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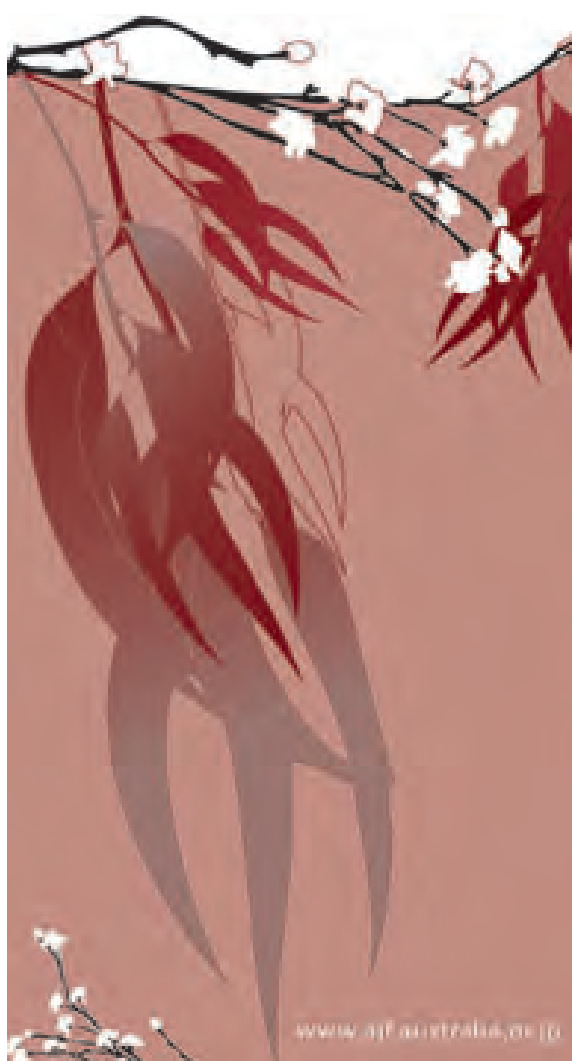


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AUSTRALIAN-JAPAN FOUNDATION

ANNUAL REPORT 2007-08



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31 October 2008

The Honourable Stephen Smith MP
Minister for Foreign Affairs
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Minister

I have pleasure in submitting the annual program report of the Australia-Japan Foundation, covering the period 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008.

Yours sincerely



Peter Corish

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

The period 2007-08 was the Australia-Japan Foundation's first full financial year of operation as a non-statutory bilateral body within the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. The Foundation's organisational structure and operations have been substantially reformed over the past 18 months to ensure it delivers quality outcomes as efficiently and effectively as possible. The Foundation also adjusted its work program to reflect the growing maturity of relations between Australia and Japan and the emergence of new regional and global policy priorities in areas such as security, the environment and trade.

Key administrative achievements in this important transition year were the development of a 2007-2010 Strategic Plan aligned wholly with the Government's foreign and trade policy objectives with Japan, and the completion of a departmental review of policies and procedures for the administration of its foundations, councils and institutes.

The Australia-Japan Foundation was able to attract an unprecedented number of grant applications from a diverse range of sectors in both countries in 2007-08. Three competitive funding rounds were held in August and December 2007 and May 2008. The Board looked for proposals which would achieve a balance across the five themes of the 2007-08 Business Plan and gave preference to projects which had the firm commitment of partners in both countries and were likely to be self-sustaining in the longer term.

The Foundation funded a total of 62 projects in 2007-08. I would like to congratulate all grant recipients on their success and commend them for their drive, energy and commitment to building strong ties between the two countries. The projects supported included small scale community grants to individuals working tirelessly at the community level, such as Father Grant Morrow OAM, Group Leader for the Australian contingent to the 10th Nippon Agoonoree – a jamboree for scouts and guides with special needs, as well as large grants to leading national institutions such as Australia-Japan Research Centre at the Australian National University and the Australian Library at Otemon Gakuin University. This report highlights some of the outstanding achievements of many of our grant recipients and demonstrates that the bilateral relationship is indeed underpinned by shared values and complementary interests.

On 9 May 2008, Australian Foreign Minister, the Hon Stephen Smith MP, presented the 2008 Australia-Japan Foundation Achievement Awards to six Japanese individuals whose work in commerce, culture, education and the arts has demonstrably enhanced relations between the two countries. Their efforts are a testimony to the genuine goodwill and friendship that exists between Australia and Japan. On behalf of the Board I would like to convey my sincere congratulations to the recipients and hope that they continue their good work for many more years to come.

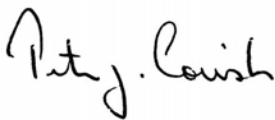
On a personal note, I was very pleased to visit Tokyo on behalf of the Foundation in May 2008. The purpose of the visit was to attend events associated with the opening of the exhibition of works by the Australian Indigenous artist Emily Kame Kngwarreye at the National Art Centre in Tokyo, and to attend meetings with embassy officials and key grant recipients in Japan. The Emily exhibition was the largest exhibition of an Australian artist

ever to tour overseas. The Foundation funded the development and installation of the *Utopia Room – Emily Kngwarreye Education Program* which provided information about the life of the artist, her working environment and influences. The exhibition attracted around 125,000 visitors - more than double organisers' expectations and a record for any Australian exhibition to have visited Japan. The Empress Michiko and the Crown Prince and Princess visited the exhibition, boosting its already significant publicity within Japan. High-profile visitors from Australia included the Prime Minister and Foreign Minister. Feedback from audiences indicated that the exhibition confounded their expectations of Australian art and gave them new insights into Australia, and, in some cases, into the whole canvas of modern art.

Another major project funded this year was the year-long program to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the founding of Questacon - Australia's National Science and Technology Centre – as a joint Australia-Japan initiative to mark Australia's bicentenary year in 1988. The program included Japanese high school student participation in the 2008 Questacon Smart Moves Invention Convention, the Australia-Japan Science Performers' Exchange Program in collaboration with the National Museum of Nature and Science in Tokyo, and a Karakuri Ningyo Technology Exchange Program which showcased traditional Karakuri technologies and applications of Karakuri principles in technology and innovation, including in the field of robotics.

The important work of the Foundation would not be possible without the many and varied contributions from current and past Board members. I would like to thank them for their constructive advice and willingness to volunteer their services in support of AJF activities. I would also like to acknowledge the many officers in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the Australian Embassy in Tokyo for their highly professional advice and guidance, including the indispensable contribution made by the Secretariats in Canberra and Tokyo.

We were deeply saddened by the passing of Board member, Mr Jock McGregor, on 14 February 2008. Mr McGregor had been a Board member, in his capacity as President of the Victorian Chapter of the Australia-Japan Society, since 2004. Over this time, he made a valuable contribution to the Foundation's work of advancing the Australia-Japan relationship. He also provided tremendous support during the transition to the Foundation's new governance arrangements within the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. He brought to the Board a wealth of experience, networks and influence, particularly with regard to the expansion and consolidation of people-to-people links between the two countries. He will be sorely missed.



Peter Corish
Chairman, Australia-Japan Foundation

AUSTRALIA-JAPAN FOUNDATION OVERVIEW

The Australia–Japan Foundation (AJF) was established under the *Australia–Japan Foundation Act 1976* on the recommendation of the Crawford Commission under the chairmanship of Sir John Crawford AC CBE. In 2006, following the Government's response to the Review of Corporate Governance of Statutory Authorities and Office Holders conducted by Mr John Uhrig, the AJF's statutory status was revoked 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.

The *Order Constituting the Australia-Japan Foundation* was signed by the Governor-General on 30 November 2006 (Appendix D). It provides a framework for the AJF's work in strengthening the Australia-Japan relationship through academic, professional, cultural and educational exchanges. The Order also provides guidance on Board administration, including the terms of appointment of the Chairman and members, and the functions of the Secretariat.

The function of the Board is to strengthen the Australia-Japan relationship in ways that support Australia's foreign and trade policy interests. The Board approved 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*. A copy of the plan is at Appendix C.

Board Members and Terms of Office

The Order in Council specifies a Chairman, an Ex Officio member and no fewer than four and no more than nine other members. The Chairman is appointed by the Governor-General on the recommendation of the Minister for Foreign Affairs for a period not exceeding five years. Members 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 years. The Chairman and members may be re-appointed.

Board members are drawn from different States and Territories and collectively have a range of professional expertise in, and experience of, Japan. Members are selected on the basis of their standing in the Australian community, their ability to contribute to the bilateral relationship in their area of expertise and their demonstrated interest in Japan.

AJF Board Membership as at 30 June 2008

Chairman

Mr Peter Corish,

former president National Farmers' Federation – 1 December 2006 - 31 December 2009

Board Members

Ms Catherine Harris AO PSM (New South Wales), Executive Director, Harris Farm Markets
(1 December 2006 - 31 December 2008)

Mr John (Jock) McGregor, (Victoria), President, Australia Japan Society of Victoria
(1 December 2006 - 31 December 2008)

Mr Malcolm May, (South Australia), Director, Balco Group,
(1 December 2006 - 31 December 2009)

Adjunct Professor Mike Gore AM, (Australian Capital Territory),
National Centre for Public Awareness of Science, Australian National University
(1 December 2006 - 31 December 2009)

Mr Huw McKay, (New South Wales), Senior International Economist, Westpac Bank
(1 December 2006 - 31 December 2009)

Mr John Bowdler, (New South Wales), Principal and Director,
John Bowdler and Associates P/L and Visiting Fellow, Australian National University
(1 December 2006 - 31 December 2009)

Mr Peter Grey, Deputy Secretary, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Ex Officio member)
(1 December 2006 - 31 December 2009)

Resignations and Retirements

Mr John McGregor passed away on 14 February 2008.



The Board of the Australia-Japan Foundation. From left: Mr John Bowdler, Mr John McGregor, Mr Huw McKay, Mr Peter Corish (Chair), Mr Peter Grey (DFAT Ex Officio Member), Ms Catherine Harris AO PSM, Mr Malcolm May, Adjunct Professor Mike Gore AM.

Australia-Japan Foundation Secretariat

The AJF Secretariat is part of the North East Asia Branch of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. The Secretariat implements the AJF Board's decisions and recommendations on the approval of the departmental delegate, and administers the Foundation's funding programs and other activities. Two locally engaged staff at the Australian Embassy in Tokyo support AJF activities in Japan.

At 30 June 2008 the Secretariat consisted of:

Ms Deborah Peterson	Manager
Ms Peck-Lan Lai	Project Officer
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MISSION STATEMENT

Australia – Japan: Broadening interests in a growing strategic relationship.

OBJECTIVES

The AJF program and budget will support Australia's foreign and trade policy interests by facilitating activities that:

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

(AJF Order in Council, 30 November 2006)

In 2007-08, the AJF developed programs and projects in five priority areas

Economics and Trade

Security, Regional and International Relations

Education and Science

Society and Culture

Communication, Information and Advocacy (Board and Secretariat Expenses)

A summary of AJF expenditure in 2007-08 against these five themes is depicted in the table below. Full details are included in the financial statement at Appendix A.

