TRANSLITERATION OF FOREIGN WORDS

The Hepburn system of Romanization is used for Japanese terms, including the names of persons and places. Except for familiar place names, long vowels are indicated by macrons. An apostrophe is used to distinguish syllable-final “n” from “n” at the beginning of a syllable.

The local custom of placing the family name first has been followed for the names of Japanese, Chinese, Korean, and Vietnamese persons.

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The International House of Japan, incorporated in 1952, is a private, nonprofit membership organization committed to furthering international goodwill and mutual understanding. Housed in a handsome structure originally built in 1955, enlarged in 1976 and renovated in 2006, it is a working international community directly engaged in a variety of programs that embody free exchange and the interaction of ideas to foster a climate favorable to international cooperation.
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The year 2016 witnessed many historical events that compelled us to think about peace. Then US President Barack Obama was the first sitting American president to visit Hiroshima. Ten refugee athletes from four countries competed together as the Refugee Olympic Team, and South Sudan and Kosovo have been recognized and participated in the Rio 2016 Summer Olympic Games for the first time. However, the world has become ever more unstable in an environment marked by increasing horrors, such as indiscriminate terrorism and threats from North Korea. The unexpected results of Brexit and the election of Donald Trump revealed the serious divisions of society in both countries and startled the rest of the world. While the world has faced such hatred and violence, the International House of Japan (I-House) has been conducting various programs based on our philosophy to contribute to peacebuilding by promoting cultural exchange and intellectual cooperation between the peoples of Japan and those of other countries.

During Fiscal 2016, we continued our regular program series, such as the Asia Leadership Fellow Program, Nitobe Leadership Program, US-Japan Creative Artist Program, programs to understand Japan and the I-House Lunchtime Lecture, inviting a variety of speakers from Japan and abroad.

The highlight program in Fiscal 2016 was Architalk, launched to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the completion of preservation and renewal of the original I-House building. By inviting architects who work actively in Japan and abroad to I-House, the only building designed through a collaboration of three eminent modern Japanese architects—Maekawa Kunio, Sakakura Junzo, Yoshimura Junzo—this program is designed to think about the modern world through architecture as well as provide an opportunity for dialogue between current and future architects.

In addition, I-House hosted the Japan premiere screening of Paper Lanterns, an American documentary film featuring Mr. Mori Shigeaki, who spent decades researching the American prisoners of war who were killed in the Hiroshima bombing. We believe that the existence of this film helped create the memorable scene of President Obama exchanging an emotional embrace with Mr. Mori in front of the Peace Flame in Hiroshima.

I must also mention the long-sought lecture by a prominent Islamic scholar, Professor Tariq Ramadan, under the Ushiba Fellowship. He delivered the message that "loving peace is not enough," and passionately called for patiently persevering and having the courage to speak out, as well as the importance of wisdom and creativity.

I am pleased that the quarterly bilingual newsletter we launched in 2013, I-House
Quarterly, continues to receive many favorable responses. In addition, program reports and videos in full or in edited format are available on the I-House website. Back issues of the IHJ Bulletin, published biannually until 2013, and announcements about members-only events are also available on our members-only website.

In library activities, three sessions of the Reading about Japan at I-House Library program which started in 2013 were held. Dr. John C. Weber, who is a world-renowned Japanese art collector, talked about his passion for collecting art, writer Ms. Itoh Keiko presented the history of the Japanese community in Britain, and with moderation by Mr. Ogoura Kazuo, who is a Senior Advisor of the Japan Foundation, a special drama reading session of The Dreaming of the Bones by W. B. Yeats was performed by English actors with the Nishikigi performed by Noh performers. All sessions were well received this year too. Such activities and daily library operations were recognized publicly with the library receiving the Award for Organizations of Distinguished Services from the Japan Special Libraries Association. Additionally, considering the important role I-House played in post-war international intellectual cultural exchange, we have started preparation for archiving stored documents, photos, and audio recordings.

The annual banquet for our members and their guests invited Mr. Matsumoto Kôshirô, Kabuki actor. Mr. Matsumoto recounted interesting stories of when he was starring on Broadway for the first time for a Japanese.

Regarding the Roppongi 5-chôme West District Urban Area Redevelopment Project, on which we have earlier reported, we will continue to examine the new basic plan draft to be presented this fall and the urban plan draft that is expected to be formulated around the end of the year; we have also established the Committee for Redevelopment of the Roppongi 5-chôme West District to consider our response as I-House. We will keep our members informed of major developments that directly involve I-House.

As we celebrate the 70th anniversary of establishment in five years, I-House will continue its various program activities to promote understanding of the world and the Japanese people, and to further cultural exchanges and exchange of persons. At the same time we will strive to strengthen our facilities and services to meet the needs of our members and visitors. We humbly ask for your kind support and encouragement.

September 2017

Akashi Yasushi
Chairman
I. Promotion of Intercultural Intellectual Dialogue

Asia Leadership Fellow Program (ALFP)

In joint cooperation with the Japan Foundation, I-House has organized the Asia Leadership Fellow Program (ALFP) since 1996, and a total of 124 fellows have participated in the program to date. ALFP provides selected public intellectuals in the Asian region with the opportunity to reside for approximately two months at I-House and engage in collaborative activities and discussions on common subjects pertinent to the region. Through such intellectual dialogue, the program aims to promote regional and transnational understanding and cooperation, and the creation of a close personal and professional network among intellectual leaders in Asia, as well as with their counterparts in Japan. Fellows come from diverse professional backgrounds, including academia, journalism, publishing, law, education, the arts, NGOs and nonprofit activities.

