

Annual Report
of
THE INTERNATIONAL HOUSE OF JAPAN, INC.
(April 1, 2018 – March 31, 2019)

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Administration and Organization

I. Board and Council Affairs

A. Meetings

The 1st Directors meeting (May 31)

The 2nd Directors meeting (June 19)

The 3rd Directors meeting (October 25)

The 4th Directors meeting (March 14, 2019)

The Regular Trustees meeting (June 19)

The Extraordinary Trustees meeting (conducted by post; November 28)

B. Trustees, Auditors, Directors, and Others

Trustees

During Fiscal 2018, the following persons were newly elected as Trustee, to take office for a term of four years, by the Board of Trustees on June 19.

Dōden Aiko

Iokibe Makoto

Kawabe Kentarō

The following persons resigned their duties as Trustee on the same date.

Kobayashi Izumi

Kondō Masaakira James

Watanabe Yasushi

Directors

During Fiscal 2018, the following Directors took office for a term of two years at their re-election by the Board of Trustees on June 19.

Akashi Yasushi

Bamba Takashi

Chino Keiko

Gotō Ken'ichi

Kobayashi Masami

Kokubun Ryōsei

Komatsu Jun'etsu

Kubo Fumiaki

The following persons were newly elected as Director, to take office for a term of two years, by the Board of Trustees on the same date.

Itō Misako

Kobayashi Izumi

Kondō Masaakira James

Watanabe Yasushi

The following persons terminated their duties as Director upon expiration of their term of office on the same date.

Furuhata Takashirō

Iokibe Makoto

Also, the following person resigned his duties as Director on December 31.

Akashi Yasushi

Chairman and Managing Director

During Fiscal 2018, the following Chairman took office for a term of two years at his re-election by the Board of Directors on June 19.

Akashi Yasushi

The following Managing Director took office for a term of two years at his re-election by the Board of Directors on the same date.

Bamba Takashi

The following person resigned his duties as Chairman on December 31.

Akashi Yasushi

Also, the following person was newly elected as Chairman, to take office for a term of a year and a half from January 1, 2019, by the Board of Directors on October 25.

Kondō Masaakira James

Honorary Advisor

During Fiscal 2018, the following person was newly elected as Honorary Advisor, to take office for a term of one year from January 1, 2019, by the Board of Directors on October 25.

Akashi Yasushi

As of March 31, 2019, there were 19 Trustees, 2 Auditors, 13 Directors, and 1 Honorary Advisor.

C. Committees

Committee to Elect Candidates for Directors, Auditors, and Trustees

The 1st meeting (April 3)

The 2nd meeting (May 8)

II. Personnel

During Fiscal 2018, three new employees were hired and two resigned. The total number of employees including limited-term staff as of March 31, 2019, stood at 24 (5 men; 19 women).

III. Major Grants and Contributions

During the fiscal year 2018, grants and contributions from institutions were received as follows. (Further details are to be found in the statement of income and expenditure for fiscal 2018.)

Japan Foundation	¥19,344,493
Symposium on Building the Financial Systems of the 21st Century	¥14,000,000
MRA Foundation	¥7,000,000
Japan-US Friendship Commission	¥5,738,061
Asakawa Kan'ichi Memorial Symposium	¥4,000,000
Atsumi International Foundation	¥3,424,200
Asia Society	¥3,331,800
Mitsubishi UFJ Research and Consulting	¥3,210,000
Shahani Associates Ltd.	¥2,584,111
ANA Holdings Inc.	¥2,079,966
Shibusawa Eiichi Memorial Foundation	¥1,000,000
Toyota Foundation	¥1,000,000
Mori Building Co., Ltd.	¥500,000
ORIX Miyauchi Foundation	¥500,000
Kasumi Kaikan	¥300,000
Shimizu Corporation	¥300,000
Tendo Co., Ltd.	¥300,000

Voluntary contributions of ¥20,975,000 for the House general activities were received from new members.

Generous contributions of ¥202,058,253 for the House general activities were received from individuals including House members and friends.

Also, generous donations of ¥1,077,277 for the library were received from individuals including House members and friends.

IV. General Affairs

A. Roppongi 5-chome West District Urban Area Redevelopment Preparatory Association

The House has been participating in the Roppongi 5-chome West District Urban Area Redevelopment Preparatory Association, established on March 26, 2008, to study possible future planning for the area.

A basic improvement plan was devised in July 2014, and the association proceeded based on this. However, construction costs have increased due to earthquake disaster reconstruction and the coming Olympics/Paralympics, and changes in the facilities plan are being considered, with development of a final basic plan being scheduled for the first half of 2019.

V. Building and Equipment

Thirteen years have passed since the installation of an air conditioner (GHP) using gas for the common space in the House, and problems have occurred due to aging over time, so replacement of major parts such as compressors was carried out as a preventive measure.

In addition, the computers used in the House were last updated six years ago, and the support period of the OS was coming to an end, and all of the computers were updated at the time of the periodical inspection of January 27, 2019 (with an all-building blackout).

Membership

I. Individual Membership

Fiscal 2018 saw a total of 207 persons (156 Japanese and 51 other nationalities) accepted onto the rolls of House membership. This total is 31 more (19 more Japanese and 12 more of other nationalities) than last year.

There were a total of 149 members (99 Japanese and 50 other nationalities) lost owing to resignation, death, or delinquency of dues, 39 more (24 more Japanese and 15 more of other nationalities) than the figure for last year.

Accordingly, this brought a net increase in membership of 58 (58 more Japanese and 0 of other nationalities) and the total regular membership stood at 3,017, of whom 2,176 were Japanese and 841 individuals of 41 different nationalities and areas, as of March 31, 2019.

	<i>Nationality</i>		<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>Total</i>
	<i>Japanese</i>	<i>Other</i>		
New Members	156 (75%)	51 (25%)		207 (100%)
Resignations	47	18	65 (44%)	
Deaths	44	17	61 (41%)	
Delinquency in dues	8	15	23 (15%)	
Sub-total	99 (66%)	50 (34%)		149 (100%)
Changed nationality	+1	-1		
Net Increase	+58	0		+58

II. Corporate Membership

During Fiscal 2018, there were a total of 7 new corporate members totaling 8 support units; this total is 2 more members and 1 more unit than last year. At the same time, 10 members and 11 units withdrew for 3 less units than last year.

There was thus a net decrease of 3 members totaling 3 units, bringing the total to 167 corporate members with 194 units as of March 31, 2019.

Corporate membership as of March 31, 2019, stood as follows:

		<i>Corporations</i>	<i>Units</i>	<i>Change from previous year</i>	
4-unit	corporate members	2	8	+1	(+4 units)
3-unit	"	4	12	-1	(-3 units)
2-unit	"	13	26	-1	(-2 units)
1-unit	"	148	148	-2	(-2 units)
Total		167	194	-3	(-3 units)

III. Library Membership

With 30 new library members and 23 withdrawals, the total library membership stood at 131, representing 17 nationalities, as of March 31, 2019.

IV. Total Income

Income from individual membership in the 2018 fiscal year, including library membership dues, netted ¥68,056,088, or ¥3,570,806 more than in the same period of the last fiscal year, and income from initial donations was ¥20,975,000, or ¥2,025,000 more than the corresponding figure for the previous year. Income from corporate membership totaled ¥32,932,325, or ¥1,237,599 less than the same period in the last fiscal year.