Priority Area	Expenditure (rounded)	Percentage
Economics and Trade	\$208,948	12.5 per cent
Security, Regional and International Relations	\$43,266	2.6 per cent
Education and Science	\$783,956	47.0 per cent
Society and Culture	\$525,921	31.5 per cent
Communication, Information and Advocacy	\$105,586	6.3 per cent
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$1,667,676	100 per cent

REPORT ON PERFORMANCE

Introduction

The Australia-Japan Foundation (AJF) is funded through the Australian Government's International Relations Grants Program. The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) includes financial and performance information about AJF activities in its annual report. The requirement for a separate annual program report is set out in the Order-in-Council which established the AJF in 2006.

On 6 December 2007, the Government introduced the requirement that all discretionary grants be disclosed on the DFAT website within two days of notifying successful grant applicants. Summary details of all AJF grants awarded in 2007-08 are available on the AJF website. The listing includes the name of recipient, the amount awarded, the date of Board decision, the project's key objective and, where possible, a link to the project website which contains contact details and a more detailed description.

The AJF a key official and non-government public diplomacy program for strengthening the Australia-Japan relationship in ways that support Australia's foreign and trade policy interests. Australia and Japan have a sophisticated, long-term relationship based on trade, economic, security and people-to-people links. Over the past 32 years, the Foundation makes a significant contribution to supporting and enhancing these already substantial ties.

OUTCOMES

The Australia-Japan Foundation contributes to DFAT portfolio outcomes, specifically:

Outcome 3 Public understanding in Australia and overseas of Australia's foreign and trade policy and a positive image of Australia internationally.

Output 3.1.2 Projecting a positive image of Australia internationally.

The Foundation's achievements are measured against these as well as the specific key performance indicators attached to each project or program.

The AJF's program of activities for 2007-08 were targeted to meet these outcomes. A representative selection of projects by priority areas is detailed in this report.

REPORT ON PERFORMANCE: REPRESENTATIVE SELECTION OF PROJECTS BY PRIORITY AREA

PRIORITY AREA 1: ECONOMICS AND TRADE

Goal: To increase public and corporate awareness of, and facilitate informed discussion on, the mutual importance of the Australia-Japan economic relationship.

The full list of projects funded under Economics and Trade is provided at Appendix A.

Inaugural Crawford-Nishi Lecture Series 2008

The Australia-Japan Research Centre at the Australian National University established an annual lecture series to contribute to public education and debate on key issues in the political and economic relationship between Australia and Japan. The Crawford-Nishi Lecture Series commemorates the pioneering efforts by Sir John Crawford and Japan's first Ambassador to Australia, His Excellency Haruhiko Nishi (1952-55), to encourage the development of Australia-Japan trade.

The series will commence in 2008-09 and speakers will include distinguished figures from both countries. The program will be developed in consultation with DFAT, the Embassy of Japan and Japanese Consulates in Australia, Asia Society, JETRO, Australia-Japan Society, Australia-Japan Business Cooperation Committee, Japanese Studies Association of Australia and Asialink at the University of Melbourne.

The Australia Japan Research Centre is the only institution of its kind in Australia which conducts research to explore and improve understanding of the economies and economic policy processes in Australia and Japan, and both countries' strategic interests in the Asia Pacific economy. Its policy-oriented areas of interest cover developments in regional economic cooperation and integration and encompass research on trade, finance, macroeconomics and structural and regulatory reform, as well as international economic relations.

Australia-Japan Research Centre Visiting Fellow

The Australia-Japan Research Centre launched the inaugural Australia-Japan Visiting Fellowship Program at the Australian National University in May 2008. The fellowship program will enable a distinguished Japanese academic or policy-maker to undertake research into Australia-Japan relations for a period of between three months and one year. Professor Goh Ito, Professor of International Relations at Meiji University in Tokyo, was selected as the inaugural AJRC Visiting Fellow. His chosen topic is *Beyond "Asian Values": The Logic for Australian-Japan Cooperation in Asian Regionalism*.

Professions Australia: Young Professionals Exchange

For the second year, Professions Australia coordinated the Australia-Japan Young Professionals Network which includes a program of reciprocal visits and a symposium in Australia to discuss emerging issues of shared interest in Australia and Japan. In 2008, the exchange will focus on professional health practice standards and clinical competencies in the area of aged care. The 2008 Australian participants include ten representatives from the following professional peak bodies, the Australian Institute of Radiography, the Australian Sonographers Association, Audiology Australia, the Australian Dental Association, the Australian Computer Society and the Australian Institute of Quantity Surveyors. The Australian delegation visited Japan in October 2008 and their Japanese counterparts will visit Australia to participate in a joint symposium in March/April 2009.



From left: Clayton Boyd (Australian Institute of Surveyors), Max Shea (Australian Institute of Surveyors) and Yohan Ramsundara (Australian Computer Society) with Japanese counterparts from the quantity surveying industry.



From left: Bruce Miller (Australian Embassy), Tsuyoshi Ishihara and his wife, Clayton Boyd, Professor Kimoto (from Shibaura Institute of Technology with the faculty of Architecture) and Max Shea



Dr Matthew Hopcraft with his Japanese counterparts in dentistry.

Australia-Japan Business Survey and Monograph

Australian economic consultant, Mr Manuel Panagiotopoulos, and journalist, Mr Andrew Cornell, commenced research on the current state and future direction of Australia-Japan commercial relations, specifically to identify new areas of complementarity. The project includes a survey of ASX300 Australian companies and selected Japanese companies, and a modified investment analysis. A draft monograph was submitted to the joint conference of the Australia-Japan Business Cooperation Committee and its Japanese counterpart which was held in Perth in October 2008. The final report will be available in early 2009.

The Melbourne Institute Survey on *Australian Enterprises Doing Business with Japan*

The Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research at the University of Melbourne commenced work on a survey of Australian companies to follow up the 2000 survey, *Doing Business in Japan*, which was conducted AC Nielsen on behalf of the AJF. The 2008-09 survey, to be developed in consultation with Austrade, will provide information about Australian commercial relations with Japan including the nature and type of actual and potential business dealings with Japan and the specific problems and difficulties encountered by Australian companies in doing business with Japan. The survey will also consider possible areas for future government assistance or support.

The survey will invite responses from Australian companies currently involved in either exporting to Japan; licensing brands, technologies or designs to Japanese businesses; investing in Japan - both direct and portfolio investment; importing from Japan; investing in Australia through collaboration with Japanese companies; and/or licensing brands, technologies or designs from Japanese companies. To enable comparisons over time, selected questions from the 2000 survey will be retained. These include general perceptions of Japan, length of time and form of trade for companies currently trading with Japan, perceptions of Japanese market potential and comparisons over time of doing business in Japan and specific reasons why Australian firms do not trade with Japan.

The Melbourne Institute is Australia's leading independent research organisation specialising in applied economic and social research. Established in 1962, the Institute has a well-established and internationally recognised reputation for undertaking independent and impartial research on a wide spectrum of social and policy issues relevant to Australia. The Institute's mission is to promote a deeper understanding and discussion of economic and social issues of national significance, to foster effective responses to these issues through research that identifies alternative policy responses and quantifies their likely effects, and to combine rigorous economic and social analysis with a genuine attachment to the Australian community's concern for the less well-off.

OUTPUT 2: SECURITY, REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Goal: To increase public and corporate awareness of, and facilitate informed discussion on, the mutual importance of the emerging bilateral security relationship between Australia and Japan.

The full list of the projects funded under Security, Regional and International Relations is provided at Appendix A.

The Lowy Institute: Institutionalising Interests: Japan-Australia Relations in the 21st Century

The Lowy Institute for International Policy held a conference on *Institutionalising Interests: Japan-Australia Relations in the 21st Century*, in Sydney on 12 October 2007. The conference highlighted recently completed research on Australia-Japan strategic relations and explored possible ideas for future work. Speakers from Japan included Mr Yukio Takeuchi, former Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Mr Masahiro Kawai, Dean, Asian Development Bank Institute. The conference examined the two most significant developments in the bilateral relationship in the last decade – the commitment to negotiate an Australia-Japan Free Trade Agreement and the Joint Declaration on Security Cooperation – and considered Australian and Japanese interests in regional integration in the coming decades.

The Lowy Institute is an independent, non-partisan international policy think-tank established in April 2003 as the result of a gift by Mr Frank Lowy AC, one of Australia's leading businessmen, to mark the 50th anniversary of his arrival in Australia. Its objective is to generate new ideas and dialogue on international developments and Australia's role in the world. Its mandate is broad including all the dimensions of international policy debate in Australia – economic, political and strategic – and it is not limited to a particular geographic region.

ANU Department of International Relations: Emerging Australia-Japan Security Cooperation: A Catalyst for Strategic Rivalry or Regional Order-Building?

The ANU Department of International Relations held a workshop on emerging Australia-Japan security cooperation in Canberra and Sydney on 31 March – 3 April 2008. The Japanese participants included Professor Kiichi Fujiwara, School of Law and Politics, University of Tokyo, Professor Akihiko Tanaka, Institute of Oriental Studies, University of Tokyo, Professor Yoshihide Soeya, School of Law, Keio University, Mr Yukio Satoh, President, Japan Institute of International Affairs, Dr Ken Jimbo, Assistant Professor of Faculty of Policy Management at Keio University, Dr Eiichi Katahara, Professor and Chief, First Research Office, Research Department, National Institute for Defense Studies. Co-sponsors included the National

Bureau of Asian Research in the United States, the International Centre for Excellence in Asia-Pacific Studies, the University of Sydney Centre for International Security Studies and the Lowy Institute.

The workshop in Canberra included discussions with officials from the Department of Defence and Foreign Affairs and Trade. Further panel discussions were held at the University of Sydney Centre for International Studies, including a video link with Mr Thomas Christensen, United States Assistant Deputy Secretary of State for East Asia and the Pacific. A number of Australian think-tanks and international relations organisations were also represented, including the Lowy Institute, the Australian Strategic Policy Institute, the Australian Institute of International Affairs and various university studies centres. The project also helped expand research ties between the ANU and its Japanese counterparts including the Research Institute for Peace and Security in Tokyo.



*Professor Bill Tow speaking at the workshop dinner held in Canberra.
Photo courtesy of the Australian National University.*



ANU Department of International Relations' workshop on emerging Australia-Japan security cooperation held in Canberra. Photo courtesy of the Australian National University.

OUTPUT 3: EDUCATION AND SCIENCE

Goal: To promote research, dialogue and exchange in areas that increase understanding of the contemporary Australia-Japan relationship, including language, demography, social change, ageing, gender, environment, innovation and technology, and cultural issues.

The full list of the projects funded under Education and Science is provided at Appendix A.

Questacon: 20th Anniversary of the founding of Australia's National Science and Technology Centre.