The theme of the 2016 program was “Seeking Our Commons in Asia: How Can We Create Visions for the Future?” From September 5 to October 28, seven fellows resided at I-House, taking part in workshops, resource seminars and a field trip. Following are the seven 2016 fellows and the program in which they participated during their stay in Japan:

Fujioka Emiko (Japan)
Secretary General, Fukushima Beacon for Global Citizens Network

Amran Hossain (Bangladesh)
Faculty Member, Department of Political Science, University of Dhaka

Lee Taeho (Korea)
Chair, Policy Committee, People’s Solidarity for Participatory Democracy (PSPD)

Phan Ngoc Diem Han (Vietnam)
Chief Executive Officer, Rainbow Media & Entertainment

Kumar Sundaram (India)
Senior Researcher, Coalition for Nuclear Disarmament and Peace

Criselda Yabes (Philippines)
Writer; Journalist (Independent)

Programs and Activities

Field Trip

Seminar
Ayang Utriza Yakin (Indonesia)
Lecturer, State Islamic University of Jakarta (UIN Jakarta); Vice-Chairman, Central Board of Nahdlatul Ulama (NU) for Mosque Affairs

During their fellowship in Japan, the fellows held dialogues and discussion sessions with intellectuals in Japan such as Mr. Tanabe Akio (Professor, University of Tokyo), Mr. Soeya Yoshihide (Professor, Keio University), Mr. Matsuyama Daikô (Deputy Priest, Taizo-in Zen Buddhist Temple), Ms. Kathy Matsui (Vice Chair, Goldman Sachs Japan, Ltd.) and Mr. Ambeth R. Ocampo (Associate Professor, Ateneo de Manila University; ALFP 2014 Fellow). They also visited NHK, Asahi Shimbun and the National Defense Academy of Japan as well as places outside of Tokyo such as Okinawa Prefecture to learn about peace issues, US military base issues, the heritage of Okinawan traditional performing arts, environmental issues and the preservation of traditional culture.
The I-House Ushiba Fellowship annually invites one or two global opinion leaders with distinguished accomplishments in fields such as academia, journalism or foreign policy, who can not only interpret the complexity of current global trends but also have insight into the foreseeable future and beyond. The fellows engage in dialogue with their counterparts about various issues facing global society in the hope that such dialogue will deepen mutual understanding between Japan and other countries. During their stay, fellows give public lectures and participate in seminars and workshops with their counterparts and resource persons.

In Fiscal 2016, I-House invited Dr. Tariq Ramadan (Professor, Oxford University) to Japan for nine days from September 9. During his stay, Dr. Ramadan delivered two lectures, one at I-House (titled “Living Together, Working Together”) and another at the international workshop organized by Project “Towards the Construction of ‘Islam & Gender Studies’” (Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science). He also participated in meetings on interfaith dialogue both in Tokyo and Kyoto. Dr. Ramadan was interviewed by NHK, TV Tokyo, Asahi Shimbun and Iwanami Shoten, further disseminating such dialogue in the media.

This fellowship has been made possible by the endowment subsequent to the dissolution of the Ushiba Memorial Foundation.

**“Living Together, Working Together”**
(September 14)
Speaker: Tariq Ramadan  
*Professor, Oxford University*
Moderator: Iizuka Masato  
*Director, Research Institute for Languages and Cultures of Asia and Africa, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies*

**International Workshop at the University of Tokyo** (September 16)
Organized by Project “Towards the Construction of ‘Islam & Gender Studies’” (Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, Project leader: Professor Nagasawa Eiji, University of Tokyo)
Commemorating the 60th anniversary of Japan-India diplomatic relations, I-House and the Japan Foundation jointly launched the Japan-India Distinguished Visitors Program in 2012. This program invites to Japan eminent Indian public figures who are proposing new values or innovative ideas to change the status quo of society. Fellows are invited for a week to meet counterparts and leaders who are tackling similar issues in Japan in their area of expertise. The fellows also engage in public seminars or lecture programs during their stay.

Dr. Swati A. Piramal, Vice Chairperson of Piramal Enterprises, India’s leading multinational company in healthcare, financial services and information management, was selected as the fellow for Fiscal 2016 and invited to Japan from August 26 to September 2. She has been nominated as one of Business Today’s 25 most powerful women in India for eight consecutive years. During her stay, in addition to a lecture at I-House, Dr. Piramal engaged in a round-table discussion with her counterparts in Japan, including female leaders, academics and journalists.

“India’s New Frontier: Healthcare Technology in Making a Social Impact” (September 1)

Speaker: Swati A. Piramal
Vice Chairperson, Piramal Enterprises

Commentator & Moderator: Takenaka Chiharu
Professor, Rikkyo University

Symposium on Building the Financial System of the 21st Century

half from Japan and half from the United States, composed of senior government officials, politicians and their advisors, heads of financial firms, lawyers and consultants, scholars and a few media representatives. They gather for a two-day, off-the-record discussion of matters affecting the function and stability of the global financial system. Normally three major topics are discussed in detail, focusing on one or both countries, matters of regional concern in Asia or of significance worldwide.

The nineteenth annual symposium, held in Karuizawa, October 28–30, was attended by 135 participants and was devoted to the following three topics:

1. Are we heading for another financial meltdown?—from Europe? Emerging markets? China?
2. Effects, limits and consequences of monetary policy actions in the United States and Japan
3. The implications of the US presidential election outcome for US-Japan relations

II. Development and Training of Human Resources for Multicultural Exchange

Educational Programs

Nitobe Leadership Program

The Nitobe Leadership Program (Nitobe Kokusai Juku in Japanese) started in 2008. It is designed to train young professionals from various organizations and corporations to become public-minded leaders, equipped with a broad perspective to function in an international environment both in and outside the country. Veteran professionals are invited to speak on their experiences, allowing participants (Nitobe Leadership Fellows) to deepen their understanding of such themes as globalization and leadership. In a rapidly changing world, both geopolitically and socially, the program provides a platform for fellows to exchange ideas and reexamine their visions of a better future. A total of 127 fellows have participated in the program to date, forming a Nitobe alumni network.