	<i>2018</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>2017</i>
	<i>Actual</i>		<i>Actual</i>
Individual Membership	¥68,056,088	¥65,000,000	¥64,485,282
Initial Donation	20,975,000	17,000,000	18,950,000
Corporate Membership	32,932,325	35,000,000	34,169,924
Total	<u>¥121,963,413</u>	<u>¥117,000,000</u>	<u>¥117,605,206</u>

V. Dinner Meeting for IHJ Members

A Members' Dinner was held in the Iwasaki Koyata Memorial Hall on December 6, and approximately 80 members and guests gathered. As a special guest, we invited Mr. Yamashita Yasuhiro, Vice Chancellor, Tokai University; President, All Japan Judo Federation; Sports Committee Chairman, Japanese Olympic Committee, who talked about his mission of "Judo, Friendship, Peace" with photographs. The activities of the NPO Judo Education Solidarity that Mr. Yamashita launched have diversified and will continue to "internationalize judo's heart, Japanese mind, Japan's heart to the world!" while continuing his efforts in international exchange and an international contribution through judo, involving many Japanese judoists and stakeholders, he hopes to expand activities beyond judo to other sports people.

VI. Social Gatherings for New Members

Social gatherings for new members who joined our membership in the year 2018 were successfully held on June 12 with 35 members, October 16 with 38 members, and March 18, 2019, with 19 members in attendance.

**Analysis of Individual Membership
by Nationality
(As of March 31, 2019)**

Nationality/ Area	Total March 31, 2018	New Members (+)	Resig- nations (-)	Deaths (-)	Delinquency in dues (-)	Total March 31, 2019
Australia	29	4	0	0	1	32
Austria	4	1	1	0	0	4
Bangladesh	1	0	0	0	0	1
Belgium	4	0	0	0	0	4
Brazil	1	0	0	0	0	1
Canada	36	0	0	0	1	36
China	3	1	0	0	0	4
Czech	1	0	0	0	0	1
Denmark	3	0	2	0	0	1
Ecuador	1	0	0	0	0	1
Eritrea	1	0	0	0	0	1
Finland	3	0	0	0	0	3
France	12	0	0	0	0	12
Germany	29	1	3	1	0	26
Hong Kong	2	1	0	0	0	3
Hungary	1	0	0	0	0	1
India	7	0	0	0	0	7
Indonesia	3	0	0	0	0	3
Ireland	5	0	1	0	0	4
Israel	2	0	0	1	0	1
Italy	6	0	0	0	0	6
Japan	2,118	157	47	44	8	2,176 *
Kenya	1	0	0	0	0	1
Korea	22	3	0	1	1	23
Malaysia	3	0	0	0	0	3
Nepal	1	0	0	0	0	1
Netherlands	7	0	0	0	0	7
New Zealand	2	0	0	0	0	2
Philippines	3	0	0	0	0	3
Portugal	1	0	0	0	0	1
Russia	1	0	0	0	0	1
Singapore	5	1	0	0	0	6
Spain	1	0	0	0	0	1
Sri Lanka	1	0	0	0	0	1
Sweden	10	0	2	0	0	8
Switzerland	5	0	0	0	0	5
Taiwan	3	0	0	0	0	3
Thailand	10	0	0	0	0	10
Turkey	4	0	0	1	0	3
U. K.	53	4	1	2	3	51
U. S. A.	553	34	8	11	9	558 *
Vietnam	1	0	0	0	0	1
Total Japan	2,118	157	47	44	8	2,176
Other	841	50	18	17	15	841
Grand Total	2,959	207	65	61	23	3,017

*One individual (new member) changed nationality from USA to the Japan

Regional Distribution of Corporate Members
(As of March 31, 2019)

Prefecture/ Country	Four- Unit Members	Three- Unit Members	Two- Unit Members	One- Unit Members	Total of Corporations	Total of Units
Chiba			1	0	1	2
Tokyo	2	3	11	125	141	164
Kanagawa				1	1	1
Toyama				1	1	1
Ishikawa				1	1	1
Shiga				1	1	1
Aichi				1	1	1
Osaka		1	1	2	4	7
Okayama				1	1	1
Hiroshima				1	1	1
Fukuoka				1	1	1
Ibaragi				1	1	1
Germany				2	2	2
Netherlands				1	1	1
U. K.				1	1	1
U. S. A.				8	8	8
Total						
Corporations	2	4	13	148	167	
Units	8	12	26	148		194

Program and Activities

I. Encouragement of Intercultural Intellectual Dialogue

A. 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 139 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 2018 program was “Imagining Plural Asias: How Can We Enrich Interrelationships across Borders?” From September 10 to November 2, eight fellows resided at I-House, taking part in workshops, resource seminars, and a field trip. Following are the eight 2018 fellows, and the program in which they participated during their stay in Japan:

Samrat Choudhury	Author / Journalist (Independent) [India]
Aziz Ali Dad	Knowledge Management and Communication Specialist, Aga Khan Rural Support Programme (AKRSP) [Pakistan]
Asmin Fransiska	Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Law, Atma Jaya Catholic University of Indonesia [Indonesia]
Lydia Lubon	Documentary Filmmaker and Producer (Independent) [Malaysia]
Alongkot Maiduang	Academic Officer, Institute for the Promotion of Teaching Science and Technology (IPST) Thailand / Art & Culture Journalist, <i>Judprakai Newspaper</i> [Thailand]
Sawanishi Mikiko	Deputy Executive Head, United Nations Democracy Fund (UNDEF) [Japan]
Sun Dong	Poet / Professor and Deputy Director, Office of International Cooperation and Exchanges, Nanjing University of Finance and Economics [China]
Silot Uon	Career Advisor, SeeChange International Cambodia [Cambodia]



Samrat Choudhury



Aziz Ali Dad



Asmin Fransiska



Lydia Lubon



Alongkot Maiduang



Sawanishi Mikiko



Sun Dong



Silot Uon

Workshops

- Country Reports by Fellows (1) (September 11)
- Country Reports by Fellows (2) (September 12)

Discussion-Paper Presentations (September 14)

The fellows and other participants (listed below) engaged in discussions following individual presentations made by the fellows at I-House.

Ako Tomoko	Associate Professor, University of Tokyo
Imata Katsuji	Vice Chairperson, Japan NPO Center / ALFP 2013 Fellow
Mizuno Takaaki	Professor, Kanda University of International Studies
Ogawa Reiko	Associate Professor, Chiba University
Ōhashi Masaaki	Professor, University of the Sacred Heart / Trustee, Japan NGO Center for International Cooperation (JANIC) / ALFP 1999 Fellow

Core Seminars

- Core Seminar on South Asia: “Structural Transformation in Globalizing India and Asia: An Agenda for Sustainable, Inclusive and Peaceful Development” by Tanabe Akio (Professor, University of Tokyo; September 18)
- Core Seminar on Northeast Asia: “Remembrance and Forgetting of Negative Historical Memories” by Ako Tomoko (Associate Professor, University of Tokyo; September 19)
- Core Seminar on Southeast Asia: “Challenges to Democracy in Asia: The Rise of Populism and

Moral Politics” by Kusaka Wataru (Associate Professor, Nagoya University; September 20)

Resource Seminars

- “Stable but Disappointing: The ‘3:2:5’ Voting Structure of the Japanese Elections in the 2010s” by Oguma Eiji (Professor, Keio University; October 2)
- “Journalism in Asia: Searching for the Truth” by Kunda Dixit (Editor and Publisher, *Nepali Times* / ALFP 2006 Fellow), Saba Naqvi (Independent Journalist / ALFP 2013 Fellow), and Kong Rithdee (Editor, *Bangkok Post* / ALFP 2010 Fellow) and discussion with fellows from other leadership programs in the Asia-Pacific (October 14)
- Visit to the Tessenkai Noh Theatre and seminar on Japanese traditional performing arts and collaboration with artists from other Asian countries by Shimizu Kanji (Noh Performer; October 15)
- “An Anti-Disciplinary Project” by Okahara Kosuke (Photographer; October 17)
- “Imagining Plural Asias: How Can We Enrich Interrelationships across Borders?” by Mario Lopez (Associate Professor, Kyoto University; October 19)