On 15 February 2008, the Hon Dr Craig Emerson, Minister for Small Business (representing the Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research), and His Excellency Mr Takaaki Kojima, Ambassador of Japan, launched the official program to mark the 20th anniversary of Questacon as a Joint Australia-Japan Bicentennial Project in 1988. The AJF supported four events on the program, including the Smart Moves Invention Convention, the Science Performers' Exchange Program, a Gala 20 Year Anniversary Dinner and the Karakuri Ningyo Technology Exchange.

Questacon - Australia's National Science and Technology Centre, opened as a joint Australia-Japan Bicentennial Project on 23 November 1988. The Japanese Government and business community contributed half the cost of the building, the headquarters for Questacon's national and international operations. Through the significant investment by both countries, Questacon has achieved a national and international reputation as a leader in the science centre field. The anniversary program helped raise awareness in Australia and Japan of the strong partnership between the two countries in science and technology. It also reinforced the relationship between leaders in science communication and student participants from both countries.

2008 Questacon Smart Moves Invention Convention

The 2008 Questacon Smart Moves Invention Convention was held in Canberra on 7-11 July 2008. The annual program enables 30 secondary students from around Australia to develop the networking, business and entrepreneurial skills required to pursue innovative ideas. The AJF funded participation by two Japanese secondary students, Miss Kaori Tsuji, Ritsemeikan High School, and Miss Yuri Fushimi, Shizuoka-kita High School. The National Museum of Emerging Science and Innovation (Miraikan) in Tokyo, with which Questacon has a Memorandum of Understanding, coordinated the selection of the Japanese students through its network of Super Science High Schools. The two students were accompanied and supported by two Miraikan staff – Dr Maiko Okano and Ms Noriko Shibasaki – providing an opportunity for Miraikan to explore the potential for a similar program in Japan.

Science Performers Exchange Program

Five Japanese science centre performers and show presenters participated in the Science Performers' Exchange Program at Questacon on 15-19 September 2008. The Japanese and Australian presenters shared approaches to developing and presenting demonstrations and performances. The National Museum of Nature and Science in Tokyo, with which Questacon has a Friendship Agreement, helped coordinate the selection of the five Japanese participants. Mr Yusuke Kumano from the Museum accompanied the participants.



*One of the Japanese Exchange Science Performers and a Questacon Excited Particle.
Photo courtesy of Questacon.*

Gala Dinner

Japanese and Australian Government and business representatives attended a Gala 20 Year Anniversary Dinner hosted by Senator the Hon Kim Carr, Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research, at Questacon on 15 October 2008. The event coincided with the 46th Australia-Japan Joint Business Conference held in Perth and the Joint Science and Technology Committee Meeting hosted by the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Resources in Canberra.



Australian Prime Minister delivering a video message to the Gala 20 Year Anniversary Dinner held at Questacon on 15 October 2008. Photo courtesy of Mr Leigh Atkinson.



His Excellency Mr Takaaki Kojima, Ambassador of Japan presenting the Japanese Foreign Minister's Commendation to Questacon to Professor Graham Durant, Questacon Director at Questacon's 20th Anniversary Gala Dinner on 15 October 2008. Photo courtesy of Mr Steve Keough.

Karakuri Ningyo Technology Exchange Program

Questacon hosted the Karakuri Ningyo Technology Exchange Program on 10-11 November 2008. The program included a Karakuri Mechanics Workshop for primary school students and a Karakuri Public Lecture for the general public. The lecture showcased traditional Karakuri technologies and applications of Karakuri principles in technology and innovation, including in the field of robotics. The workshop and lecture were presented by Japan's only Karakuri Master, Master Shobei IX, assisted by Japanese and Australian experts. A number of Karakuri Dolls were gifted to Questacon at its opening in 1988.



*Australian school students with Karakuri Master, Master Shobei Tamaya IX at the Karakuri workshop held at Questacon on 11 November 2008.
Photo courtesy of Questacon.*

Monash University Special Research Centre for Green Chemistry: Forum on *Australian Research Advances in Green Chemistry: New Opportunities for Sustainable Industry*

The Australian Research Council Special Research Centre for Green Chemistry at Monash University held a forum on *Australian Research Advances in Green Chemistry: New Opportunities for Sustainable Industry* and a symposium on Advances in Green Chemistry at Waseda University in Tokyo on 10-12 March 2008. The events enabled senior researchers and managers from Japanese industry to learn more about the capabilities of the Australian Centre for Research Excellence and the latest advances in Green Chemistry research, development and product opportunities.

Australia-Japan Foundation Sir Neil Currie Australian Studies Award

The 2008 AJF Sir Neil Currie Award Program was officially launched by His Excellency Murray McLean OAM, Australian Ambassador to Japan, during his keynote address at Otomon Gakuin University on 11 October 2007. Applications for the annual scholarship program are considered by three separate Advisory Panels chaired by the Australian Embassy in Tokyo.

Members of the 2008 Selection Panels

Post-graduate Award: Professor Masako Notoji, a former director of the Centre of American and Pacific Studies, Tokyo University, and Professor David Carter, Visiting Professor in Australian Studies, Centre of American and Pacific Studies, Tokyo University.

Curriculum development Award: Professor Masami Sekine, Chair of Australian Studies Association of Japan, Keio University, and Professor Yuga Suzuki, Executive Member of the Australian Studies Association of Japan, Sophia University.

Publication Award: Mr Hidetoshi Takenaka, Tokyo University Press, Chief Editor and Board Member.

The presentation ceremony, attended by leading Japanese academics in Australian Studies, was held at the Ambassador's Residence on 25 July 2008.

2007-08 AJF Sir Neil Currie Award Recipients

Post Graduate Study Award

Ms Hiroko Inoue, Graduate School of Political Science/International Relations

“Identity Building in East Timor: A Perspective for the Role of International Society in Postcolonial State.”

Host institution: Faculty of Asian Studies, The Australian National University.

Award \$30,000

Mr Toshiya Kai, Researcher, Institute of Global Environmental Strategies

“Current and Future Prospects of Regional Environmental Governance: the Role of Australia-Japan Relationship for the Environment within the Transforming Asia-Pacific Region.”

Host Institution: Department of International Affairs, Faculty of Asian Studies, The Australian National University

Award - \$20,000

Research Award

Mr Kazuhiro Onozuka, Graduate School of Social Sciences/Global Issues, Hitotsubashi University

“Image of Politics of Australia: Tourism Promotion and Development in Cairns.”

Host institution: College of Asia and the Pacific, The Australian National University

Award - \$10,000

Publications Award

Professor Teruhisa Kunitake, Faculty of Nursing Social Welfare and Psychology, Niigata Sangyo University

“Social Policy in Australia: Understanding for Action.”

Type: Translation and commentary

Publisher: Daiichi Houki Co., Ltd Qty: 1,200 copies

Award - \$10,000

Professor Yoko Matsuda, School of Economics, University of Hyogo

Title: “Language in Education policies in Multicultural Australia.”

Type: Original

Publisher: Hitsuji Shobo Co., Ltd. Qty: 700 copies

Award - \$8,000

Australia Library, Otemon Gakuin University

His Excellency Murray McLean OAM, Australian Ambassador to Japan attended a ceremony to mark the establishment of the Australia Library at Otemon Gakuin University, Ibaraki-city, Osaka, on 11 October 2007. Ambassador McLean delivered a key note address to an audience of over 200 people, including students, public and the media and presented a catalogue of the donated collection to Mr Takashi Suzuki, President of Otemon Gakuin University. The Australia Library is the largest collection of materials on Australia in Japan. It combines around 15,000 items from the original Australia-Japan Foundation Collection and 5,000 works from the collection at the Centre for Australian Studies at the University. Works have been collected primarily in the field of humanities such as history, art and literature, as well as the social sciences such as law, economics, and social issues.

The Australia Library at Otemon Gakuin University also received funds to purchase new books and resources on Australia and to subscribe to the Australia and New Zealand Reference Database which provides online access to journals, news wires and popular magazines.

Library users can access e-books on Australian society and culture from the Gale Virtual Reference Library and more than 50 newspapers and periodicals of Australia and New Zealand from the Proquest Australia & New Zealand Newsstand. The collection also includes a range of non-printed materials such as English language software, Australian films and recordings of Australian music. Newly purchased materials are immediately registered on the National Institute of Informatics (NII) Webcat - a system for searching the catalogue database of books and journals held by university libraries which is available for nationwide use in Japan. As a result there has been a noticeable increase in the number of interlibrary loans of works on Australia.

The Centre for Australian Studies at Otemon Gakuin University was established in 1967 as the first centre for Australian Studies in Japan. The purpose of the Centre is to promote research on Australia and its neighbour countries and to contribute to cultural exchange and mutual understanding between Australia and Japan.

Australia Library



*Australian Ambassador to Japan, HE Murray McLean OAM, and Professor Suzuki, President of Otemon Gakuin University, at the official opening ceremony for the transfer of the Australia-Japan Foundation Resource Collection to the Australia Library at the university.
Photo courtesy of Otemon Gakuin University*



*The Australian Ambassador, HE Murray McLean OAM, delivering a keynote address on "Asian Dynamism and Australia-Japan Relations" at Otemon Gakuin University on 11 October 2007.
Photo courtesy of Otemon Gakuin University*

Hokkaido University and Murdoch University - Australia-Japan Symposium on *Biological Interactions with Plant Roots and Aerial Tissues*

A symposium on *Biological Interactions with Plant Roots and Aerial Tissues* was held at Hokkaido University on 28 July 2008. The symposium enabled scientists from Australia and Japan to maintain existing networks and explore possibilities for new research collaborations into plant organism interactions. Dr Mike Jones, Dr Zhaohui Wang, Dr Junji Yamaguchi and Dr Derek Goto from Murdoch University delivered presentations at the symposium. Japanese speakers included Dr. Tatsuhiko Ezawa, Associate Professor, and Mr Nowaki Hijikata, postgraduate student, at Hokkaido University, Dr Ryoza Imai, Senior Researcher, National Agricultural Research Centre for Hokkaido Region, and Dr. Keitaro Tawaraya, Yamagata University. The symposium also provided a venue for Japanese graduate students at the early stages of their scientific careers to meet senior scientists from Australia to discuss Australian research initiatives. The AJF will support a second workshop involving four Japanese scientists from Hokkaido University to be held in Perth in December 2008.



Symposium on Biological Interactions with Plant Roots and Aerial Tissues, Hokkaido University, Japan on 28 July 2008. Opening remarks by Professor Ichiro Uyeda, Vice-Dean of Faculty of Agriculture, Hokkaido University. Photo courtesy of Derek Goto, PhD Hokkaido University



Field visits by Australian scientists in Hokkaido, Japan, 30 July - 1 August 2008. Dr. Hardy (Murdoch University) explaining the symptoms of pathogen infection visible on leaves of potato plants to a Japanese postgraduate student. Photo courtesy of Dr Derek Goto, Hokkaido University.