The Principal of this program is Akashi Yasushi (Chairman of I-House), and the Coordinator is Mr. Watanabe Yasushi (Professor, Faculty of Environmental Information, Keio University). Ms. Chino Keiko (Contributing Editor, Sankei Shimbun), Mr. Kondô Masaakira James (Visiting Scientist, MIT Media Lab) and Mr. Hirabayashi Chris Kunihiiko (Director, UNICEF Tokyo Office) are members of the steering committee of this program. The ninth Nitobe Leadership Program, organized...
between June and December 2016, invited prominent lecturers. Five out of the 14 sessions were open to the general public.

The Fellows were first screened based on application materials (application forms and essays written on a designated theme), then selected through interviews. The ninth-year fellows consisted of 14 individuals aged 32 on average from governments both in and outside Japan, corporations, the media and non-profit organizations. The Nitobe Leadership Program is supported by the Shibusawa Eiichi Memorial Foundation and the MRA Foundation.

Following is a list of the sessions of the 2016 Nitobe Leadership Program:

**“The United States, Japan and the Asian Development Bank in Turbulent Regional Times”** (July 2; public)
Robert M. Orr
*Board of Directors, Council of American Ambassadors*

**Study Tour in Ise-Shima (July 9–10)**

“After the G7 Ise-Shima Summit: The Impact on the Locality”
Suzuki Eikei
*Governor, Mie Prefecture*

**“The History and Contemporary Significance of Ise Shrine”**
Ishigaki Yoshihisa
*Jingu Administration Office Manager*
“Life and Culture of Women Divers”
Kohama Manabu  
*Board of Education Secretariat, Mie Prefecture*  
Hamaguchi Kayuki and six other *ama* (women divers)

“Rebuilding the Japanese Economy: ‘Tourism’ as the True Driving Force” (July 23)
David Atkinson  
*Chairman and CEO, Konishi Decorative Arts & Crafts Co., Ltd.*

“The Power of Breakthrough”  
(August 6; public)
Iwase Daisuke  
*President & COO, Lifenet Insurance Company*
Discussion with an ALFP 2004 Fellow
(August 20)
Kinley Dorji
Journalist; Former Secretary of Ministry of
Communication and Information, Kingdom of
Bhutan

Study Tour to the Shibusawa Memorial
Museum (September 3)
“Shibusawa Eiichi: Love, Valor, and Capitalism”
Shibusawa Ken
Chairman, Commons Asset Management, Inc.;
Board of Directors, Shibusawa Eiichi Memorial
Foundation

Summer Retreat (September 24–25)
“The World in 2030 Seen from a Macroscopic
Perspective”
Watanabe Yasushi
Professor, Keio University
Chino Keiko
Contributing Editor, Sankei Shimbun

“Co-existing: A Quest for Global Peace”
(October 1; public)
Matsuyama Daikô
Deputy Priest, Taizo-in Zen Buddhist Temple,
Kyoto
Discussion Session with the Fellows of the Asia Leadership Fellow Program and the Mike Mansfield Fellowship Program
“Shaping Mirai Tokyo: The Lifestyles of Tokyoites Twenty Years into the Future (2035)” (October 15)

“Shaping Mirai Tokyo: The Lifestyles of Tokyoites Twenty Years into the Future (2035)” (October 15)

Discussion with the Principal (November 12)
Akashi Yasushi
Principal, Nitobe Leadership Program

“Leadership and Teamwork Seen through Judo’s Globalization” (November 26; public)
Yamaguchi Kaori
Bronze medalist at the Seoul Olympics (1988);
Associate Professor, University of Tsukuba

“The Embodiment and Essence of Noh” (October 29; public)
Umewaka Naohiko
Noh master

Discussion with other fellows

Akashi Yasushi

Umewaka Naohiko

Discussion with other fellows

Yamaguchi Kaori

Umewaka Naohiko

Yamaguchi Kaori
Graduation Ceremony (December 3)

Cooperation and Coordination with Overseas Institutions

US-Japan Creative Artists Program Fellowships

Since 1978, I-House has facilitated annual fellowships for American artists to reside in Japan to broaden their careers and expand contacts with Japanese artists. Five (or five groups of) artists are selected from a broad range of fields and they spend three to five months in Japan. This fellowship, the longest continuing program operated by I-House, is sponsored by the Japan-US Friendship Commission with in-kind support by the US National Endowment for the Arts. The Agency for Cultural Affairs (Bunka-chō) provides visa sponsorship, while I-House serves as general advisor and coordinator.

The following American artists were chosen for the 2016 fellowships:

LaTasha N. Nevada Diggs, Interdisciplinary poet (May–July)

Alex Dodge, Visual artist (October–January)

Graham Kolbeins, Filmmaker (March–August)

Sue Mark & Bruce Douglas [marksearch], Interdisciplinary artists (May–October)

Piper Shepard, Textile artist (May–August)
All the Fellows shared their works with local audiences through the JUSFC-sponsored Artists’ Forum series. The following programs were held during Fiscal 2016:

Work-in-Progress Screening and Discussion
“Queer Japan Project” (May 10)
Speaker: Graham Kolbeins
Guest Speakers: Vivienne Satô
  Artist; Film critic; Drag queen
  Iida Hiromi
  Producer

“Queer Japan Project”

Artist Talk “The Textile Art of Piper Shepard” (June 7)
Speaker: Piper Shepard

“The Textile Art of Piper Shepard”
Workshop “Filigree Pattern: Collaborative Workshop with Piper Shepard” (June 8)
Instructor: Piper Shepard

Poetry and Vocal Performance “Tuna Melt and Other Sonic Fables” (July 7)
Performer: LaTasha N. Nevada Diggs
Guest performer: Matsuda Ai, Taiko player