Field Trip to Tohoku (September 25–29)

Efforts for Community Revitalization:

- Seminar on local revitalization in an aging community by Ushida Shunsuke (Co-founder, Habataku Inc.)
- Seminar on agriculture in Japan and the Tohoku area in the era of globalization by Tada Katsuhiko (President, Tada Natural Farm) and networking with local farmers and entrepreneurs

Environmental Sustainability and Preservation of Culture:

- Guided nature walk and discussion on the preservation of traditional culture and wildlife conservation and management with *matagi* (traditional hunters in the Tohoku area)
- Guided tour of an oyster farm by Hatakeyama Makoto (Executive Director, NPO Mori wa Umi no Koibito / oyster farmer) and seminar on a holistic approach to environmental issues by Yokoyama Katsuhide (Trustee, NPO Mori wa Umi no Koibito)

Recovery from Natural Disasters:

- Briefing on “the phone of the wind” by Sasaki Itaru (Founder, Bell Gardia Kujira-yama) and discussion on loss and memory
- Visit to a local cultural facility “Oshacchi” and briefing on the importance of passing on memories of disasters
- Meeting with Hirano Kozo (Mayor, Ōtsuchi Town) and briefing on the local recovery and reconstruction in the aftermath of the earthquake and tsunami
- Discussion on youth empowerment after disaster with Nam Kyeongwon (school social worker, Ōtsuchi Town)

- Seminar on the role of local performing arts in the post-disaster community by Tobai Teruo (Representative, Usuzawa Shishiodori “Deer Dance” Conservation Association) followed by a dance performance by local people
- Visit to Sendai Mediatheque and seminar on grass-roots, participatory film documentation and archiving by a curator

Other Visits

- Visit to NHK (October 3)
- Visit to Tōsetsukai (October 16)

Retreat Session (October 23–24)

The Fellows went on a one-day trip to Kiyosato, Yamanashi Prefecture, where they exchanged ideas and thoughts they had developed on the ALFP 2018 general theme “Imagining Plural Asias: How Can We Enrich Interrelationships across Borders?” and prepared for the public forum scheduled to be held the following week.

Public Forum (October 31)

At the end of the two-month program, a public forum was held at I-House, with the theme “Imagining Plural Asias: How Can We Enrich Interrelationships across Borders?” At the forum, the Fellows presented their thoughts on the current situation of their countries and the issues they have been working on, along with what they have learned from their exchanges and dialogues in Japan. Both the first and second sessions of the forum were moderated by Professor Mizuno Takaaki (Professor, Kanda University of International Studies), and each session was followed by a Q&A/discussion session with the audience.

The 2018 Fellows were the last to participate in the program, and as Fiscal 2019 is going to be the final year for I-House and the Japan Foundation Asia Center to co-organize the ALFP, the program has instituted follow-up activities, including lecture series and an e-magazine, involving some of the past fellows to share the fruits of the program over the last two decades with a wider audience. During Fiscal 2018, the program published the e-magazine *Voices of Asia*, issues No. 1 to 4, with the themes “Democracy,” “Climate Change,” “Arts and Society” and “Culture and Identity” respectively on the ALFP website, and held the following two programs as lecture series:

Journalism in Asia: Searching for the Truth (October 14) *

Speakers:

Kunda Dixit	Editor and Publisher, <i>Nepali Times</i> / ALFP 2006 Fellow
Saba Naqvi	Independent Journalist / ALFP 2013 Fellow
Kong Rithdee	Editor, Bangkok Post / ALFP 2010 Fellow

Moderator:

Mizuno Takaaki

Professor, Kanda University of International Studies



Kunda Dixit



Saba Naqvi



Kong Rithdee



Mizuno Takaaki

* This lecture series was also the first Joint Session of the Asia Pacific Young Leaders Program (APYLP).

Bridging Divides and Disparities in Asia (February 19, 2019)

Speakers:

Palagummi Sainath

Independent Journalist / ALFP 2003 Fellow

Saree Aongsomwang

Secretary General, Foundation for Consumers / ALFP 2000 Fellow

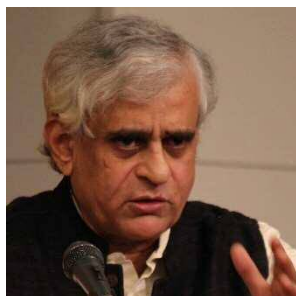
Chito Gascon

Chairperson, Commission on Human Rights of the Philippines /
ALFP 2008 Fellow

Moderator:

Imata Katsuji

Vice Chairperson, Japan NPO Center / ALFP 2013 Fellow



Palagummi Sainath



Saree Aongsomwang



Chito Gascon



Imata Katsuji

B. I-House Ushiba Fellowship

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, individuals 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 faced by 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.

The selection committee met in June 2018 and selected three fellows to invite to Japan over the next several years. The selected fellows, however, declined the invitation for health and other reasons; consequently, a new round of selection process is to begin in Fiscal 2019.

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

C. Japan-India Distinguished Visitors Program

Commemorating the 60th anniversary of Japan-India diplomatic relations in 2012, I-House launched the Japan-India Distinguished Visitors Program with the hope to strengthen the relationship between the people of both countries. This program invites to Japan eminent Indian public figures from various fields who are proposing new values or innovative ideas to change the status quo of society. Fellows are invited for about 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. This program was jointly launched with the Japan Foundation and had invited 4 fellows by 2016; it has been co-sponsored by Shahani Associates Limited since 2017 and had invited one fellow so far.

In 2018, Ms. Zia Mody, one of the foremost corporate attorneys in India, was selected as the fellow for Fiscal 2018 and visited Japan March 2–8, 2019. During her stay, in addition to a lecture at I-House, she engaged in a round-table discussion with the members of the Japan-India Business Cooperation Committee as well as the members of Women in Law Japan. She also delivered lectures at business schools in Tokyo.

Further Changing India: Business, Law, and Women (March 7, 2019)

Lecturer:

Zia Mody Founding Partner, AZB & Partners

Commentator:

Yamada Gō Senior Editor, Nikkei Inc.



Zia Mody

D. Symposium on Building the Financial System of the 21st Century

I-House and the Program on International Financial Systems (PIFS) of Harvard Law School co-organize an annual symposium “Building the Financial System of the 21st Century: An Agenda for Japan and the United States.” The symposium, held alternately in Japan and the United States, brings together more than a hundred participants, roughly 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.