University of Sydney: Design, Development and Delivery of Courses in Australian Studies for University Students in the Tokai Area of Japan

Dr Sonia Mycak, Research Fellow, Faculty of Arts, University of Sydney, was awarded a grant to design, develop and deliver courses in Australian Studies for university students in the Tokai area of Japan covering the Aichi, Gifu, Mie and Shizuoka Prefectures. The project has three main components: (i) establishing a network of participating universities; (ii) designing a syllabus and developing teaching/learning materials; and (iii) presenting a program of intensive immersion and distance learning courses. Dr Mycak will hold a seventeen-day residential course at the University of Sydney in February 2009 comprising formal classroom tuition supplemented by excursions to sites of historical or cultural significance. The project is designed to provide Japanese university students with a positive educational experience through which they will gain increased understanding and appreciation of Australian culture and society and be better able to establish professional ties with their Australian counterparts in their future working careers.



*University of Sydney, Australian Studies Summer School, Graduation Ceremony, January 2008.
Photo courtesy of Dr Sonia Mycak.*

CSIRO – Keio University: Collaborative research on the development of environmental statistics

The Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO), Australia's national science agency, is collaborating with Keio University in Japan on the development of statistical tools for monitoring, modelling and managing biodiversity. Initial research is focused on understanding the effects of trawling on seabed fauna. The project's aim is to develop a methodology which will inform future strategies in the conservation and sustainable use of ecological and environmental assets, particularly in marine zones around Australia. Researchers from Australia and Japan also hope to develop a common technical framework and approach to monitoring, modelling and managing biodiversity.



Australian CSIRO researcher, Dr Charis Burrridge pictured with members of the Keio University research team at the annual international applied statistics workshop, hosted by Keio University on 25-28th March 2008. Photo courtesy of the CSIRO.

ER Productions Pty Ltd: Talkback Classroom

ER Productions Pty Ltd will hold an international media forum for senior secondary students from Australia and Japan at the National Press Club of Australia in 2009. Talkback Classroom provides a unique media forum for students to investigate and debate contemporary issues with leading decision-makers from around the world. For the first time, two Japanese students will join two Australian students in a two week investigation into issues of shared interest to Australia and Japan. The investigation will culminate in a recorded interview with a leading Australian decision maker. Students taking part in the project undertake extensive and in-depth research into issues of national and international significance and learn basic interview skills in preparation for each forum.

Stephen Cutting, Program Producer, founded the Talkback Classroom project in 1995. It became a forum for the Australian Broadcasting Corporation's youth network Triple J in 1997 and was established as a national and international forum for youth at the National Museum of Australia in 2001.

University of Southern Queensland: Conference on the application of fibre composites in civil infrastructure

A two-day international workshop on the application of fibre composites in civil infrastructure including technical presentations from eminent international speakers from Japan and Australia will be held at the University of Southern Queensland on 1-2 December 2008. The Centre of Excellence in Engineered Fibre Composites, Faculty of Engineering and Surveying, will host the event. Key presenters from Japan include Professor Hiroshi Mutsuyoshi, Saitama University; Dr Itaru Nishizaki, Public Works Research Institute Inc; and Dr Yoshihiro Hishiki, Kajima Corporation. Delegates will also tour local fibre composite facilities and sites around Toowoomba. The project will help facilitate the exchange of technology on fibre composites between Japanese and Australian researchers and industry partners.

Ryebuck Media Pty. Ltd.: *Investigating the Australia-Japan Connection: Curriculum materials for Australian high schools*

Ryebuck Media Pty. Ltd. will research, write and publish four 12-page curriculum units about Australia-Japan relations in the Australian student magazine, *Studies of Society and Environment*. The units seek to enhance investigations in the classroom of current ideas and issues relating to Australia's past and current relationship with Japan. The individual articles will also be available to download from the AJF website. Ryebuck will complete an independent evaluation to assess how many schools and students used the units as part of the curriculum, in which subject areas, at what learning levels and the degree of success in achieving the particular learning outcomes identified in each of the units.

The first unit titled, *Does your city have a Japanese twin? Should it?* was produced in July 2008. It focussed on the relationship between the Australian city of Frankston and its Japanese sister city, Susono, and examined how the two communities were working together to build practical and enduring economic, educational and community ties.



Have you ever driven through a town or suburb and seen a sign indicating that the place you are in is twinned with somewhere else in the world? Why would communities want to foster some type of link with places and people thousands of kilometres away? What would they hope to achieve through this relationship? How has the relationship been of benefit to the local community, and what signs of the relationship other than a sign on a road would you expect to see?

You may be surprised to know that Japanese cities represent the largest number of cities twinned with Australian cities.

What do you know about Japan? What is Australia's relationship with Japan and is it important? What similarities and differences exist between the two countries?

In this unit, by looking at an example of an Australian city, Frankston, and its sister city, Susono, Japan, you will find out how two communities are working to build a strong, lasting and beneficial relationship.

The investigations in this unit are:

- 1 What do you know about Japan?
- 2 How has the relationship between Australia and Japan changed overtime?
- 3 What might a city gain from its sister-city relationship?
- 4 How could you create a sister-city relationship for your city or town?



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Japan Studies Centre, Monash University - Short Term Fellowships for Japanese Scholars

The Japan Studies Centre at Monash University established a short-term fellowship to enable a Japanese scholar to visit Australia for a period of up to six months to undertake research in an area of contemporary Australian Studies. The fellowship seeks to facilitate collaborative research between Japanese and Australian researchers, and strengthen Australian Studies in Japanese tertiary institutions. The Centre also plans to establish a clearing-house providing general access to information and resources about Australian Studies for researchers from Japan.

Australian Studies Association of Japan - Capacity Building for Australian Studies Lecture Series

The 2008 Annual Conference of the Australian Studies Association of Japan was held at Otemon University on 7-8 June 2008. The key-note address, *More than Sorry: Indigenous Policy under Howard and Rudd*, was delivered by Professor David Carter, Visiting Professor in Australian Studies at the University of Tokyo. The conference also included symposiums on *Conflict in Australia's Whiteness: Aboriginal Sports and Immigration Restriction*, convened by Professor Takeo Fujikawa, and *Security in North East Asia and Australia-Japan Security Cooperation*, convened by Dr Eiichi Katahara, National Institute of Defence Studies. A record number of more than 100 delegates attended the conference. The Association also held an open lecture series on Australia for postgraduate students at the Graduate School of Law at Keio University in Tokyo.

The Australian Studies Association of Japan is an academic organisation of researchers and lecturers who are responsible for Australian Studies at universities and research institutes in Japan. The Association has received financial support from the AJF since its establishment in 1989. Its main objectives are to promote Australian Studies programs at universities and colleges in Japan, to raise awareness in Japan of Australian society through seminars and workshops and to facilitate exchanges between Japanese and Australian scholars through national and regional seminars and conferences.

OUTPUT 4: SOCIETY AND CULTURE

Goal: To promote cultural and social exchange in areas that improve the understanding of, or directly impact on, the bilateral relationship, including in a regional context. To facilitate media and community-based activities which increase mutual understanding and goodwill between Australia and Japan.

The full list of the projects funded under the Society and Culture program is provided at Appendix A.

National Museum of Australia: *Utopia, the Genius of Emily Kame Kngwarreye*

The AJF supported the development and promotion of the education component of the National Museum of Australia exhibition, *Utopia: the Genius of Emily Kame Kngwarreye*, which toured Japan in 2008. The exhibition showcased the work of Emily Kame Kngwarreye, one of Australia's most eminent contemporary artists, and was arguably the largest Australian art exhibition of a single artist to be exhibited internationally. It was shown at the National Museum of Art in Osaka from 26 February to 13 April 2008 and the National Art Centre in Tokyo from 28 May to 28 July 2008.

The AJF funded the development and installation of the "Utopia Room", an educational display which travelled with the exhibition at both venues. The room provided visitors with an opportunity to understand the inspiration for the artist's work and the cultural and community contexts in which she worked. A key theme of the display was the link between the art works, with their marks in paint on board and canvas, and Indigenous ceremonial body painting (Awelye) in ochre. This theme was also represented in animal sculptures from the Utopia region which showed a variety of body markings, as well as bush food utensils and women's ceremonial objects. The AJF also supported travel by two members of the Utopia community, Ms Barbara Weir and Ms Gloria Petyarre, to attend the exhibition launches in Osaka and Tokyo.

Ms Margo Neale, exhibition curator delivered four AJF lectures in association with the exhibition. The lectures were designed to increase awareness of Emily's work in the context of parallel political and cultural movements in Australian history, and to help raise the profile of Australian Indigenous art in Japan. The first lecture was delivered to around 30 academics from Kansai University in February 2008 and the second at the National Museum of Art in Osaka in March 2008. Two further lectures were delivered during academic and public symposiums held at the National Art Centre in Tokyo in June 2008.

The official launch of *Utopia: the Genius of Emily Kame Kngwarreye* took place on 27 May 2008 and was attended by approximately 600 visitors including Her Imperial Highness, Princess Takamado. More than 120 Australians attended the opening including key business and corporate collectors, art critics, and key personnel from cultural institutions from both Australia and Japan. The exhibition received prominent national and international media coverage when Prime Minister Kevin Rudd visited the exhibition in June 2008, and His Imperial Highness, the Crown Prince of Japan, and Her Imperial Highness, the Crown Princess of Japan, visited the exhibition in July 2008.



Margo Neale, Benita Tunks and onja Balaga.



Mayumi Uchida with Utopia artists Barbara Weir and Gloria Petyarre.



Australian Prime Minister, the Hon Kevin Rudd MP visits the Emily Exhibition at the National Art Centre Tokyo in June 2008.

From left - Australian Ambassador Mr Murray McLean OAM, Professor Masami Sekine - Chair of Australian Studies Association of Japan, Dr David Carter - Visiting Professor 2007-08 Centre for Pacific and American Studies, University of Tokyo, Australian Prime Minister the Hon Kevin Rudd MP, Mr Yuichi Tomita - Chair of Osaka Japan Australia Society, Mrs Yoshimi Chiba and Mr Shigeki Chiba.

Ronin Films: *Emily in Japan* documentary

Ronin Films commenced production of a feature-length documentary film about the curatorial process behind the major exhibition of paintings by Australian Indigenous artist, Emily Kame Kngwarreye, which toured Japan in 2008. The documentary is intended for use in national and international television markets as an arts program and as a DVD in the educational market in Japan and Australia. It may also be screened at festivals and in galleries and museums.

Ronin Films is a film distribution company based in Canberra. Since it was established in 1974, the company has established a proven track record as an award-winning distributor, with systems in place for a broad spectrum, integrated service, covering theatrical and non-theatrical distribution, the education market and home video.

Asialink Strategic Ties for the Arts Initiative

Asialink won a competitive tender process in 2005 to develop a three-year *Strategic Ties for the Arts Initiative* aimed at promoting Australian visual arts in Japan. The program commenced in mid-2006. It seeks to maximise exposure and increase awareness and appreciation of Australian visual arts and crafts in the Japanese market through an exhibitions program in Japanese galleries and museums, as well as symposia and curatorial exchanges. The exhibitions focus on contemporary visual arts and craft, including photography, new and innovative practices in installation, performance and media art. Asialink, administers the program with additional support from the University of Melbourne, the Myer Foundation and the Community Partnerships and Market Development Division of the Australia Council for the Arts. 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.

