2) to implement the recommendations of the Board; and
 - (3) to undertake other activities that progress the objectives of the Foundation.
10. Moneys required for the purpose of enabling the Foundation to discharge its functions and the implementation of the Board's recommendations shall be obtained from:
- (a) moneys standing to the credit of any Special Account established under Section 20 of the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997* for those purposes; or
 - (b) any other monies lawfully available for those purposes.
11. As soon as practicable after 30 June in each year, the Foundation shall provide to the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs an Annual Report on the Foundation's activities during the period of twelve months ending on 30 June.

GIVEN under my Hand
And the Great Seal of
Australia on
30 November 2006.
(signed)
P M Jeffery
Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command
(signed)
Alexander Downer
Minister of State for Foreign Affairs