In Fiscal 2018, the symposium was sponsored by finance-related associations, companies,

organizations and individuals from both Japan and the United States. The twenty-first annual symposium, held in Washington, D.C., October 19–21, 2018, was attended by 112 participants and was devoted to the following three topics:

1. Trumponomics and Financial Deregulation: Impact on International FIs
2. Financial Technology and Banking: Threats and Opportunities
3. The Persistence of Low Long-Term Interest Rates: Causes and Consequences

II. Development and Training of Human Resources for Multicultural Exchange

A. Nitobe Leadership Program (Nitobe Kokusai Juku)

The Nitobe Leadership Program (Nitobe Kokusai Juku in Japanese), which marked its tenth year in 2017, was designed to train young professionals to become public-minded leaders, equipped with a broad perspective to function in an international environment both in and outside the country. In 2018, the program was redesigned to better meet today's needs, as during past the years the world has been changing rapidly, both geopolitically and societally. Six core members selected from the 143 alumni led the process of planning and organizing the next stage of the Nitobe Leadership Program. Ten Steering Committee meetings were held and it was decided to rename the program the "Nitobe Leadership Program," with the theme "Design and Take Action to Create Our Own Future: How We Can Transcend Shifting Borders." This program will be conducted between June and December 2019 for individuals under the age of 40 who are enthusiastic in contributing to society, addressing and overcoming challenges with innovative ideas. Ten successful applicants will attend 13 sessions, including a study tour and intensive overnight session, and concurrently will work on solving an issue of their own. The MRA Foundation supported the preparations in 2018.

In 2018, the network among the Fellows was also enhanced. The Reunion, High School Outreach Program and Nitobe Salon worked to foster the Nitobe Leadership network and to disseminate the teamwork of the Fellows into the broader community.

Reunion

- Nitobe Day (September 1)

High School Outreach Program

This project started with a member of the reunion project committee wanting to do something for society. The Fellows visited high schools in rural areas where there aren't a lot of professional role models, and shared the Fellows' own experiences to aid in the career development of high school students.

- Fukushima Prefectural Odaka Sangyo Gijutsu High School (May 24, March 15, 2019)
- Ehime Prefectural Yawatahama High School (June 26)

Nitobe Salon

This is a round-table discussion for the alumni community of the Nitobe Leadership Program to share knowledge and specialized skills, and to deepen the network of the Nitobe community. In 2018, there were two salons, including one combined with introduction for prospective applicants for the 2019 program.

- Various approaches to achieve the SDGs by the public and private sectors (February 24, 2019)
- Economic Policy, Healthcare issues, Glocalization (March 23, 2019)

Also, a new volume was e-published in the Nitobe lecture series, *Korekara no Sekai o Kangaeru Hito e* [Messages for Young Leaders Who Will Be Shaping the Future], which contains four public lectures from the tenth Nitobe Leadership Program delivered in 2017.

B. U.S.–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-U.S. Friendship Commission with in-kind support by the U.S. National Endowment for the Arts. The Agency for Cultural Affairs (Bunkacho) provides visa sponsorship, while I-House serves as general advisor and coordinator.

The following American artists chosen for the 2018 fellowships visited Japan:

- Derek Gromadzki Writer (December, 2018–April, 2019)
- Rachely Rotem & Phu Hoang Architects (May–August)
- Laurel Nakanishi Writer (April–August)
- José Navarrete Dancer/Choreographer (August, 2018–January, 2019)
- Jesse Schlesinger Visual Artist (September, 2018–January, 2019)



Derek Gromadzki

Rachely Rotem &
Phu Hoang

Laurel Nakanishi

José Navarrete

Jesse Schlesinger

Most of the Fellows shared their works with local audiences through the JUSFC-sponsored Artists' Forum series. The following programs were held during Fiscal 2018:

[Artist Talk] Can I Write This?—Engaging Children Through Poetry (May 17)

Speaker: Laurel Nakanishi

[Artist Talk] Expanding Kyokai: Kamiyama AIR (May 30)

Speaker: Quynh Vantu (Architect/Artist; 2017 US-Japan Creative Artists Program Fellow)

[Artist Talk] Work / Not Work: Redrawing Boundaries by MODU (July 2)

Speaker: Phu Hoang, Rachely Rotem

[Dance Performance & Talk] BUSCARTE (Searching for You) (December 11)

Conceived and performed by José Navarrete and Debby Kajiyama/NAKA Dance Theater

Voice programming/processing and composition by Adria Otte

Additional music by Liliana Felipe

Sound Operation: Miyamoto Takashi

Translations into Japanese: Kawashima Shinobu

Sign Language interpretation by Kikukawa Ren, Ezoe Satoshi, Takagi Machiko, Kakuta Mari

[Artist Talk] For Example (January 17, 2019)

Speaker: Jesse Schlesinger

III. Public Programs

A. I-House Public Programs

(1) I-House Lecture

The I-House Lecture invites specialists in various fields to talk on timely themes or on Japan compared with other countries in light of politics, economics, foreign policy, and culture for a wider audience. Lectures are held either in Japanese or English without interpretation.

The following four lectures were organized during Fiscal 2018.

[A Concert-Demonstration] Shakuhachi Meets Flute/Piccolo (April 26)

Trond Magne Brekka Flutist/Piccoloist, Oslo Philharmonic
Orchestra / Global Artist-in-Residence
Tokyo



Baseball and Diplomacy: A Game Changer for U.S.-Japan Relations (June 20)

Robert Whiting Journalist



Victimhood Nationalism versus Mnemonic Solidarity: History Reconciliation in East Asia (July 3)

Lecturer: Lim Jie-Hyun, Professor, Sogang University

Discussant: Torsten Weber, Senior Research Fellow, German Institute for
Japanese Studies

Moderator: Ashiwa Yoshiko, Professor, Hitotsubashi University



Lim Jie-Hyun

8 Habits for Better Productivity and Work Styles in Japan (January 23, 2019)

Rochelle Kopp Managing Principal, Japan Intercultural Consulting



(2) Architalk: Seeing the World through Architecture

I-House boasts a building constructed 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 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 contemporary issues such as the environment, disaster or food through architecture. In Fiscal 2018, the programs below were held, with Kobayashi Masami (Vice President, Meiji University) and Fujimura Ryuji (Associate Professor, Tokyo University of the Arts) as coordinators. This series was supported by Mori Building and Shimizu Corporation.

Freeing Architecture (May 11)

Ishigami Junya (Architect)



Generative Architecture from Asia (July 24)

Ito Toyo (Architect)



Little Spaces and Architecture (November 19)

Inui Kumiko (Architect)



B. Programs to Understand Japan

(1) Inter-University Center 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 lectures are held at I-House every year inviting IUC alumni and experts in academic, government, and business sectors to give lectures in Japanese

with the aim of sharing their achievements with the general public and networking for future experts of Japan and current leaders in the field.

During Fiscal 2018 the following two forums were organized:

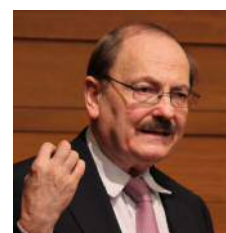
Observations from My Journey in Japan (May 10)

Jason P. Hyland Former Chargé d’Affaires ad interim, U.S.
Embassy in Japan/ Representative Officer
and President, MGM Resorts Japan LLC)



Asia in Washington: Exploring the Penumbra of Transnational Power 2018 (December 13)

Kent Calder Vice Dean, Johns Hopkins University
School of Advanced International Studies/
Director, Edwin O. Reischauer Center for
East Asian Studies



(2) Nichibunken-IHJ Forum

In Fiscal 2015 I-House started a new 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 supporting foreign researchers specializing in Japan. Under this Forum, the two organizations jointly hold three to four lectures and seminars annually with Nichibunken researchers as lecturers (language: Japanese or English).