Asialink is Australia's leading centre for the promotion of public understanding of the countries of Asia and of Australia's role in the region. Asialink enables Australians to contribute to, and benefit from, the dynamism of Asia through four major programs: Arts, Corporate and Public, The Asialink Leaders' Program, Health and Community and School Education.

Australia-Japan Visual Arts Forum Sydney

As part of the AJF-AsiaLink *Strategic Ties for the Arts Initiative*, thirty leading contemporary arts curators, administrators and practitioners from Australia and Japan participated in a visual forum held at the Australia Council in Sydney in June 2008. The purpose of the forum was to discuss current issues of relevance to Australian and Japanese contemporary visual arts practice. An associated public forum was held at the Art Gallery of New South Wales where four speakers from each country discussed joint projects, biennales, art museums and the role of artists.

The speakers from Japan included Mr Fumihiko Sumitomo, Museum of Contemporary Art - Tokyo, Mr Taro Amano, Chief Curator, Yokohama Museum of Art, and Jin Kurashige, participating artist in the Sydney Biennale and Mr Hisako Hara, leading critic, curator and academic from Osaka. The Australian participants included Mr Suhanya Raffel, Head of Asian, Pacific and International Art, Queensland Art Gallery, Ms Jackie Menzies, Head Curator, Asian Art, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Mr Shaun Gladwell, participating artist in the Sydney Biennale and one of the two Australians in the last Yokohama Triennial, and Mr Reuben Keehan, curator of Artspace and *Diorama of the City* which opened at Tokyo Wonder Site on 13 September 2008.



Publicity flyer for the Australia-Japan Arts Forum held in Sydney in June 2008. Image courtesy of Asialink.



Closed Australia-Japan arts forum held in Sydney in June 2008. Photo courtesy of AsiaLink.

Strategic Ties for the Arts Initiative Exhibitions Program

The *View Masters - Remix Exhibition* of hybrid work was presented at Hamadera Koen Gallery, Osaka, Japan, during February 2007. The Melbourne-based, Artist Run Initiative at West Space teamed with the Osaka Arts, Aporia, under the direction of Kojima Takashi to create a new opportunity for bilateral cultural exchange. Three Australian artists, Nathan Gray, Dylan Martorell and Geoff Robinson, alongside curator Jane Hindson, travelled to Osaka to work with artists involved in the View Masters project, including Haco, Toshiya Tsunoda, and Yuko/Mariko among others. The artists undertook training workshops to study the View Masters philosophy and techniques before creating new audio-visual installations in Hamadera Koen Railway Station Gallery. Using sound and visual materials sourced from the tram and train networks that run through Osaka, the artists' work also reflects upon the transport networks in their home city of Melbourne.

Trace Elements: Spirit and Memory in Japanese and Australian Photomedia curated by Bec Dean and Shihoko Iida, was held at the Tokyo Opera City Gallery from July to October 2008. The exhibition included works by five Australia and five Japanese artists using traditional forms of photography as well as video, mixed-reality installation and sound. It demonstrated how photomedia with its unique depiction of reality, slippages of time, recording of 'memory' can convey particular emotions. The exhibition was accompanied by a forum and an artists' floortalk with the curators and contributing artists, including Philip Brophy, Sophie Kahn, Chie Matsui, Genevieve Grieves, Seiichi Furuya and Kazuna Taguchi.

Some Material Flags, an exhibition of works by Melbourne born Australian artist, Louisa Bufardeci, will be held at the Museum of Contemporary Art, Tokyo (MOT) and Bloomberg Public Space Project from 22 October 2008 - 12 January 2009. The exhibition transforms information from statistical and data spreadsheets about consumption of coffee, sugar, alcohol, use of mobile phones, national illiteracy and astrology woven into elaborate and colourful flags in various patterns. Louisa Bufardeci completed her undergraduate degree in fine art, majoring in drawing at the Victorian College of the Arts and has frequently exhibited her work in group and solo exhibitions in Melbourne and overseas.

Strategic Ties for the Arts Initiative Curatorial Exchanges

Western Sydney Curatorial Development Project

The executive directors of three Western Sydney cultural centres visited Japan in July/August 2008 to undertake curatorial research and project development with a number of contemporary art museums, cultural organisations and cultural projects in their respective Japanese sister cities. Members of the Australian delegation were Mr Kon Gouriotis, Executive Director, Casula Powerhouse, Ms Lisa Havilah, Director, Campbelltown Arts Centre Arts, and Mr John Kirkman, Chief Executive Officer, Penrith Performing and Visual Arts Centre.

Rock Challenge – Japan

The Rock Challenge Japan performance competition for high schools was held at the Yurakucho Asahi Hall, Tokyo on 15–16 July 2008. Eight Japanese high schools performed to an audience of over 600 spectators, including media representatives from Avex Group, Amuse Co., NBC-Universal, NHK Educational, TBS-TV, Billboard Magazine and Tokyo FM. The 'challenge' on the night was to create a dance, design, drama theme based on culture, sports or cosmos to fit with the Wave2000 Foundation partner organisation's philosophy. A charity auction was also held in support of a local non-profit organisation whose mission is to care for children with incurable diseases. The participating Japanese schools included Columbia International School Higashi-Tokorozawa, Saitama-Ken, Tokyo International School Mita, Minato-Ku, Hosen Gakuen High School Nakano, Nakano-Ku, Toho Gakuen High School Kunitachi City, Tokyo Community School Higashi-Koenji, Suginami-Ku, Hana Enterprise Dance School Tsuchida, Kanagawa-Ken, and Sho Kosugi International Tokyo Senzoku, Meguro-Ku. Cranebrook High School in Bathurst contributed a DVD. A longitudinal study will assess the impact of the Rock Challenge program over the next three years.

The Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia

The Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia will oversee a bilateral research project on the use and value of micro-simulation modelling for assessing the distributional impacts of policy change and an ageing population. The project will be led by Professor Ann Harding, National Centre for Social and Economic Modelling in Canberra. The aim of the research is to identify key government agencies and academic research institutes in Japan with an interest in assessing the consequences of social policy change and population ageing and to explore the scope for future collaboration and identify possible areas for the exchange of technical expertise and skills. Joint seminars will be held at the National Institute of Population and Social Security Research in Tokyo on dynamic micro-simulation models or spatial micro-simulation models. Professor Harding will also meet with Japanese officials and hold a workshop at the National Institute of Population and Social Security Research in Tokyo.

The Academy will also oversee a bilateral research project on vocational education and training of older workers to be conducted by Professor Sue Richardson, National Institute for Labour Studies at Flinders University in Adelaide. The project will examine the potential

for vocational education and training to improve the productivity of older workers and to establish areas of ongoing research collaboration. Australia and Japan have very different approaches to dealing with retention and skill development for older workers, and much to learn from each other. A workshop for researchers with expertise in the area of labour studies and ageing will be held in October 2008. It will examine the potential for a large scale comparative study on workforce ageing and productivity in Australia and Japan.

National Federation of Australia Japan Societies

Under a Memorandum of Understanding signed in October 2006, the AJF agreed to support the National Federation of Australia Japan Societies over a three year period subject to the availability of funds and the achievement of specified outcomes. In 2007-08, AJF support enabled the Federation to improve its administration and outreach, including by establishing itself as an incorporated association, and creating a new web identity and a national online newsletter. With AJF support, representatives from the Federation attended the biennial conference of the National Federation of Japan-Australia Societies held in Shizuoka in July 2007. Their participation helped consolidate existing personal and institutional ties between the two organisations.

Australia-Japan Societies provide a forum for Australians who have strong connections or interests in Japan to discuss current issues in the bilateral relationship and to share their appreciation of Japanese culture. Members also welcome and support Japanese visitors and residents in Australia. The National Federation of Australia-Japan Societies Incorporated is the peak body in Australia representing the interests of the societies in the States and Territories. It provides leadership to societies in the development of their community-based cultural, business and educational activities.

Dr Ian Pfennigwerth: Research towards biography of Sam Stening, Australian Naval POW Doctor

Australian naval historian, Dr Ian Pfennigwerth, commenced work on a biography of Surgeon Lieutenant Commander Sam Stening, a prominent Australian naval surgeon, in which his experiences and observations of life as a prisoner of war in Japan (1942-1945) will form a prominent part. The biography is scheduled to be published in Australia in December 2009.

Ms Linda Miley: The Life and Legacy of Tomitaro Fujii: Japanese Pearl Diver of the Torres Strait

Ms Linda Miley, a teacher and writer from Thursday Island, commenced work on a biography of Tomitaro Fujii, Japanese pearl diver of the Torres Strait between 1925 and 1986. The project will examine Fujii's early life in Japan, his work in the Torres Strait pearling industry based on Thursday Island, his internment at the Hay camp during World War II and his subsequent return to Thursday Island. The project will help raise awareness of the influence of the Japanese on the Torres Strait Islander community during the years

of the pearl diving industry and will develop and strengthen intergenerational cultural ties between the people of the Wakayama Prefecture and Islanders of Japanese descent on Thursday Island.

Patrick Togher Artists' Management: Collaboration between Opera Australia - New National Theatre of Tokyo

Patrick Togher Artists' Management will host a visit to Australia by Maestro Tadaaki Otaka from the New National Theatre of Tokyo to observe and audition Australia's leading operatic performers and attend performances by Opera Australia at the Sydney Opera House. Mr Togher will subsequently visit Japan to observe and audition Japan's leading operatic performers and attend performances by the New National Theatre of Tokyo. The reciprocal visits are aimed at enhancing the employment opportunities for Australia's leading operatic singers in Japan and helping to build an ongoing relationship between the New National Theatre of Tokyo and the Australian operatic community. Mr Togher also intends initiating a relationship between the New National Theatre of Tokyo and Opera Australia whereby the feasibility of exchanging physical productions, technical advice and artistic ideas in future can be assessed.

Community Grants

University of Queensland: 2008 World Congress of the International Association of Physical Education in Higher Education (AIESEP)

The Association Internationale des Ecoles Superieures d'Education Physique (AIESEP or the International Association of Physical Education in Higher Education) is a non-governmental professional organisation with an international membership. The Association holds international conferences aimed at disseminating research on physical education and sport pedagogy. The 2008 AIESEP World Congress, hosted by the University of Tsukuba and The University of Queensland, was held in Sapporo on 21-24 January 2008. A Memorandum of Understanding between these two universities underpins a dynamic program of regular student and staff exchanges and collaborative research. The 2008 congress theme was *Sport Pedagogy Research, Policy and Practice: International perspectives in Physical Education and Sports Coaching* with a focus on the professional development of physical education teachers and sports coaches, physical education as culture - Eastern and Western perspectives, physical education as health education and health promotion, moral and ethical issues in sport pedagogy and aspects of coaching and the coaching process.