Artist Talk “Tracings and Findings” (September 29)
Speaker: marksearch [Sue Mark & Bruce Douglas]
Moderator: Hayashi Akio
Managing Director, inVisible

Workshop “But Is It Art?” (September 30)
Workshop leader: marksearch [Sue Mark & Bruce Douglas]
Guest artist: Nakamori Akane
Suisei-Art, Kanazawa
Artist Talk “Noise to Signal” (December 8)
Speaker: Alex Dodge

Alex Dodge – Open Studio (December 26)
Artist: Alex Dodge
* This exhibition was held at Hillside Terrace E-LOBBY in Daikanyama

III. Public Programs

Lectures / Symposiums

Architalk: Seeing the World through Architecture

I-House boasts a building constructed in 1955 under the collaboration of three prominent modern Japanese architects, and from its inauguration has been receiving guests and members from the field of architecture. To expand this network, I-House has launched a new program in 2016, the tenth anniversary of the extensive renovation of the building, inviting speakers from Japan and abroad to think about the contemporary world through architecture. In Fiscal 2016, the three lectures below were held, with Mr. Kobayashi Masami (Vice President, Meiji University) and Mr. Fujimura Ryûji (Associate Professor, Tokyo University of the Arts) as coordinators. This series was supported by Mori Building, Shimizu Corporation, Tendo and Nishihara Engineering in cooperation with the Japan Institute of Architects and Architectural Institute of Japan.

“The Age of the Forest” (April 21)
Speaker: Kuma Kengo, Architect

Kuma Kengo
I-House Lunchtime Lecture

The I-House Lunchtime Lecture invites specialists in various fields to talk on timely themes for a wider audience.

The following two lectures were held during Fiscal 2016.

“Another Utopia” (December 13)
Speaker: Maki Fumihiko, Architect

“The Immigration Policy of France Past and Present: What Japan Can Learn from France” (May 20)
Speaker: Watanabe Hirotaka
Director, Institute for International Relations, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies

Speaker: Sou Fujimoto, Architect

“President Trump and a Divided America” (February 8, 2017)
Speaker: Aida Hirotsgu
Professor, Aoyama Gakuin University
Programs to Understand Japan

japan@ihj

With the help of experts in such areas as academia, journalism, art and business with whom I-House has associations, japan@ihj is designed to function as a place for disseminating/sharing information and knowledge on Japan. In principle, lectures in this series are conducted only in English with no Japanese interpretation.

The following single forum was held during Fiscal 2016:

“Tsukiji: The End of an Era?” (July 11)
Lecturer: Theodore C. Bestor
Professor, Social Anthropology;
Director, Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies, Harvard University
Guest Speakers: Teshima Maiko
Co-Producer, Tsukiji Wonderland, Shochiku Co., Ltd.
Okuda Kazuha
Co-Producer, Tsukiji Wonderland

IUC Lecture Series

Since 2014 I-House has held a program with the Inter-University Center for Japanese Language Studies (IUC), a center in Yokohama established in 1963 providing Japanese language education at the advanced level to outstanding students with academic or professional career goals related to Japan, and the Nippon Foundation. Under this program, two public lectures in Japanese are held at I-House inviting IUC alumni and experts in Japanese Studies as speakers with the aim of sharing their achievements with the general public and networking for future experts of Japan and current leaders in the field.

The following two forums were held during Fiscal 2016:

“Are the Japanese Unique? : An International Comparison of Household Saving Rates and Bequest Motives” (May 11)
Speaker: Charles Yuji Horioka
Research Professor, Asian Growth Research Institute

Theodore C. Bestor

Charles Yuji Horioka
“Rendaku: A Notoriously Irregular Aspect of the Japanese Language” (March 2, 2017)
Speaker: Timothy J. Vance
Professor, National Institute for Japanese Language and Linguistics

Nichibunken-IHJ Forum

In 2014 I-House started this program with the International Research Center for Japanese Studies (Nichibunken), a center in Kyoto for researching Japanese culture and history through international collaboration and cooperation and for supporting foreign researchers specializing in Japan. Under this forum, the two organizations jointly hold four lectures and seminars annually with Nichibunken researchers as lecturers (language: Japanese or English).

The following four forums were held during Fiscal 2016:

“The Literature of Kawabata Yasunari and Chinese Art” (July 27)
Speaker: Zhou Yue
Professor, Beijing Language and Culture University; Visiting Research Scholar, Nichibunken

“Reexamining the Last 500 Years of World History from a ‘Pirate View’: The Reverse Side of the Oceanic View of Civilization” (October 14)
Speaker: Inaga Shigemi
Deputy Director-General and Professor, Nichibunken
Commentator: Kurata Takashi
Associate Professor, Meiji University

Timothy J. Vance
Zhou Yue
Inaga Shigemi
“Foreign Languages in the Formation of Shiga Naoya’s Literature” (January 20, 2017)
Speaker: Guo Nanyan  
Associate Professor, Nichibunken
Commentator: Tokô Kôji  
Professor, Waseda University

Nichibunken-IHJ Forum in Kyoto “Culture and Society in Imperial Japan: As Projected in Visual Sources” (March 7, 2017)
Speakers: Kenneth Ruoff  
Professor, Portland State University  
Liu Jianhui  
Deputy Director-General and Professor, Nichibunken
Commentator: Barbara Hartley  
Senior Lecturer, University of Tasmania; Visiting Research Scholar, Nichibunken
Moderator: Sano Mayuko  
Associate Professor, Nichibunken

Delve into Japanese Culture @ I-House

In 2014, I-House and the Kisako Intercultural Institute, which offers comprehensive Japanese instruction programs in Tokyo, launched a program on Japanese culture. This series introduces aspects of Japanese culture which can lead to new awareness both for non-Japanese and Japanese. Lectures are held in English to increase the opportunities for the guests who stay at or visit I-House to deepen their understanding of Japanese culture.

