

# MISSION STATEMENT



The Sasakawa Peace Foundation (SPF) was established in September 1986 as a private nonprofit organization with an endowment from The Nippon Foundation and the Japanese motorboat racing industry.

## 1 Contribute to World Peace

The Sasakawa Peace Foundation (SPF) seeks to contribute to the welfare of humanity and the sound development of the international community, and thus to world peace, through activities that foster international interaction and cooperation.

## 2 Conduct Initiatives Available Only to Private Foundations

SPF provides grants for, and when necessary implements by itself, projects that are intended to help resolve common challenges facing the international community and challenges facing Japan in its relations with other countries, but that are difficult for the state or businesses to undertake.

## 3 Emphasize Novel Approaches

SPF values progressive approaches through trial and error despite any complications or difficulties that may arise.

## 4 Tackle Problems Head-on

SPF, together with grantee organizations (or by itself), does not merely consider methods of resolving problems, but emphasizes the actual implementation of those methods in society; it conducts a variety of actions, including public outreach, with the cooperation of nongovernmental organizations and other such groups.

## 5 Promote International Cooperation

SPF regards grant projects as joint efforts undertaken in cooperation with the grantee organizations, and forms partnerships to promote international cooperation. SPF also aims to achieve international cooperation through networks created by SPF itself.

### About the Special Funds

There are four Special Funds within the framework of the Sasakawa Peace Foundation (SPF), each for a specific part of the world. The Special Funds are:

- The Sasakawa Pacific Island Nations Fund
- The Sasakawa Japan-China Friendship Fund
- The Sasakawa Pan Asia Fund
- The Sasakawa Middle East Islam Fund\*

Regular projects tackle issues in a specific sector, whereas Special Fund projects focus on issues in a specific part of the world. All Special Funds are designed to contribute to problem resolution in their targeted area, by developing and implementing uniquely effective programs in collaboration with non-profit and research organizations in various countries.

\*The Sasakawa Middle East Islam Fund was established on April 1, 2009.