National Federation of Australia Japan Societies

The National Federation of Australia Japan Societies was awarded a travel grant to enable 17 regional and youth representatives from around Australia to attend its biennial conference held in Coffs Harbour on 25-27 July 2008. The theme of the conference was "Taking it One Step Further" which explored ways in which individual societies could expand their membership bases, undertake new and innovative activities and maintain effective

linkages with other bilateral bodies in Australia such as the Australia Sister City Association. Delegates from twelve member societies, executive members of the National Federation and a Japanese delegation from Kobe attended the event. Coffs Harbour was the first city outside a capital city to host a national conference and, in 2008, the city celebrated 20 years of its sister city relationship with Sasebo on the Island of Kyushu.

Basil Archer's Diary: An Australian in Occupied Japan

Dr Sandra Wilson, Associate Professor, Japanese Studies, School of Social Sciences and Humanities, Murdoch University, commenced work on the publication of the handwritten diary of Mr Basil Archer, an Australian who served in the British Commonwealth Occupation Force in Japan in 1946-47. Dr Wilson also conducted a series of interviews with Mr Archer designed to clarify and amplify the material in the diary. Mr Archer and his wife met senior academics in the Faculty of Arts and Education and staff and students from Asian Studies at Murdoch University in June 2008.

Conference of the International Society for Plant Anaerobiosis

Dr Brian Atwell, Associate Professor of Biology, Macquarie University, and member of the editorial board of Japan's leading plant science journal, *Journal of Plant Research*, attended the 9th Conference of the International Society for Plant Anaerobiosis held in Matsushima, Japan, on 19-24 November 2007. The conference was co-sponsored by the OECD. The theme was "Molecular, Physiological and Ecological Adaptations to Flooded Conditions by Crops and Native Plants". While flooding attracts less media attention than salinity and drought, it is a central constraint on world food production and has particular relevance in Japan, where rice is widely grown, and Australia, where poor soil management and erratic climatic events exacerbate soil anaerobiosis. Dr Atwell discussed new discoveries and ongoing research into the response of plants to flooding with his Japanese counterparts, including Professor Takayuki Hoson, Osaka City University.



Australian delegates to the 9th Conference of the International Society for Plant Anaerobiosis held in Matsushima, Japan, on 19-24 November 2007. Photos courtesy of Dr Brian Atwell.

Australian Rugby Union – Coach and Referee Training

Mr George Ayoub, a professional referee for Australian Rugby Union, a Test Referee and member of the International Rugby Boards Television Match Official Panel, conducted a number of training courses with the Japanese Rugby Football Union to help align its structure and operations with other professional unions in the world. The courses held in Japan included a training program for Japanese top league referees, referee coaches/selectors and club coaches on 22-26 May 2008 and a Referee Performance Assessment Procedures Course at a summer camp for top league referees on 31 July-4 August 2008. The four-day camp focussed on updating participants on the new match protocols issued recently by the International Rugby Board. It also provided an opportunity for Mr Ayoub to review the performance of Japanese referees who had officiated at a number of games during the camp. The project helped consolidate and expand the strong existing relationship between Australian Rugby Union and Japan Rugby Football Union.

Prospect High School – Tsuga Junior High School Cultural Exchange 2008

The Prospect High School – Tsuga Machi Junior High School Cultural Exchange Program was initiated by the town council of Tsuga in 2007. With AJF support 13 Australian students from Prospect High School in Launceston, Tasmania, visited Tsuga in Tochigi Prefecture, on 9-17 June 2008. The students formed friendships and shared experiences of each other's culture, language and customs. The exchange project is an outstanding example of the strong community ties between Australia and Japan which are supported and maintained through vibrant sister school relationships.



*Australian students from Prospect High School in Tasmania visit their Japanese sister school in Tsuga.
Photo courtesy of Mr Stuart Walls.*

Japan Parliamentary Debate Union and Free Debate Inc. Spring Seminar 2008 and Hiroshima-Tokyo Debate Seminars

The 2008 Australia-Japan Spring Debaters' Seminar, jointly organised by the Japan Parliamentary Debate Union and Free Debate Incorporated, was held at Yoyogi National Youth Centre on 2-4 March 2008. Free Debate selected four Australian coaches, Fiona Prowse, Ivan Ah Sam, Jacob Clifton, and Nicole Lynch, to participate in the program. Over 250 Japanese university debaters, high school students, adjudicators and alumni attended the seminar which enabled participants to gain valuable debating skills from the Australian coaches. Delegates participated in group work and individual exercises aimed at improving their skills in preparing and delivering persuasive speeches. A reception for 35 former debate alumni facilitated more informal discussion between the participants. Building on the success of this seminar, Free Debate subsequently sent an Australian debating coach to Hiroshima and Tokyo in August 2008 to speak to Japanese students about Australian and international perspectives on debating and critical thinking.

The Australia-Japan debate seminars in Japan have been supported by the AJF since 2003. Over this period, the organisations have helped raise debating practice in Japan to a new level and promoted constructive engagement between Australian and Japanese student debaters, adjudicators and coaches. Free Debate Incorporated is an Australian not-for-profit organisation which aims to foster free and fair debate in society with a focus on 'helping the under-privileged, the under-represented and the under-prepared'. The organisation provides debate-related consulting, coaching and facilitation services to needy individuals and organisations, including schools, charities, non-government organisations, community groups, local government and business.



The 2008 Australia-Japan Spring Debaters' Seminar. Photo courtesy of Free Debate Inc.

Japanese Junior Wheelchair Basketball Team: Day of Difference Games

The AJF funded participation by a team of Japanese junior wheelchair basketball players in the “Day of Difference” Games hosted by Wheelchair Sports New South Wales in Sydney on 29 September–7 October 2007. The aim of the project was to train the Japanese team in organising and managing international junior tournaments and to provide an opportunity for the Japanese coaches to observe and exchange ideas with their Australian counterparts on coaching techniques and elite athlete development. More than 200 junior athletes from Australia and other nations participated. The Japanese team consisted of six players, two team officials and a referee. One player from Northern Territory and two from Tasmania were made honorary members of the Japanese team.



Japan Junior Wheelchair Basketball Team participation in the Day of Difference Junior Games held in Sydney in September-October 2007. Photo courtesy of Yoshikazu Noguchi, Japan Wheelchair Basketball Federation

“Wicked” - Step Sisters – Stepping Up Sister City Relationships

Australian journalist Donna Kelly and photographer Kyle Barnes reported on the social and economic linkages between five Australia-Japan sister cities in regional and metropolitan newspapers in both countries. The cities included Susono-Frankston, Muroto-Port Lincoln, Inagawa-Ballarat, Kagoshima-Perth and Koshigaya-Campelltown. The project helped raise the profile of sister city relationships and highlighted the strength of the existing partnerships between the two countries at the local government level. Feature articles were published in The Port Lincoln Times, The Ballarat Courier and The Frankston Leader.

Internet-Based Interactive Teaching Environment for Cytotechnologists in Australia and Japan.

Associate Professor Todd Walker, School of Science and Engineering, University of Ballarat, was invited to speak at the 49th Spring Conference of Clinical Cytology held in Tokyo on 5-15 June 2008. Professor Walker also used the occasion to pursue a proposal to establish an internet-based interactive teaching environment for cytotechnologists in Australia and Japan with the Joint Education Committee of the Japanese Society of Cytotechnologists and the Japanese Society of Clinical Cytology.

His visit also helped formalise an educational collaboration between the Australian Society of Cytology and the Japanese Society of Cytotechnologists and facilitated the establishment of a joint Australia–Japan educational forum which will explore possibilities for sharing educational resources, including software, cytology syllabus, tutorials and examinations and a permanent online learning environment. The online environment also has potential application as a means of enabling members to gain continuing education points for their professional accreditation and registration.



*Associate Professor Todd Walker meets with the Japanese Society of Cytotechnologist's Committee for International Affairs. Professor Tadao Kobayashi sits to Professor Walker's immediate left.
Photo courtesy of Associate Professor Todd Walker.*

Exhibition of Abstract Paintings by Australian Artist, Jane McKay

Award-winning Australian artists Jane McKay held her first solo exhibition of abstract painting in conjunction with Artforum Jarfo Gallery in Kyoto from 20 May to 1 June 2008. The exhibition titled, *Land and Water*, included 20 large canvasses depicting the earth, sea and sky.

Norwood 'Bears' Volleyball Club

The Norwood 'Bears' Volleyball Club, 2008 South Australian State League Champions, toured Japan from 7-18 October 2008. The team played a series of matches and participated in numerous cultural and community activities, including a formal exchange with the Japanese club, Neo-Zeon of Muika-machi, and participated in English conversation lessons in a number of Japanese educational institutions, including Hakkai High School and the International University of Japan.



The Norwood Bears received at the Australian Embassy, Tokyo



Norwood players at a coaching clinic for local high school children, Hakkai Koku, Japan

10th Nippon Agoonoree, Japan (Jamboree for Scouts and Guides with special needs)

An Australian disabled scout contingent from Victoria, led by Fr. Grant Morrow OAM, participated in the 10th Agoonoree hosted by the Scout Association of Japan in Kobe on 27 July-10 August 2008. The aim of the visit was to build bridges of friendship between Australia and Japan by 'working, playing, learning and living as scouts together'. Photos and stories of the past disabled scouting exchanges between Australia and Japan since 1981 will be reproduced in a retrospective bilingual book to mark the 100th anniversary of the scouting movement in 2008.



The Australian contingent to the 10th Agoonoree in Kobe, Japan.



Australian and Japanese scouts make new friends. Photos courtesy of Fr Grant Morrow, OAM.

Symposium on Contemporary Australian Literature

A symposium on contemporary Australian literature was held at Daikanyama, Hillside Forum in Tokyo on 30-31 May 2008. It included the launch of the collection *Contemporary Australian Short Stories: Reflections on Multicultural Society*, co-edited by Kate Darian-Smith (The University of Melbourne) and Yasue Arimitsu (Doshisha University and published by Gendai-Kikakushitsu Publishers: Tokyo). The book is the first anthology of contemporary Australian short stories on issues of cultural diversity, addressing issues such as multiculturalism and the relations between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians, to be translated into Japanese. The project helped promote Australian literature, art and history in Japan and enabled a wider audience to learn from experts in the field of Australian Studies, including an exploration of issues of cultural diversity. It also facilitated cross-cultural dialogue between writers, academics and translators in Japan and Australia.

Asahi Beer Oyamazaki Villa Museum of Art: Art as a Bridge

Three contemporary visual artists, including Australian-born photographer, Ms Selena Ou, participated in a residency in Oyamazaki from 10 July-7 September 2008. An exhibition of their works were included in the program for ARTFESTA in Oyamazaki 2008. Ms Ou also exhibited at the Kyoto University of Art and Design gallery in Kyoto City.



"Art as a Bridge" exhibition at Asahi Beer Oyamazaki Villa Museum of Art, Kyoto Japan, 10 July - 7 September 2008. Australian photographer Ms Selina Ou with people of Oyamazaki town. Photo courtesy of Mr Junichi Yamashiro, Asahi Beer Oyamazaki Villa Museum of Art.