The following four lectures were held during Fiscal 2016:

“Washi: Ancient and Modern Wonder Material” (April 15)
Lecturer: Paul Denhoed  
Washi expert; Lecturer, Asia University
“Reading Haiku Beyond Borders”  
(December 9)  
Lecturer: Abigail Friedman  
*Haiku poet; Founder and CEO, The Wisteria Group*

“Introducing Kyōgen by Shigeyama Dōji”  
(March 9, 2017)  
Lecturer: Shigeyama Dōji  
*Kyōgen actor, Ōkura School*

Lecturer: Chris Uhlenbeck  
*Curator, Japan Museum SieboldHuis; Print dealer*

Special Programs

**Japan Premiere Screening of *Paper Lanterns***

I-House hosted the Japan premiere screening of *Paper Lanterns*, a documentary film featuring Mr. Mori Shigeaki, a Hiroshima-based historian who has been researching the footage of the 12 American POWs killed in the Hiroshima bombing for over 40 years. After the screening, there was also a talk by Mr. Mori and artists involved with the film. In response to numerous requests, an additional screening was held on the same day. This event was co-organized with the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation and the Japan Society of Boston and sponsored by the US Embassy, Tokyo.
Japan Premiere Screening and Talk: *Paper Lanterns* (April 12)
Speakers: Mori Shigeaki
   Historian
Barry Frechette
   Film director
Peter Grilli
   Producer
Chad Cannon
   Music composer
Fujisawa Mai
   Singer

Publications

**LTCB International Library**

Since 2000, I-House has assumed administrative responsibility for continuing the work of the LTCB Foundation, under the guidance of the policy and selection committees, to introduce selected books on the Japanese economy, politics, society and culture by Japanese authors to a wider international readership by translating them into English. This program is financed by the revenue and part of the principal of the fund established by endowment and other assets of the LTCB Library Foundation subsequent to its dissolution in 2000.

Two books are selected and translated annually, and 3,500 copies of each distributed by free gift to university libraries, institutions, public libraries and cultural organizations around the world.

The following work was carried out during Fiscal 2016.

[Donations]
*The Comfort Women: Historical, Political, Legal, and Moral Perspectives* by Kumagai Naoko
Translator: David Noble
After the completion of distribution of the last two titles, the LTCB International Library program will come to an end.

The 52nd Annual Translation Publishing Award from the Japan Society of Translators
On October 21, I-House received the 52nd Annual Translation Publishing Award from the Japan Society of Translators in recognition of the excellent work of the following books, especially the choice of original books introduced and the deep insight of their translators.

*Holy Foolery in the Life of Japan*  
(Translator: Waku Miller)  
Higuchi Kazunori, *Warai no Nihon bunka*

Japan’s Asian Diplomacy  
(Translator: David Noble)  
Ogura Kazuo, *Nihon no Ajia gaiko: Nisen-nen no keifu*

The Akita Ranga School and the Cultural Context in Edo Japan  
(Translator: Ruth S. McCreery)  
Imahashi Riko, *Akita Ranga no kindai*

I-House Press

I-House launched a commercial book imprint, the I-House Press, in 2006. It publishes in English various works, including the fruits of I-House’s program activities as well as revised editions of selected works from the LTCB International Library series, for the purpose of promoting understanding of Japan abroad.

During Fiscal 2016, no new titles were published, but all previously published titles continued to be sold.

Newsletter and Occasional Publications

In Fiscal 2016 I-House continued publishing its bilingual newsletter *I-House Quarterly* (A4 format, 16 pages), issues No. 10 to 13. The publication features interviews and dialogues, reports on past programs, and information on upcoming events, with the aim of compelling potential members, particularly young people who do not yet know of I-House, to visit its
facility and participate in its programs. In order to better reach such an audience, the publication is distributed at various relevant places, in addition to the regular distribution points like international/cultural organizations and press clubs, with a regular circulation of 6,500 copies. Meanwhile transcripts/video recordings of selected programs are provided on our members-only website, which has taken the place of the *IHJ Bulletin* and the *Kokusai Bunka Kaikan Kaihō* since its opening in June 2014.

The *Annual Report* and its Japanese version *Kokusai Bunka Kaikan no Ayumi* detailed I-House operations of the previous fiscal year and were distributed among related organizations.

Publications during Fiscal 2016 are as follows:

**Annual Report 61** (September)

**Kokusai Bunka Kaikan no Ayumi 61** (September)

**I-House Quarterly, No. 10** (June)
Interview: Honda Kōichi (Arabic calligrapher)
Essay: Diane Durston (Curator, Portland Japanese Garden)

**I-House Quarterly, No. 11** (September)
Interview: Okada Toshiki (Playwright)
Essay: Ambeth R. Ocampo (Associate Professor, Ateneo de Manila University)

**I-House Quarterly, No. 12** (December)
Interview: Kuniya Hiroko (Newscaster)
Essay: Shibusawa Masahide (President, Shibusawa Eiichi Memorial Foundation)

**I-House Quarterly, No. 13** (March 2017)
Interview: Abigail Friedman (Former US foreign service officer)
Essay: Fujiwara Kiichi (Professor, University of Tokyo)
IV. Research Projects

Foreign Policy Dinner Meeting

The Foreign Policy Dinner Meeting series invites selected experts on foreign policy to engage in an informal, off-the-record discussion on various foreign policy-related issues. The participants, limited to 20 to 30 in number, are academics and researchers, former diplomats and international organization officials, journalists and commentators, those active in civil society organizations and business people. The working language is either English or Japanese and no interpretation service is provided. The feedback from this program is utilized in other programs of I-House.

