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Innovative Public Discussions on the Recommendation about Accepting Foreign Workers
(1) SPF, Institute for Human Diversity Japan, (2) 1 year, (3) ¥11,000,000
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Japan-US Opinion Leaders’ Dialogue II
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(4) Promote exchanges between opinion leaders in Japan and the US, based on the recognition that building strong Japan-US relations will lead Japan and China’s national defense efforts in the future.

Strengthening Multi-sector Collaboration in Asia for Refugees
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(4) Consider Japan’s role and the path its refugee policy should take by studying refugee acceptance systems and the current situation in countries which pursue active refugee policies, facilitating the development of support systems and frameworks for accepting refugees in Japan.

The Second US-Japan Joint Public Policy Forum (Dec. 8–9)

ASEAN-ROK-Japan Trilateral Workshop on Human Security
(1) SPF, (2) 1 year, (3) ¥8,500,000
(4) Strengthen the level of collaboration among Japan, the ROK, and ASEAN through the three-way workshop.

Migration in Asia Project: "A Society of Shrinking Resources and Population Migration"
(1) SPF, (2) 3 years, (3) ¥10,500,000
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May 2010

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- "The Other Middle East: Iran, Iraq and Saudi Arabia in the 21st Century"

June

The Second Meeting of Six Nations and Two Non-Governmental Organizations for Strengthening Maritime Surveillance Capacity in the Micronesia Region (Nov. 2–3, Guam)

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International Ministers invited to Japan (Aug. 23–30)
Six MPs from Cambodia visited Japan to meet with high-ranking government officials and agencies, MIs, and tour agricultural sites in Utsunomiya City focusing on rural development.

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Symposium: "Outlook for Financial Cooperation in Asia and the Role of Japan and China" (Dec. 7)

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January 2012

Lecture by Dr. Michael O'Hanlon, director of National Security and International Policy at the Brookings Institution: "Tangling in the SFIC: Afghanistan" (Dec. 17)

February

Indian MPs invited to Japan (Feb. 6–13, visited Shizuoka and Hiroshima prefectures)

Four MPs from India visited Japan to meet with Japanese ministers and MIs, and tour Shizuoka and Hiroshima Prefectures.

March

Lecture by Dr. John D. Gray and editor-in-chief of the Myanmar Times: "The Current Situation of Myanmar and its Future" (Mar. 8)

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Training sessions in Japan under the Training Program for Japanese Language Learners from Regional Universities in China (Aug. 2–8)

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September

Seminar: “Peace Building in South Thailand—The Role of Citizen Mediators” (Sep. 6)

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  - Lecture by Dr. Patrick M. Cronin (Jul. 8)

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