Cowra Gardens - Japanese Gardening Exchange

Mr Justin Smith, head gardener at the Japanese gardens in Cowra, will visit Japan in April 2009 to discuss the establishment of an annual exchange between Cowra and the Tokyo metropolitan government and other public garden research staff in Japan. The project will help build personal and institutional linkages between Australia and Japan on the maintenance of Japanese style gardens.

OUTPUT 5: COMMUNICATION, INFORMATION AND ADVOCACY (DEPARTMENTAL FUNDS)

Goal: To promote public awareness and advocacy programs in Australia and Japan which strengthen the bilateral relationship. To ensure effective management and promotion of the AJF's program of work in Australia and Japan.

The full list of the projects funded under the Communications, Information and Advocacy program is provided at Appendix A.

AJF Achievement Awards

The purpose of the awards is to recognise and reward enduring contributions made by Japanese individuals and organisations to Australia-Japan relationship. The following six nominations for 2007-08 were approved by the AJF Board in December 2007. The presentation ceremony was attended by the Honourable Stephen Smith MP, Minister for Foreign Affairs, at the Ambassador's Residence on 9 May 2008.

2007-08 AJF Achievement Awards

Names	Category	Reasons for the awards
The Ishibashi Foundation	Visual Arts	For significant achievements in the field of artistic exchange between Australia and Japan. The Foundation manages the Bridgestone Art Museum which hosted a major Australian art exhibition entitled "Prism: Contemporary Australian Art" in 2006.
Mr Yoshio Wada	Performing Arts	For his longstanding efforts to promote Australian theatre and links between Australia and Japan. Mr Wada is the founder and director of the Rakutendan theatre company and Chair of the Japan Directors Association. Mr Wada has been actively involved in introducing Australian plays to Japan, translated into Japanese. Known for his expertise in the field of modern Aboriginal theatre, Mr Wada has worked on collaborative Australia-Japan theatre productions and has invited many Australian directors and playwrights to Japan.

2007-08 AJF Achievement Awards (cont.)

Mr Kaoru Nakashima and Mr Amane Konishi, Japan Rugby League Association	Sports	For their tireless contribution to grass-roots sports-based exchange between Australia and Japan as members of the Japan Rugby League Association, including the promotion of OZTag, a recreational form of rugby league for all ages.
Mr Masaaki Nagasawa, Hakubaku Co., Ltd.	Trade	For his advocacy of closer commercial ties between Australia and Japan through his work at Hakubaku Australia, based in Victoria. Hakubaku Co., Ltd. pioneered the production of organic dried noodles in Australia and has made a major contribution to the development of this product. Mr Nagasawa has also been active in promoting exchange at the community level by introducing Japan's culinary traditions to Australians.
The Australian Studies Association of Japan	Academic	For the outstanding contribution by the Australian Studies Association of Japan over 18 years to promote and develop Australian studies at universities and other higher education institutions in Japan.
Mr Mitsuaki Tanabe	Agriculture	For his outstanding contribution as an artist to inspire an awareness of the need for environment conservation. Mr Tanabe is a sculptor who uses art to promote the in-situ conservation of wild rice. Mr Tanabe is currently working on a sculpture based on the same theme using a giant rock formation on the outskirts of Darwin. His projects have been made possible through the cooperation of the Australian government and the Aboriginal community.



From left, Mr Stephen Smith MP, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr Hiroshi Ishibashi (The Ishibashi Foundation), Mr Yoshio Wada, Mr Amane Konishi, Mr Kaoru Nakashima, Mr Yoshimori Endo (on behalf of Mr Masaaki Nagasawa), Prof Masami Sekine (The Australian Studies Association of Japan), Mr Mitsuaki Tanabe and the Australian Ambassador; Mr Murray McLean OAM.

Photo courtesy of Robin Roy Julius, Electronics Media Administrator, Australian Embassy Tokyo

Experience Australia Kits

In consultation with Japanese education specialists, the AJF commissioned the production of the Experience Australia Integrated Studies Kit in 2002. The Kit's pedagogy enables Japanese children to explore various aspects of Australian life and culture. It includes teacher's guides in Japanese and English making it easy for both Japanese and foreign teachers to use. The materials can be applied in the teaching of a range of subjects including integrated studies, English language, international education, social studies, science, music and physical education.

Over 200 kits were distributed to around 120 recipients in 2007-08, including Japanese Boards of Education, schools and universities, as well as Australians teaching English in Japanese schools under the Japanese Exchange Teacher (JET) program. Australia is one of the most popular school trip destinations for Japanese schools and the kits are frequently used by Japanese teachers and students prior to their travel.

The management of EA Kits was handed over to 88 Japanese Boards of Education, schools and universities in 2007-08. The storage and distribution of the remaining 30 kits for use by Australian JET program participants is managed by the Japanese company, Gakken Logistics.

Discover Eco Australia Educational Software and Resource Materials

Discover Eco Australia is a Japanese-language CD-ROM which introduces Australia's unique natural environment and policies and practices for its conservation and sustainable management to Japanese schools and environmental institutions. Students complete listening comprehension activities in the classroom using the online videos. The software also includes English narrations and the complete English script of the video materials. The materials were developed for the AJF in December 2005 and its distribution outsourced to a Japanese company, Gakken Logistics, in 2006-07.

Corporate Identity

A new AJF graphic for use on portable display banners and other promotional material was designed by Wilton Hanford Hanover Publishing Pty. Ltd. The design depicts a gum leaf intertwined with cherry blossoms – the traditional botanical emblems associated with Australia and Japan respectively. The AJF purchased six banners for use at events in Australia and Japan.



ADMINISTRATIVE OVERVIEW

The period 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008 represents the first full financial year of the AJF's operation since it was merged into the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT). DFAT assumed responsibility for all AJF staffing overheads, operating expenses, asset depreciation and related costs on 1 December 2006.

Funding

As part of the transition arrangements the AJF was guaranteed funding of \$1,000,000 in 2007-08. The Department of Finance also agreed that the balance of \$704,563 from 2006-07 could be carried over to 2007-08.

Corporate Governance

The Minister for Foreign Affairs has overall responsibility for the AJF which is part of the Foreign Affairs and Trade portfolio. DFAT has oversight of AJF corporate governance practices through the participation of the Ex Officio Board member. The Secretariat ensures compliance with the department's financial and administrative guidelines.

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. These Statements have been incorporated into the DFAT Annual Report 2007-08.

Assets Management

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 are conducted in accordance with the *Commonwealth Procurement Guidelines*, industry development policies and 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 financial year to discuss emerging issues in the bilateral relationship, to identify future funding priorities and to monitor the progress and performance of its programs. Members may also election to conduct some Board business inter-sessionally as required or to form subcommittees to oversee particular projects. AJF Board meetings held during the reporting period were:

Meeting No.	Location	Date
113	Canberra	15 August 2007
114	Canberra	6 December 2007
115	Canberra	15 May 2008

Remuneration

Board members receive sitting fees and travel expenses in line with Remuneration Tribunal determinations for part-time members of non-statutory bodies when undertaking AJF business.

Applications for Awards and Funding

The AJF grant program was advertised in The Australian, The Courier Mail, The Canberra Times, The West Australian, The Sydney Morning Herald, The Adelaide Advertiser and The Mercury, The Age and the Northern Territory News on 18 August 2007. The AJF Secretariat at the Australian Embassy in Tokyo promoted the grants program and the AJF Sir Neil Currie Awards in Japan. The Australian Embassy in Japan promotes the grant program in Japan through its public diplomacy activities and broader outreach to key stakeholders and interest groups in Japan.

Funding guidelines and downloadable copies of the application form are available on the AJF website www.ajf.australia.or.jp. Hard copies can also be requested from the AJF Secretariat in Canberra and Tokyo.

APPENDIX A

2007-08 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Receipts and Expenditure 2007-08

Receipts

Appropriation	1,000,000
Repayment of grant from 2006-07	2,845
Carry-over from 2006-07	704,563
Total Receipts	1,707,408

Expenditure

Grants

Economics and Trade	208,948
Security, Regional and International Relations	43,266
Education and Science	783,956
Society and Culture	525,921
Subtotal Grants	1,562,091

Board and Secretariat Expenses	105,568
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Total Expenditure	1,667,676
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Unexpected Funds	39,732
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AUSTRALIA-JAPAN FOUNDATION FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2007-08

Project Amount

Economics and Trade

Australia-Japan Research Centre, Australian National University - Crawford-Nishi Lecture Series	15,000
Professions Australia - Young Professionals Exchange: Heath and Ageing	59,948
Business South Australia Export Awards	5,000
Manuel Panagiotopoulos, Australian and Japanese Economic Intelligence (AJEI) Communications - Bilateral Business Survey and Monograph	40,000
The Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research, University of Melbourne - Survey of Australian Enterprises Doing Business with Japan	89,000

SUBTOTAL	208,948	12.5%
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Security and International Relations

The Lowy Institute for International Policy - Iconference in <i>Institutionalising Interests: Japan-Australia Relations in the 21st Century</i>	26,500
Department of International Relations, Australian National University - Workshop on <i>Emerging Australia-Japan Security Cooperation: A Catalyst for Strategic Rivalry or Regional Order-Building</i>	16,766

SUBTOTAL	43,266	2.6%
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Education and Science

Questacon 20th Anniversary Program	120,000
Australia-Japan Research Centre, Australian National University - Distinguished Visiting Fellowship	100,000
Dr Leon Wolff, University of New South Wales - Aust. Network for Japanese Law	29,627
Centre for Pacific and American Studies, University of Tokyo - Australian Studies	25,000
Monash University Special Research Centre for Green Chemistry: Forum on <i>Australian Research Advances in Green Chemistry: New Opportunities for Sustainable Industry</i>	30,000
AJF Sir Neil Currie Award Program	98,000
Australian Studies Association of Japan - Annual Conference and Lecture Series	45,000
Japan Studies Centre, Monash University - Short Term Fellowships for Japanese Scholars	10,500

Ryebuck Media Pty. Ltd., - Investigating the Australia-Japan Connection: <i>Curriculum Materials for Australian High Schools</i>	48,000
Australia Library, Otemon Gakuin University - Purchase of Australian Resource Materials	10,000
Australia Library, Otemon Gakuin University - Digital Database	58,000
Hokkaido University and Murdoch University - Australia-Japan Symposium on <i>Biological Interactions with Plant Roots and Aerial Tissues</i>	20,000
Griffith University, Sports Technology Collaboration	18,000
CSIRO and Keio University - Collaborative Research on the Development of Environmental Statistics	40,000
Dr Sonia Mycak, University of Sydney: Australian Studies for University Students in the Tokai Area of Japan	30,000
ER Productions Pty Ltd - Talkback Classroom Forum	32,744
Australian Academy of Social Sciences - Australian-Japan Demographic and Social Research Projects	22,500
Discover Eco Australia - Environment Symposium	21,586
University of Southern Queensland: Conference on the application of fibre composites in civil infrastructure	25,000

SUBTOTAL	783,956	47.0%
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Society and Culture