The following meetings were held during Fiscal 2016:

“Challenges Faced by the United Nations and Japan” (September 6)
Yoshikawa Motohide
Former Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations

“The 2016 US Presidential Election and US-Japan Relations” (October 14)
Glen S. Fukushima
Senior Fellow, Center for American Progress

“UN Peacekeeping Operations and Japan”
(January 19, 2017)
Miyajima Akio
Director-General of International Peace Cooperation Headquarters, Cabinet Office
V. Library and Reading Room

The I-House Library is a special library for Japanese Studies and maintains a collection of approximately 27,000 volumes of English-language works in the social sciences and humanities on Japan and in international relations concerning East Asia in general, as well as general reference tools. Its periodical collection of approximately 400 titles includes all basic Japan-related English-language journals plus some important academic journals in the social sciences.

The library has been serving a variety of users of wide-ranging nationality from Japanese Studies academics, Japan specialists and researchers to artists, journalists and writers, whether they are I-House members, Library members or people who visit the library with an introduction letter from other libraries. Such people gather here to create original works and other intellectual endeavors, utilizing the library collection and services. Customized reference and referral services have been key services the library provides to users since its establishment.

The library also undertakes programs for the purpose of supporting Japanese Studies.

Service and Collection Management

The number of library visitors and loans slightly decreased compared to the previous fiscal year. However, reference services slightly increased. Reference queries we receive are varied such as rights clearance, information searches, and referrals to introduce specialists and specialist organizations. In the library, members get acquainted and interact with each other based on their interests, which overlap the materials in the library.

In collection management, to maintain quality we de-accessioned materials which are no longer so relevant.
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(as of March 31, 2017)
Reading sessions are held to create an opportunity for participants to interact with the speaker as well as among participants freely. There is a wide variety of guests each time, and the sessions are functioning to promote the library to a wider range of people.

During Fiscal 2016, three reading sessions were held as follows:

“John C. Weber talks about his collection from A New Yorker’s View of the World: The John C. Weber Collection” (April 14)
Reader: John C. Weber
Art collector

“I-House members and others read The Dreaming of the Bones by W. B. Yeats, featuring the Noh play Nishikigi, in a session arranged by Ogoura Kazuo” (October 25)
Moderator: Ogoura Kazuo
Professor, Aoyama Gakuin University; Senior Advisor, Japan Foundation
Commentator: Matsumura Ken’ichi
Professor Emeritus, Chuo University
Noh Performers: Terai Sakae
Shite kata, Kanze School of Noh
Terai Chikage
Shite kata, Kanze School of Noh
Terai Miki
Shite kata, Kanze School of Noh
Actors: Timothy Harris
Actor; Lecturer, Open University of Japan
Darren Craig
Teacher, Japan College of Foreign Languages; Former Daiwa Anglo Japanese Foundation Scholar
Tania Coke
Actress; Theatrical Art Director
Michael Rhys
Voice Actor
"I-House members and others read The Dreaming of the Bones by W. B. Yeats, featuring the Noh play Nishikigi, in a session arranged by Ogoura Kazuo"
“Itoh Keiko talks about Japanese in Britain, 1863-2001: A Photographic Exhibition”
(March 8, 2017)
Reader: Itoh Keiko
  Writer; Interpreter

Joint Exposition of Books

Expositions were held in collaboration with the Bibliothèque de la Maison franco-japonaise and the Deutsches Institut für Japanstudien Bibliothek. Under the same theme, I-House Library displayed books in English, the Maison franco-japonaise Bibliothèque displayed books in French, and the Deutsches Institut für Japanstudien Bibliothek displayed books in German.

“Itoh Keiko talks about Japanese in Britain, 1863-2001: A Photographic Exhibition”

“Natsume Sōseki Centennial”
(September 1–30)

“The Bakumatsu: The End of the Edo Period” (March 1–April 7, 2017)
I-House History Archive

I-House possesses photos, documents and various records which need to be organized and preserved due to their importance as primary resources for postwar international cultural exchange in Japan. To make use of the materials for the public interest, I-House plans to create the I-House History Archive. After creating the basic archive catalogue, it will be made accessible through the internet.

The Archive project is scheduled as a three-year plan (Fiscal 2017–2019).

Fiscal 2016 was a preparation phase. I-House prepared for the project, in terms of grant application, creating the plan and consultation with specialists.

Award for Organizations of Distinguished Services

The library received the Award for Organizations of Distinguished Services from the Japan Special Libraries Association at the 2016 general meeting and award ceremony held on June 23.

VI. Cooperation with Other Organizations

During Fiscal 2016, I-House supported and/or cooperated with the following programs hosted by other institutions.

Cooperation

The Culture Factor Conference “Culture as a Driver to Succeed in Global Management and Leadership” (May 20)
Organized by: hofstede centre, itim International, CICOM BRAINS Inc.
Venue: I-House

Public Session “The Shifting Dynamics of the US-Japan Alliance” (June 16)
Organized by: Security Studies Unit, Policy Alternatives Research Institute, University of Tokyo
Venue: I-House

Film Showing and Talk: Meet the Patels (July 25)
Organized by: US Embassy, Tokyo
Venue: I-House
Panel Session “The Asian Research Network: Survey on America’s Role in the Asia-Pacific” (October 19)
Organized by: Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation, Asian Institute for Policy Studies, Perth USAsia Centre
Venue: I-House

Innovative City Forum (October 19–20)
Organized by: Institute for Urban Strategies—The Mori Memorial Foundation, Mori Art Museum, Academyhills
Venue: Toranomon Hills

The Japan Foundation Awards 2016
Commemorative Lecture by Professor Susan J. Pharr, Harvard University “The Enigma of US-Japan Relations: A 50-year Perspective” (October 21)
Organized by: The Japan Foundation
Venue: I-House

Lecture by the Founder of Parami University, “The First Liberal Arts College in Myanmar” (November 26)
Organized by: Learning Across Borders
Venue: I-House

Public Session of the Five University Conference: “The Future of Alliance in East Asia” (December 2–3)
Hosted by: Security Studies Unit, Policy Alternatives Research Institute, University of Tokyo
Venue: I-House