The following three forums were organized during Fiscal 2018:

Social Functions in Japanese Brazilian Society: Karaoke, Films, and Haiku

(July 27)

Lecturer:

Hosokawa Shūhei Professor, Nichibunken

Commentator:

Angelo Ishi Professor, Musashi University



Hosokawa Shuhei

History of Religions in Postwar Japan: As Seen Through the Encyclopedia of Contemporary Words (December 5)

Lecturer:

Suzuki Iwayumi Visiting Professor, Nichibunken

Commentator:

Isomae Jun’ichi Professor, Nichibunken



Suzuki Iwayumi

Japan’s Road to the Olympics in the Meiji Era: An Attempt at “Sports Civilization” Theory
(February 20, 2019)

Lecturer:

Ushimura Kei Professor, Nichibunken

Commentator:

Mitani Hiroshi Professor Emeritus, University of Tokyo



Ushimura Kei

(3) Delve into Japanese Culture @ I-House

This English lecture series introduces aspects of Japanese culture which can lead to new awareness both for non-Japanese and Japanese. Themes of the lectures vary from the Japanese garden to Japanese cuisine to increase the opportunities for our guests who stay at or visit I-House to deepen their understanding of Japanese culture. I-House and the Kisako Intercultural Institute co-organized this series from Fiscal 2014 to 2016, and from Fiscal 2017 this series has been organized solely by I-House.

The following lecture was organized during Fiscal 2018:

What’s Behind Brand Japan? — From Hello Kitty, Murakami, to KonMari

(April 24)

Roland Kelts Author



C. Special Programs

(1) Asia Pacific Young Leaders Program (APYLP)

The Asia Pacific Young Leaders Program (APYLP) is a community of young leaders from the Asia Pacific who will be shaping peace and prosperity for the region in the coming decades. The program connects participants of young leader programs in the region, provides continued leadership education, fosters intra-regional initiatives, and provides a home in Japan for the young leaders to gather. Joint sessions will be organized by I-House and its partner institutions in Japan and throughout the Asia Pacific.

In 2018, the following three Joint Sessions were held to create opportunities for young leaders to gather and engage in international intellectual and cultural exchange.

Journalism in Asia: Searching for the Truth (October 14)

Speakers:

Kunda Dixit (Editor and Publisher, Nepali Times)

Saba Naqvi (Independent Journalist, India)

Kong Rithdee (Editor, Bangkok Post)

Moderator:

Mizuno Takaaki (Professor, Kanda University of International Studies)

Co-organized by Japan Foundation Asia Center

Next Generation Leadership Shaping the Future of Asia Pacific (October 30)

Moderator:

Caroline Kennedy (Former Ambassador to Japan; Trustee, Asia Society)

Speakers:

Bernise Ang (Principal, Zeroth Labs)

Arnel Casanova (Philippine Rep., AECOM Technology Corporation)

Doi Kanae (Japan Director, Human Rights Watch)

Eugene Yi (President, Cortico)

Fireside Chat:

Koizumi Shinjiro (Member, House of Representatives)

Josette Sheeran (President and CEO, Asia Society)

Co-organized by Asia Society



Caroline Kennedy



Bernise Ang



Arnel Casanova



Doi Kanae



Eugene Yi



Koizumi Shinjiro



Josette Sheeran

Can Renewable Energy Change the World? –Beyond “An Inconvenient Truth” (February 2, 2019)

Keynote Speeches:

Llewelyn Hughes (Associate Professor, Australian National University)

Hans-Josef Fell (President, Energy Watch Group)

Presentations:

June Park (Adjunct Professor, George Mason University Korea)

Gao Weijun (Professor, University of Kitakyushu)

Yeh Wenchang (Associate Professor, Shimane University)

Satō Kenta (Member of Village Assembly, Iitate Village)

Kondō Kei (Executive Director, Iitatepower Co. Ltd.)

Moderator:

Sonja Dale (Adjunct Assistant Professor, Hitotsubashi University)

Co-organized by Atsumi International Foundation



Llewelyn Hughes



Hans-Josef Fell



June Park



Gao Weijun



Yeh Wenchang



Sato Kenta



Kondo Kei



Sonja Dale

(2) Two Singular Voices: Barry Yourgrau and Kawakami Mieko in Conversation

Author-performer Barry Yourgrau, who has been writing surreal, funny, very brief stories including *A Man Jumps Out of an Airplane*, *Haunted Traveler*, *NASTYbook*, and *The Sadness of Sex*, engaged in a dialogue with author-poet Kawakami Mieko, whose short stories such as “Dreams of Love, Etc.,” “About Her and the Memories that Belong to Her,” and “The Flower Garden” capture the epiphanic moment when ordinary life turns to drama. The two authors talked about short stories, life, and creativity. The moderator was a prominent literary scholar and translator who translated six works of Yourgrau’s. (April 18)

Speakers: Barry Yourgrau (author), Kawakami Mieko (author)

Moderator: Shibata Motoyuki (translator)



(3) The Life of Asakawa Kan'ichi and Its Implications for Contemporary Japan—A Symposium to Commemorate the 70th Anniversary of Asakawa's Death

Asakawa Kan'ichi (1873–1948), who, upon graduation from Tokyo Senmon Gakko (currently Waseda University), studied at Dartmouth College and Yale University, became the first Japanese professor at Yale University. Aside from his scholarly achievements in the study of Japanese history, he was active in pursuing peace and harmony among nations. He raised the alarm over Japan's iron-handed diplomacy vis-à-vis Asian countries after its triumph in the Russo-Japanese War, and made every effort to curb Japan from going to war with the United States. Commemorating the 70th anniversary of Asakawa's death, a symposium, co-organized by the House and the Asakawa Kan'ichi Memorial Symposium Project Committee, was held to revisit his life and achievements, and discuss the implications for contemporary Japan. (October 20)

Moderator of the Symposium: Ueki Chikako (Professor, Waseda University)

Greetings: Akashi Yasushi (Chairman, International House of Japan)



Ueki Chikako

The Life of Asakawa Kan'ichi

Speakers:

Yabuki Susumu (Professor Emeritus, Yokohama City University)

Hamada Kōichi (Professor Emeritus, Yale University)

Daniel Botsman (Professor, Yale University)

Yamauchi Haruko (Board of Directors, Asakawa Kan'ichi Research Group)



Yabuki Susumu



Hamada Kōichi



Daniel Botsman



Yamauchi Haruko

Keynote Speeches

Takahara Akio (Professor, University of Tokyo)

Frances McCall Rosenbluth (Professor, Yale University)

Katō Ryōzō (former Ambassador to the U.S.)



Takahara Akio



Frances McCall Rosenbluth



Kato Ryozo

Panel Discussion

Part 1 “Why Asakawa Kan’ichi Now”

Moderator: Funabashi Yōichi (Chairman, Asia Pacific Initiative)

Discussants:

Genba Kōichirō (Member of the House of Representatives, former Foreign Minister)

Kurokawa Kiyoshi (Professor Emeritus, University of Tokyo)

Tanaka Akihiko (President, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies)

Part 2 “The New Pacific Era—Hope for the Next Generation”

Moderator: Watanabe Tsuneo (Senior Research Fellow, Sasakawa Peace Foundation)

Discussants:

Agawa Naoyuki (Professor Emeritus, Keio University)

Seguchi Kiyoyuki (Research Director, The Cannon Institute for Global Studies)

Akita Hiroyuki (Commentator, Editing Office, Nihon Keizai Shimbunsha)



Funabashi Yoichi



Genba Kōichirō



Kurokawa Kiyoshi



Tanaka Akihiko



Watanabe Tsuneo



Agawa Naoyuki



Seguchi Kiyoyuki



Akita Hiroyuki

(4) Living in North America as a Nuclear Weapon Survivor

Ms. Setsuko Thurlow, a Hiroshima atomic bomb survivor who delivered a speech on the abolition of nuclear weapons at the Nobel Peace Prize presentation in 2017, shared her experience of living in the United States in the period following World War II, her life as a social worker and her work with the nuclear weapon abolition campaign. (December 4)

Speaker: Setsuko Thurlow

Modertor: Dōden Aiko (Special Affairs Commentator, NHK World)

Supported by: Hiroshima Jogakuin University, Embassy of Canada



Setsuko Thurlow

VI. Grant to Cultural Exchange Projects

A. Asile Flottant Restoration Project

Designed by Le Corbusier, along with Maekawa Kunio, and completed in 1929, the homeless shelter barge Asile Flottant (floating shelter) on the River Seine in Paris was restored in recent years by the collaborative efforts of Japanese and French architects, but in February 2018 it became submerged due to rising water levels in the Seine. This barge, an extremely valuable modernist architecture in itself, also played an important role in modern history as a shelter for refugees.