Dr Ian Pfennigwerth - Research towards biography of Sam Stening, Australian Naval POW Doctor	15,000
Ms Linda Miley - The Life and Legacy of Tomitaro Fujii: Japanese Pearl Diver of the Torres Strait	20,000
Dr Les Terry, Victoria University - Social history of the Takasuka family in the Victorian Mallee	10,000
Ronin Films - <i>Emily in Japan</i> Documentary Film	30,000
National Museum of Australia - Utopia, the Genius of Emily Kame Kngwarreye	120,000
Asialink - Strategic Ties for the Arts Initiative	50,000
Rock Challenge-Japan	20,000
National Federation of Australia Japan Societies - Institutional reform and membership drive	30,000
Patrick Togher Artists' Management - Collaboration between Opera Australia - New National Theatre of Tokyo	16,405

Community Grants Program

Dr Sandra Wilson, Murdoch University - <i>Basil Archer's Diaries, An Australian in Occupied Japan</i>	3,850
Dr Sonia Mycak, University of Sydney - Australian Studies Summer Intensive Course for Japanese undergraduates	10,000
Dr Brian Atwell, Murdoch University - Attendance at conference of the International Society for Plant Anaerobiosis	3,778
National Federation of Australia Japan Societies Annual Conference 2008 Coffs Harbour	10,000
Australian Rugby Union - Coach and Referee Training for Japan Rugby Football Association	10,000
Japan Rugby League - Promotion of Oz Tag	5,000
School of Human Movement University of Queensland - 2008 World Congress of the International Association of Physical Education in Higher Education (AIESEP)	10,000
A/Prof. Todd Walker, University of Ballarat - Internet-Based Interactive Teaching Environment for Cytotechnologists in Australia and Japan	8,800
Dr Kumi Kato, University of Queensland - Forum on Public Spaces	9,930
Jane McKay, Red Griffin Art Exhibition in Japan	4,420
Professor Kate Darian-Smith, University of Melbourne - Symposium on Australian Fiction	8,760
Japan Parliamentary Debate Union and Free Debate Inc. Spring Seminar 2008 and Hiroshima-Tokyo Debate Seminars	10,000
Japan Association for Promotion of International Understanding (JAPIU) - Train the Trainers: TESOL program for Japanese teachers at Macquarie University	10,000
Dr Stephen Wang, Swinburne University of Technology - Teaching Information Design collaboration with Tokyo Zokei University	2,500
Donna Kelly and Kyle Barnes - Reporting on Sister City Relationships	9,000
Callaghan College, Newcastle - Sister School Exchange	5,000
Melbourne Writers' Festival - Collaboration with Japanese writers	8,832
Japan Australia Business Cooperation Committee (JABCC) - Symposium on Food and Energy Security	9,470
Japanese Wheelchair Basketball Team participation in Day of Difference Games	6,872
Professor Kate Darian Smith, Symposium on Australian Fiction - Supplement for book launch	5,000

Warwick District Football Association - Exchange visit to Japan	10,000
Fr Grant Morrow- Australian contingent to 10th Nippon Agoonoree, Japan (Jamboree for Scouts and Guides with special needs)	10,000
Norwood Bears Volleyball Team - Exchange visit to Japan	10,000
Prospect High School – Tsuga Junior High School Cultural Exchange 2008	10,000
Dr Michael Fowler - The Japanese Garden as a Model for Eco-Structuralist Sound Design	5,304
Art as a Bridge - Photographic Exhibition by Ms Selena Ou	8,000
Cowra Gardens - Japanese Gardening Exchange	10,000
SUBTOTAL	525,921 31.5%
SUBTOTAL GRANTS	1,562,090.56
Communication, Information and Advocacy	
Board and Secretariat Expenses	105,586
SUBTOTAL	105,586
SUBTOTAL BOARD AND SECRETARIAT	6.3% 105,585.51
GRAND TOTAL	100% 1,667,676.00

APPENDIX B

AUSTRALIA-JAPAN FOUNDATION BUSINESS PLAN 2007-08

Introduction

The role of the Australia-Japan Foundation (AJF) is to support Australia's foreign and trade policy interests. The AJF provides support to individuals and organisations for projects that build partnerships to increase influence in, and understanding of, the relationship. The Board should consult as widely as possible with individuals, organisations, enterprises and government departments and agencies associated with or concerned with the broadening of relations between Australia and Japan.

Objectives

The AJF program and budget will support Australia's foreign and trade policy interests by facilitating activities that:

- increase understanding in Japan of shared interests with Australia;
- increase understanding in Australia of the importance of Japan to Australia as an economic and strategic partner; and
- increase recognition in Japan of Australian excellence and expertise

(AJF Orders in Council, 30 November 2006)

In 2007-08, the AJF will develop programs and projects under five main themes:

Economics and Trade
Security and International Relations
Education and Science
Society and Culture
Communications, Information and Advocacy

Funding strategy

The AJF has been allocated \$1,000,000 from the International Relations Grants Program for 2007-08. Following the AJF's re-formation, effective from 1 December 2006, as a non-statutory bilateral body within the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, its funding strategy is now in line with other departmental Foundations, Councils and Institutes. There will be an increased focus on providing grants and establishing funding agreements with other bodies to deliver AJF programs and projects. The AJF will continue the **Community Grants Program** established as part of the 2006 Australia-Japan Year of Exchange. It will also seek **Expressions of Interest** for major one-off projects in 2007-08 to be funded from the \$704,563 carry-over from 2006-07. The Minister for Foreign Affairs approved the transfer of these funds to the department from the former AJF's special account in November 2006.

ECONOMICS AND TRADE

\$150,000

Increase public and corporate awareness of, and facilitate informed discussion on, the mutual importance of the Australia-Japan **economic relationship**.

- Young leader's exchanges
- Bilateral visits by influential individuals
- Seminars, workshops and lectures
- Expert participation in high-level conferences
- Academic partnerships
- Business networking events

SECURITY AND INTERNATIONAL

\$75,000

Increase public and corporate awareness of, and facilitate informed discussion on, the mutual importance of the emerging bilateral **security relationship** between Australia and Japan.

- Bilateral visits by influential individuals
- Seminars, workshops and lectures
- Expert participation in high-level conferences
- Conferences/roundtable discussions convened by the non-government sector
- Academic partnerships

EDUCATION AND SCIENCE

\$305,000

Research, dialogue and exchange in areas that increase understanding of the contemporary Australia-Japan relationship, including language, demography, social change, ageing, gender, environment, innovation and technology, and cultural issues.

- Selection of Australian Studies Chair at Tokyo University
- AJF Sir Neil Currie Awards
 - Post-graduate scholarships
 - Curriculum Development Awards
 - Publications Awards
- Australian studies in Japan at secondary and tertiary levels
- Professional, industry and trade exchanges
- Academic partnerships
- Linkages between leading educational and scientific institutions
- Support for selected Japanese studies in Australia
- Australian academic resource materials in Japan
- Seminars, lectures and expert attendance at high-level conferences

SOCIETY AND CULTURE

\$300,000

Cultural and social exchange in areas that improve the understanding of, or directly impact on, the bilateral relationship, including in a regional context. Media and community-based activities which increase mutual understanding and goodwill between Australia and Japan.

- Prestigious Australian visual and performing arts events in Japan
- Support for leading and emerging Australian arts practitioners in Japan
- Collaboration and partnerships
- Support for player, coach or umpire exchanges in mutually popular sports such as baseball, kendo, rugby and soccer
- Community Grants Program
- Capacity-building of Australia-Japan and Japan-Australia Societies

COMMUNICATION, INFORMATION & ADVOCACY

\$90,000

Public awareness and advocacy programs in Australia and Japan which strengthen the bilateral relationship. The management and promotion of the AJF's program of work.

- Annual AJF Address by a prominent leader in the Australia-Japan relationship.
- Media recognition and achievement awards
- General recognition and achievement awards
- Website

ADMINISTRATION AND BOARD COSTS

\$80,000

- Three board meetings per calendar year
- Additional ad hoc board meetings or attendance at AJF events
- Program development, implementation and oversight by the Secretariat.
- Development and production of promotional and advocacy materials
- Annual Report

CARRY-OVER FROM 2006-07	
AJF Program	Notional allocation
Economics and Trade	\$100,000
Security, Regional and International Relations	nil
Education and Science	\$351,000
Society and Culture	\$160,000
Communication, Information and Advocacy	\$94,000
TOTAL	\$705,000

APPENDIX C

AUSTRALIA-JAPAN FOUNDATION STRATEGIC PLAN 2007-2010

Mission Statement

Australia – Japan: Broadening interests in a growing strategic relationship.

Function of the Board

The function of the Board is to *strengthen the Australia-Japan relationship in ways that support Australia's foreign and trade policy interests* (AJF Orders in Council, 30 November 2006).

Objectives

The objectives of the Australia-Japan Foundation (AJF) 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.

Themes

To achieve its objectives, the AJF will deliver high quality programs and projects under the following five themes:

- 1) Economics and Trade** - The promotion and expansion of Australia's trade and investment relationship with Japan
- 2) Security and Regional/International Relations** - Australia and Japan's shared contribution to promoting peace and stability in the region and globally
- 3) Education and Science** - Cooperation between individuals and institutions in Australia and Japan which enhances research and teaching in contemporary areas of mutual interest
- 4) Society and Culture** - Professional, community and institutional linkages between Australia and Japan which enhance mutual understanding, friendship and goodwill
- 5) Communication, Information and Advocacy** - The development and distribution of comprehensive, relevant and up-to-date information about Australia-Japan relations, and projecting an accurate and positive image of Australia in Japan.

Goals/Priorities

- Increase public and corporate awareness of, and facilitate informed discussion on, the mutual importance of the Australia-Japan **economic relationship**
- Increase public and corporate awareness of, and facilitate informed discussion on, the emerging bilateral **security relationship** between Australia and Japan

- Promote **cultural and social research, dialogue and exchange** in areas that improve the understanding of, or directly impact on, the bilateral relationship, including in a regional context
- Encourage the development of Australia-Japan **partnerships on contemporary issues of shared interest** such as ageing, social change, gender, environment, innovation, technology
- Support the development of **Australian studies in Japan**, and where appropriate, of **Japanese studies in Australia**
- Maintain high quality and accessible **information** about the broader Australia-Japan relationship
- Contribute to the development of **communication and advocacy** programs in Australia and Japan which strengthen the bilateral relationship.

Implementation

The AJF will achieve its objectives by engaging individuals and organisations to deliver projects in Australia and Japan with the expectation that they will become self sustaining. Recognising the importance of media, community and grass roots support in underpinning the relationship, the AJF will give priority to projects that meet the following criteria:

- have the potential to deliver medium to longer term outcomes
- increase engagement by current and future influential supporters and advocates of the relationship
- are leveraged from larger high profile events to maximise benefits and minimise costs

Performance

The AJF's performance will be 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).

Recipients of AJF funding are required to submit a written report on the project outcomes, participation numbers and media coverage, future activities arising from the project as well as details of any lessons learned (AJF Acquittal Report).

APPENDIX D

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. (1) 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.
- (2) 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:
 - (a) to provide administrative support for the Board;
 - (b) to implement the recommendations of the Board; and
 - (c) 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