Organized by: Grew Bancroft Foundation
Venue: I-House

Support

The third CJK Cooperation Dialogue “Envisioning a Deepening and Evolving China-Japan-Korea Partnership: From Sharing Information and Experiences to Creating Mutual Trust” (October 21)
Organized by: Japan Economic Foundation, East Asia Foundation, China Foreign Affairs University
Venue: I-House

John Jesurun & Takeshi Kawamura Collaboration: Tokyo/New York
Correspondence, Chapter 3 I Walk on Golden Splinters (March 10–11, 2017)
Organized by: T Factory
Venue: Morishita Studio, Saison Foundation
I. Organizational Affairs

Directors and Trustees

In Fiscal 2016, Directors and Trustees meetings were held as follows:

- The 1st Directors meeting (May 26)
- The 2nd Directors meeting (June 21)
- The 3rd Directors meeting (conducted by post; November 22)
- The 4th Directors meeting (March 15, 2017)
- The extraordinary Trustees meeting (conducted by post; May 9)
- The 2nd extraordinary Trustees meeting (conducted by post; June 17)
- The 1st Trustees meeting (June 21)
- The 3rd extraordinary Trustees meeting (conducted by post; December 2)

Personnel

Trustees and Directors

Trustees

During Fiscal 2016, the following Trustees took office for a term of four years at their re-election by the Board of Trustees on June 21.

- Agawa Naoyuki
- Monte Cassim
- Charles D. Lake II
- Murakami Yōichirō
- Soeya Yoshihide
- Takenaka Chiharu
- Yoshizawa Kenji

The following six persons were newly elected as Trustees to take office for a term of four years by the Board of Trustees on June 21.

- Ann B. Cary
- Kobayashi Izumi
- Ogawa Tadashi
- Agawa Naoyuki
- Monte Cassim
- Charles D. Lake II
- Murakami Yōichirō
- Soeya Yoshihide
- Takenaka Chiharu
- Yoshizawa Kenji

Also, the following six persons terminated their duties as Trustees upon expiration of their term of office on June 21.

- Glen S. Fukushima*
- Nanjō Fumio*
- Sata Yasuhiko
- Gōmiya Tadashi*
- Kitagaki Muneharu*
- Ōmiya Tadashi*

* Took office as Advisors for a term of one year on the same date.

Directors

During Fiscal 2016, the following Directors took office for a term of two years at their re-election by the Board of Trustees on June 21.

- Akashi Yasushi
- Furuhata Takashirō
- Harada Akio
- Kobayashi Masami
- Komatsu Jun’etsu
- Chino Keiko
- Gotō Ken’ichi
- Iokibe Makoto
- Kokubun Ryōsei
- Kubo Fumiaki

Administration and Organization
The following person was newly elected as Director from June 28, to take office for a term of two years, by the Board of Trustees on June 21.

Bamba Takashi

Also, the following two persons terminated their duties as Directors upon expiration of their term of office on June 21.

Beppu Keiko* Nakazato Ken’ichi*

*Took office as Advisors for a term of one year on the same date.

Chairman, Managing Director, and Deputy Managing Director
During Fiscal 2016, the following Directors were re-elected as Chairman and Managing Director, to take office for a term of two years, by the Board of Directors on June 21.

Akashi Yasushi (Chairman)
Furuhata Takashirō (Managing Director)

The following person was newly elected as Deputy Managing Director from June 28, to take office for a term of two years, by the Board of Directors on June 21.

Bamba Takashi

Also, the following person terminated his duties as Managing Director upon expiration of his term of office on June 21.

Nakazato Ken’ichi

As of March 31, 2017, there were 19 Trustees, 2 Auditors, and 12 Directors.

Committees
During Fiscal 2016, the following two committees were established.

Committee for Membership (March 15, 2017)
(Chairman) Akashi Yasushi
(Trustees) Ann B. Cary
Kondō Masaakira James
Soeya Yoshihide
(Directors) Chino Keiko
Gotō Ken’ichi
Kubo Fumiaki

Committee for Redevelopment of the Roppongi 5-chōme West District (March 15, 2017)
(Chairman) Akashi Yasushi
(Trustees) Ikeda Masahisa
Matsumoto Oki
Takenaka Chiharu
Yoshizawa Kenji
(Directors) Kobayashi Masami
Kokubun Ryōsei
(Outside Members) Tamura Masakuni  
President, ARC Brain  
Masuda Jun  
General Counsel

Staff

During Fiscal 2016, no new employees were hired and none resigned. The total number of employees as of March 31, 2017, stood at 15 (4 men; 11 women).

General Affairs

Preparatory Association for Redevelopment of the Roppongi 5-chôme West District

I-House has been joining in the activities of the Preparatory Association for Redevelopment of the Roppongi 5-chôme West District established in March, 2008, to study possible future planning for the area, upon request from local residents to participate as an important preservationist of the cultural and historical heritage as well as for its valuable green environment in an urban area. Not only for keeping a good relationship with neighbors, but also for monitoring the future direction of urban development for this area, it is informative and instructive for I-House to share views and opinions with our neighborhood.

II. Fundraising Activities

During the period under review, grants and contributions from institutions and individuals in total of 78.7 million yen were received as follows. (Further details are to be found in the statement of increase and decrease of net assets for Fiscal 2016.)

Grants and Contributions from Institutions and Individuals

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<th>Institution / Donor</th>
<th>Amount (yen)</th>
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<td>Japan Foundation</td>
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<td>Symposium on Building the Financial Systems of the 21st Century</td>
<td>14,300,000</td>
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<td>Harvard Law School</td>
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<td>Japan-US Friendship Commission</td>
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<td>Shibusawa Eiichi Memorial Foundation</td>
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<td>Mori Building Co., Ltd.</td>
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<td>US Embassy</td>
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<td>Kasumi Kaikan</td>
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<td>Tendo Co., Ltd.</td>
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<td>Nishihara Engineering Co., Ltd.</td>
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<td>Contributions from new members</td>
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<td>Contributions from individuals</td>
<td>7,760,187</td>
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III. Membership

Regular Membership

Fiscal 2016 saw a total of 115 persons (94 Japanese and 21 other nationalities) accepted onto the rolls of I-House membership.