This project aims to refloat this sunken barge, and renovate and use it for international exchange and collaboration. The Architectural Design Association of Nippon (ADAN) has been involved in this project from the very beginning, and I-House decided to financially support this project by signing an agreement with ADAN. In FY2018, the House granted 65 million yen to ADAN, which negotiated with the French side for their cooperation and conducted a submersible survey of the barge.

V. Publications

A. LTCB International Library

Since 2000, I-House had 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 was financed by the revenue and part of the principal of the fund established by the endowment and other assets of the LTCB Library Foundation subsequent to its dissolution in 2000.

In Fiscal 2018, 3,500 copies of each of the following two titles were distributed by free gift to university libraries, research institutions, public libraries, and cultural organizations around the world.

The Lancashire Cotton Industry and Its Rivals—International Competition in Cotton Goods in the Late Nineteenth Century: Britain versus India, China, and Japan by Heita Kawakatsu

Translator and Editor: Jean Connell Hoff

Return from Siberia: A Japanese Life in War and Peace, 1925–2015 by Oguma Eiji

Translator: David Noble

With the distribution of these two titles around the world, the LTCB International Library program has come to an end.

B. 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.

The following work was carried out in Fiscal 2018:

[Publication and distribution]



Nitobe Leadership Program Proceedings 6: *Korekara no sekai o kangaeru hito e* (Messages for Young Leaders Who Will Be Shaping the Future)

Edited by Nitobe Leadership Program, International House of Japan

C. Newsletter and Occasional Publications

In Fiscal 2018 I-House continued publishing its bilingual newsletter *I-House Quarterly* (A4 format, 16 pages), issues No. 18 to 21. 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 has been distributed at various relevant places such as universities and bookstores, 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 Kaiho* since its launching 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 2018 are as follows:

A) *Annual Report 63* (September 2018)

B) *Kokusai Bunka Kaikan no Ayumi 63* (September 2018)

C) *I-House Quarterly*



➤ *I-House Quarterly*, No. 18 (June)

Interview: Richard Lloyd Parry (Asia Editor / Tokyo Bureau Chief, *The Times*)



➤ *I-House Quarterly*, No. 19 (September)

Interview: Kohtake Naohiko (Professor, Graduate School of System Design and Management, Keio University)

Essay: Barry Yourgrau (Author)



- *I-House Quarterly*, No. 20 (December)
- Interview: Yoshie Kris (Director, Slow Label)
- Essay: Peter Grilli (President Emeritus, Japan Society of Boston)



- *I-House Quarterly*, No. 21 (March 2019)
- Interview: Kōno Eiichi (Typographer)
- Essay: Dōden Aiko (Special Affairs Commentator, NHK World)

D. Promotional Activities Through the Website and Social Media

Another promotional activity is online publishing through our website, monthly e-news, and social media such as Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube. In Fiscal 2018 I-House redesigned its website to make it compatible with smartphone viewing and strived to disseminate information in a more timely manner. We also continued to work with other organizations to promote mutual programs through our monthly e-news.

VI. Research Projects

A. 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 twenty to thirty in number, are academics and researchers, former diplomats and international officials, journalists and commentators, those active in civil society organizations, and business people. The working language is either English or Japanese and no interpretation is provided. The feedback from this program is utilized in other programs of I-House.

The following meetings were held during Fiscal 2018:

Dramatic Change in Peaceful Utilization of Atomic Energy in Japan
(May 17)

Abe Nobuyasu Former member,
Japan Atomic Energy Commission



The United Nations and a World in Crisis: Challenges and Opportunities
(July 2)

Sebastian von Einsiedel Director, UN University Centre
for Policy Research



The U.S. and Antiglobalism (September 5)

Sasae Ken'ichirō President and Director General,
Japan Institute of International Affairs



The Korean Peninsula in the Context of Northeast Asian Diplomacy
—The Past and the Future (February 26, 2019)

Speaker:

Lee Su Hoon Ambassador of the Republic of Korea in Japan

Commentator:

Okonogi Masao Professor emeritus, Keio University



Lee Su Hoon

VII. Library and Reading Room

A. General Services

In Fiscal 2018, in comparison to the previous year, the number of library users was almost the same while lending and reference decreased slightly.

(as of March 31, 2019)

	Fiscal 2017	Fiscal 2018
Holdings		
Books	27,360 titles	27,675 titles
Periodicals	389 titles	394 titles
Accessions	462 titles	318 titles
Purchased	116	117
Gift	346	201
Periodicals Received	2,447 volumes	2,483 volumes
De-accessions		
Books	572 titles	3 titles
Days Open (Mon.-Sat.)	292 days	291 days
Users	10,460 persons	10,432 persons
Japanese	6,829	7,035
Non-Japanese	3,631	3,397
Circulation	1,663 titles	1,612 titles
Inter-Library Loans	144 cases	126 cases
Borrowing	87	66
Lending	57	60
Reference Services	1,066 cases	989 cases
In-library	652	591
By telephone	51	62
By letter/fax	1	5
By e-mail	362	331
Computer Service	606 users	421 users
Library Members	124 members	131 members
New	22	30
Withdrawals	29	23

B. History Archive Project

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 has started a three-year plan (Fiscal 2017–2019) to create the I-House History Archive. After creating the basic archive catalogue, as well as installing necessary systems and regulations, it will be made accessible for I-House members and others interested in the field.

In Fiscal 2018, under the direction of the I-House Archives Committee, additional creation of the basic catalogue, and digitization of materials (especially old audio and video recordings in danger of deterioration), were conducted.

C. The James C. Abegglen Memorial Collection at the International House of Japan Library (under the auspices of The Boston Consulting Group, and in collaboration with Nikkei Publishing Inc.)

A catalog (new edition) of the collection of James C. Abegglen, which was donated to the library in 2008, was published, and an anniversary session and reception were held as follows.

Date	Title	Panelists	Participants
June 7	The James C. Abegglen Memorial Collection at the International House of Japan Library 10th Anniversary Session	Kent Calder (Director, Edwin O. Reischauer Center for East Asian Studies, Johns Hopkins SAIS) Tsusaka Miki (Senior Partner & Managing Director, Chief Marketing Officer, The Boston Consulting Group) Hori Yoshito (President, GLOBIS University / Managing Partner, GLOBIS Capital Partners)	147

D. Reading about Japan at I-House Library (Reading Session)

Reading sessions are held to create an opportunity for participants who share interests to have a conversation with the author of a book mainly from the library collection and mingle with other participants. There has been a wide variety of participation each time, and the sessions are functioning to promote the library to a wider range of people.

In Fiscal 2018, one reading session was held as follows.