There was a total of 118 members (82 Japanese and 36 other nationalities) lost owing to resignation, death, or delinquency of dues.

Accordingly, this brought a net decrease in membership of 3 (12 more Japanese and 15 less other nationals) and the total regular membership stood at 2,892, of whom 2,058 were Japanese and 834 individuals of 38 different nationalities and areas, as of March 31, 2017.

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<th>Nationality</th>
<th>Subtotal</th>
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<td>94</td>
<td>115</td>
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<td>Others</td>
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<td>Death</td>
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<td>Delinquency in dues</td>
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<td>Sub-total</td>
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<td>Net Increase</td>
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Corporate Membership

During Fiscal 2016, there were a total of 8 new corporate members totaling 8 support units, while 9 members and 10 units withdrew or were reduced.

There was thus a net decrease of 1 member totaling 2 units, bringing the total to 175 corporate members with 204 units as of March 31, 2017.

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<td>Total</td>
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Honorary Membership

Honorary Membership has been abolished as a category of membership with no new honorary members replacing those leaving Japan. The total honorary membership stood at one as of March 31, 2017.

Library Membership

With 33 new library members and 37 withdrawals, the total library membership stood at 131, representing 15 nationalities, as of March 31, 2017.
Dinner Meeting for IHJ Members

A dinner meeting for IHJ members was held at the Iwasaki Koyata Memorial Hall on December 5 with 99 members. As a special guest, we invited Mr. Matsumoto Kōshirō, Kabuki actor. Mr. Matsumoto recounted interesting stories of when he was starring in Broadway for the first time for a Japanese.

Social Gathering for New Members

A social gathering for new members who joined our membership between September 2015 and May 2016 was held on July 20.

Strolling through the I-House Garden with Shigemori Chisao

A tour of the I-House garden, handed down by Ogawa Jihei, the seventh-generation famed Kyoto landscape artist, took place on March 10, 2017. Mr. Shigemori Chisao, supervising the garden, talked about the I-House garden and its care, and the 20 members of the group enjoyed a stroll through the garden.

IV. Building and Equipment

On November 14, I-House received certificates of appreciation from the Tokyo Metropolitan Fire Department and Azabu Fire Department in recognition of its fire protection management.
V. Accommodations and Service Activities

I-House provides accommodations and meeting places in support of its mission of furthering international exchange. Facilities include accommodations for both overseas and Japanese scholars and other distinguished visitors, meeting rooms for international conferences and seminars, the Tea Lounge “The Garden” for more informal exchange, the Restaurant “SAKURA” as a “salon” for members and guests, and banquet rooms for various conferences and receptions.

The study-bedrooms number 44 rooms, and all the rooms in the east wing are located facing the garden; the well-kept and beautiful traditional garden is a strong attraction for our guests. We had 15,182 guests from more than 50 countries in total in Fiscal 2016. The percentage of foreign guests remained a little over 63 percent, showing the important role I-House continues to play for visiting scholars and other individuals involved in international cultural and intellectual exchange. The Lecture Hall (capacity up to 120 people) and three seminar rooms in the annex and four seminar rooms on the fourth floor of the west wing are used by corporate and individual members as well as guests for conferences, lectures, group study and other meetings; 35,108 people used these meeting facilities.

The banquet/conference room called the Kabayama/Matsumoto Room and the Iwasaki Koyata Memorial Hall can accommodate 200 people each for various conferences, lectures, concerts, group meetings, dinner gatherings and other large functions. We welcomed 35,116 guests gathered for such occasions. The Tea Lounge “The Garden” serves breakfast, meals and refreshments for members and guests throughout the day. We had 64,965 guests in Fiscal 2016. The Restaurant “SAKURA” provides French cuisine with sea-
sonal touches at lunchtime and dinnertime. We had 16,736 guests in total enjoying our cuisine along with the scenery of the garden. As a result, 151,925 guests in total used the facilities.

To increase the opportunities for our members to socialize, various occasional events were held. Seasonal events included a cherry-blossom viewing party on March 31 and April 1 with 224 participants in total, a garden beer party on July 27, with 203 participants, an autumn wine party on November 17, with 145 participants, and the traditional House Christmas Dinner Parties, which 223 guests in total enjoyed from December 23 to December 25, with the Toriizaka Church Choir caroling in the main lobby on Christmas Eve.

VI. Finance

The I-House financial statement is composed of Increase or Decrease of Net Assets, based on the new accounting standards for Public Interest Corporations.

In ordinary accounts, the total current account revenue of the fiscal year 2016 stood at ¥995,105,497 and the total current account expenditures at ¥984,107,015. Reflecting the valuation loss of designated assets of ¥616,305, the change in current account was ¥10,382,177 in the black. As a result, the balance of net assets in the ordinary accounts stood at ¥2,357,729,750, compared to the beginning balance of ¥2,347,347,573. In addition, the change in the designated account ended with a deficit of ¥2,186,014, and the balance of the net assets in designated accounts at the end of this term stood at ¥18,732,628, compared to the beginning balance of ¥20,918,642.
Analysis of Individual Membership by Nationality
(as of March 31, 2017)

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Composition of I-House Membership
(as of March 31, 2017)

Japanese Members
- Japanese: 71.2%
- Non-Japanese: 28.8%

Non-Japanese Members
- North America: 70.5%
- Europe: 17.4%
- Asia: 7.6%
- Pacific: 3.5%
- Middle East: 0.7%
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