Date	Title	Reader	Participants
November 29	Craig Mod—The Walk and Talk: <i>Koya Bound</i> and Walk Design	Craig Mod (Writer / Photographer)	96

E. Joint Exposition of Books (in collaboration with the Bibliothèque de la Maison franco-japonaise and the Deutsches Institut für Japanstudien Bibliothek)

This exposition is a project carried out in collaboration with the Bibliothèque de la Maison franco-japonaise and the Deutsches Institut für Japanstudien Bibliothek. Both are Japanese Studies libraries in Tokyo.

The exposition themes are decided mutually, and the I-House Library displays books in English, the Maison franco-japonaise Bibliothèque displays books in French, and the Deutsches Institut für Japanstudien Bibliothek displays books in German.

Date	Title	Exhibit
October 2–31	Basho & Haiku	English materials on Basho and Haiku (I-House) French materials on Basho and Haiku (Maison franco-japonaise) German materials on Basho and Haiku (Deutsches Institut für Japanstudien)
March 1–29, 2019	Nō and Kyōgen	English materials on Nō and Kyōgen (I-House) French materials on Nō and Kyōgen (Maison franco-japonaise) German materials on Nō and Kyōgen (Deutsches Institut für Japanstudien)



Basho & Haiku



Nō and Kyōgen

F. Memorial Exposition of Books

A memorial exposition for Professor Donald Keene, the renowned scholar and translator of Japanese literature and professor emeritus at Columbia University, was held as follows.

Date	Title	Exhibit
March 1–April 19, 2019	Memorial Exposition for Professor Donald Keene	Books by Professor Donald Keene

VI. Cooperation with Other Organizations

During Fiscal 2018, I-House supported and/or cooperated with the following programs hosted by other institutions.

【Cooperation】

Discussion Session “Fundamental Frequencies”

(April 28)

Organized by: art & science gallery lab AXIOM

Venue: I-House

Japan-US Friendship Commission Institutional Grants Information Session

(May 24)

Organized by: Japan-US Friendship Commission

Venue: I-House

Roppongi Hills and Mori Art Museum 15th Anniversary Exhibition

“Catastrophe and the Power of Art” Pre-discussion Series 5 “Art or Activism”

(July 1)

Organized by: Mori Art Museum

Venue: I-House

Innovative City Forum “Designing the Futures for Global Cities and Lifestyles” (October 18–20)

Organized by: Institute for Urban Strategies–The Mori Memorial Foundation, Mori Art Museum, academyhills

Venue: Roppongi academyhills

East West Dialogue with Fumihiko Maki and Peter Grilli

(November 14)

Organized by: Asian Cultural Council

Venue: I-House

The Grew Bancroft Foundation 5th Symposium “Liberal Education in a Rapidly-Changing World”

(March 22, 2019)

Organized by: Grew Bancroft Foundation

Venue: I-House

【Support】

JEF-KRA Global Risk Symposium 2018

(September 20)

Organized by: Japan Economic Foundation

Venue: I-House

Service Activities

The study-bedrooms, which number 44 rooms, welcomed a total of 14,885 guests in the fiscal year 2018. The percentage of foreign guest remains a little over 65 percent, showing the important role the House continues to play for visiting scholars and individuals involved in international culture and intellectual exchange.

The following campaigns for accommodations were directed at all members:

1. Summertime 50 percent discount coupon for members
(valid from July 1 to August 31)
2. Wintertime 50 percent discount coupon for members
(valid from December 1 to February 28, 2019)

This fiscal year, 30,758 people used the Lecture Hall and seminar rooms located in the annex and fourth floor of the west wing, and 31,067 guests utilized the Iwasaki Koyata Memorial Hall and Kabayama /Matsumoto room located in the east wing for conferences and gatherings.

Banquet campaigns

1. Summer Party Plan (July 1, 2018–September 30, 2018)
2. Winter Party Plan (December 1, 2018–February 28, 2019)
3. Spring Party Plan (March 1, 2019–March 31, 2019)

In our dining facilities, we had 65,758 guests at the Tea Lounge “The Garden,” and 16,918 guests at the Restaurant “SAKURA.”

Campaign events for the Tea Lounge “The Garden”:

1. Rice Noodle Soup (PHO) Fair (May 1–Jun 30, 2018)
2. Summer Special Menu (July 1–August 31, 2018)
3. Autumn Pasta Fair (September 1–October 31, 2018)
4. Thai Food Menu (November 1–December 30, 2018)
5. Roast Chicken Christmas Set (December 21–25, 2018)
6. Toshikoshi Soba (December 31, 2018)
7. New Year’s Special Lunch Menu (January 1–3, 2019)
8. New Year’s Special Dinner Menu (January 1–3, 2019)
9. Tea lounge “The Garden” Winter Fair (January 8–February 28, 2019)
10. Ohanami Chirashi-sushi (March 15–April 7, 2019)
11. Yozakura Beef Steak Set (March 15–April 7, 2019)

Campaign events for the Restaurant “SAKURA”:

1. Classical French Menu (July 1–August 31, 2018)
2. Autumn Selection Menu (October 1–November 30, 2018)
3. Christmas Special Menu (December 21–25, 2018)
4. Japanese Osechi (January 1–3, 2019)
5. New Year’s French Course (January 1–3, 2019)
6. Ohanami Lunch Course (March 15–April 7, 2019)
7. Yozakura French Course (March 15–April 7, 2019)

As a result, 159,434 guests in total used the facilities. In addition, to increase the opportunities for House members to socialize, various events were held as below:

1. Cherry-Blossom Viewing Party (April 5–6, 2018; 178 participants)
2. Garden Beer Party (July 27; 183 participants)
3. Wine Party (November 15; 125 participants)
4. Dinner Meeting for IHJ Members (December 6; 69 participants)
Special guest: Mr. Yasuhiro Yamashita
5. Christmas Dinner (December 23–25; 255 participants)

At all events participants, including House members and guests, shared a pleasant time.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Table No.1
USE OF STUDY-BEDROOMS
(April 1, 2018 – March 31, 2019)

	Fiscal Year		2018 in comparison with 2017	
	2017	2018	Difference	18/17
Total No. of Guests	15,193	14,933	-260	98.3%
Average No. of Guests per day	41.6	40.9	-0.7	98.3%
Ratio of Non-Japanese Guests	64.8%	65.7%	0.9%	101.4%
Room Occupancy	78.1%	76.0%	-2.1%	97.3%
Total Income	¥144,657,990	¥147,798,403	¥3,140,413	102.2%
Average Income from Rooms per day	¥396,323	¥404,927	¥8,604	102.2%

Table No.2
SEMINAR ROOMS, BANQUET, DINING ROOM & COFFEE SHOP PATRONAGE
(April 1, 2018 – March 31, 2019)

		Fiscal Year		2018 in comparison with 2017	
		2017	2018	Difference	18/17
Seminar Rooms	Total Income	¥72,783,452	¥74,427,047	¥1,643,595	102.3%
	No. of Guests	34,430	30,758	-3,672	89.3%
	Per Capita Proceeds	¥2,114	¥2,420	¥306	114.5%
Banquets	Total Income	¥221,074,728	¥255,320,609	¥34,245,881	115.5%
	No. of Guests	28,589	31,067	2,478	108.7%
	Per Capita Proceeds	¥7,733	¥8,218	¥486	106.3%
Wedding Related	Total Income	¥121,794,231	¥99,440,593	¥-22,353,638	81.6%
	No. of Guests	8,838	7,294	-1,544	82.5%
	Per Capita Proceeds	¥13,781	¥13,633	¥-148	98.9%
Restaurant	Total Income	¥103,247,442	¥104,743,799	¥1,496,357	101.4%
	No. of Guests	16,262	16,918	656	104.0%
	Per Capita Proceeds	¥6,349	¥6,191	¥-158	97.5%
Tea Lounge	Total Income	¥118,579,998	¥119,644,709	¥1,064,711	100.9%
	No. of Guests	65,862	65,758	-104	99.8%
	Per Capita Proceeds	¥1,800	¥1,819	¥19	101.1%
Total	Income	¥637,479,851	¥653,576,757	¥16,096,906	102.5%
	No. of Guests	153,981	151,795	-2,186	98.6%
	Per Capita Proceeds	¥4,140	¥4,306	¥166	104.0%
Daily Average	Income	¥1,746,520	¥1,790,621	¥44,101	102.5%
	No. of Guests	422	416	-6	98.6%

Finances

Increase or Decrease of Net Assets International House of Japan, Inc. (April 1, 2018 - March 31, 2019)

(Unit: Yen)

Items	This Year	Previous Year	Balance
I Net Assets in Ordinary Accounts			
1. Current Account Change			
(1) Current Account Revenue			
① Basic Asset Investment Profit	100	100	0
Basic Asset Interest Received	100	100	0
② Designated Asset Investment Profit	2,440,006	2,373,633	66,373
Program Fund	1,220,226	1,061,582	158,644
Library Fund	365,843	354,407	11,436
Funds for Repairs	761,581	891,777	△ 130,196
Designated Asset Interest Received	92,356	65,867	26,489
③ Membership Dues & Fees:	100,988,413	98,655,206	2,333,207
Corporate Membership	32,932,325	34,169,924	△ 1,237,599
Individual Membership	68,056,088	64,485,282	3,570,806
④ Revenue from Program & Service Activities	827,409,679	788,867,936	38,541,743
Publications (LTCB International Library Foundation)	23,759,738	0	23,759,738
Publications (I-House Press)	732,428	711,544	20,884
Seminar Participation Fees (IHJ Seminars)	1,364,352	2,480,093	△ 1,115,741
Revenue from House Operations (Accommodation, Restaurant, etc.)	701,934,567	663,871,786	38,062,781
Wedding-Related Revenue	99,440,593	121,794,231	△ 22,353,638
Transfer from Designated Accounts (Ushiba Fellowship Program)	178,001	10,282	167,719
⑤ Grants & Contributions:	27,954,768	20,775,240	7,179,528
APYLP Project	12,966,000	5,449,500	7,516,500
Nitobe Kokusai Juku	3,000,000	4,200,000	△ 1,200,000
Archive Project	3,000,000	3,000,000	0
Architecture Program	800,000	1,200,000	△ 400,000
Japan-India Dialogue (Shahani Associates)	2,584,111	1,000,000	1,584,111
Kasumi Kaikan	300,000	300,000	0
Transfer from Designated Accounts (Arts Program)	5,304,657	5,625,740	△ 321,083
⑥ Assistance	19,344,493	31,940,075	△ 12,595,582
Japan Foundation (ALFP)	19,344,493	19,460,345	△ 115,852
Harvard Law School	0	12,479,730	△ 12,479,730
⑦ Donations	244,690,496	40,575,000	204,115,496
U.S.-Japan International Monetary Symposium	14,000,000	13,300,000	700,000
Membership Initial Donations	20,975,000	18,950,000	2,025,000
Donations	201,958,253	4,295,000	197,663,253
Donations (Program)	6,679,966	4,000,000	2,679,966
Donations (Library)	1,077,277	30,000	1,047,277
⑧ Miscellaneous	6,970,248	6,271,874	698,374
Total Current Account Revenue	1,229,798,203	989,459,064	240,339,139

(Unit: Yen)

Items	This Year	Previous Year	Balance
(2) Current Account Expenditures			
① Program & Activities:	1,052,552,431	912,191,912	140,360,519
Ushiba Fellowship Program	178,001	10,282	167,719
Asia Leadership Fellow Program	15,338,338	14,066,261	1,272,077
Japan-India Dialogue	1,336,317	757,967	578,350
Nitobe Kokusai Juku	1,893,253	4,530,473	△ 2,637,220
Lectures, Discussions and Other Meetings	12,892,194	5,286,843	7,605,351
Artist Assistance Program	5,304,657	5,625,740	△ 321,083
Periodicals (<i>Annual Report</i> and <i>I-House Quarterly</i>)	5,854,297	4,669,344	1,184,953
LTCB International Library Foundation	37,605,361	1,501,368	36,103,993
U.S.-Japan International Monetary Symposium	11,961,673	23,703,082	△ 11,741,409
Publications	646,216	556,906	89,310
Public Relations	126,987	646,474	△ 519,487
Research Expenses	1,022,921	499,383	523,538
Promotion Services	65,000,000	0	65,000,000
Library: Special Project	4,524,588	3,025,509	1,499,079
Library	4,980,525	5,064,214	△ 83,689
Staff Expenses	129,496,508	129,878,137	△ 381,629
Outsourcing	524,706,374	502,136,826	22,569,548
Depreciation	49,589,452	53,781,371	△ 4,191,919
Water, Gas, Light & Power	44,357,893	41,835,605	2,522,288
Supplies, Replacement & Others	135,736,876	114,616,127	21,120,749
② Secretariat (indirect cost)	33,784,736	37,210,193	△ 3,425,457
Staff Expenses	20,450,580	20,610,945	△ 160,365
Outsourcing	1,210,883	1,231,845	△ 20,962
Depreciation	1,178,035	1,250,746	△ 72,711
Water, Gas, Light & Power	905,261	853,788	51,473
Supplies, Replacement & Others	10,039,977	13,262,869	△ 3,222,892
Total Current Account Expenditures	1,086,337,167	949,402,105	136,935,062
Change This Term before Valuation Gain or Loss	143,461,036	40,056,959	103,404,077
Valuation Gain or Loss (Reserve Funds)	△ 260,010	1,983,170	△ 2,243,180
Valuation Gain or Loss (Funds for Repairs)	1,343,310	△ 392,360	1,735,670
Total of Profit and Loss on Appraisal	1,083,300	1,590,810	△ 507,510
Change This Term	144,544,336	41,647,769	102,896,567
2. Non-Current Account Change			
(1) Non-Current Account Revenue			
Total Non-Current Account Revenue	0	0	0
(2) Non-Current Account Expenditures			
Total Non-Current Account Expenditures	0	0	0
Change This Term	0	0	0
Income before income taxes	144,544,336	41,647,769	102,896,567
Income taxes current	5,629,800	0	5,629,800
Income taxes deferred for prior periods	△ 5,456,823	0	△ 5,456,823
Change in Ordinary Net Assets This Term	144,371,359	41,647,769	102,723,590
Balance at Beginning of Term	2,399,377,519	2,357,729,750	41,647,769
Balance at End of Term	2,543,748,878	2,399,377,519	144,371,359

Items	This Year	Previous Year	Balance
II Net Assets in Designated Accounts			
1. Grants (Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission)	5,738,061	5,697,760	40,301
2. Valuation Gain or Loss (Designated Assets)	0	80,500	△ 80,500
3. Transfer to Ordinary Accounts (Arts Program)	△ 5,304,657	△ 5,625,740	321,083
4. Transfer to Ordinary Accounts (Ushiba Fellowship Program)	△ 178,001	△ 10,282	△ 167,719
Change This Term	255,403	142,238	113,165
Balance at Beginning of Term	18,874,866	18,732,628	142,238
Balance at End of Term	19,130,269	18,874,866	255,403
III Net Assets Balance at End of Term	2,562,879,147	2,418,252,385	144,626,762