

Fiscal 2009 Highlights

Targeting Specific Sectors and Regions through Regular Projects and Special Funds

SPF takes a strategic approach to developing projects in a variety of fields, working through regular projects that address specific issues and four special funds that focus on specific parts of the world.

REGULAR PROJECTS

Countering New Influenza Strains

A forum for Asian countries to share experiences and challenges as the world faced the outbreak of influenza A (H1N1) in North America and a global pandemic. (▶See page 10)

Coping with Global Demographic Change and Labor Migration

Survey research on the labor market and changes in population composition; aging society and migrant labor policy; and social integration policy. (▶See page 11)

Fostering Dialogue among Opinion Leaders in Japan and the United States

Multilevel exchanges between opinion leaders in the US and Japan that aim to build a stronger foundation of intellectual exchange between the two countries. (▶See page 14)



SPINF THE SASAKAWA PACIFIC ISLAND NATIONS FUND



Addressing Maritime Safety in Micronesia

Multilateral public-private partnerships to establish a maritime safety system in the waters around Micronesia, a region with the third largest exclusive economic zone (EEZ) in the world. (▶See page 20)

SJCF THE SASAKAWA JAPAN-CHINA FRIENDSHIP FUND

Translating Books to Further Understanding of Contemporary Japan

Series of books carefully selected by Japanese and Chinese specialists to further an understanding of contemporary Japan in China, to be translated into Chinese and published in China. (▶See page 28)

Strengthening the Base for Disseminating Information in China

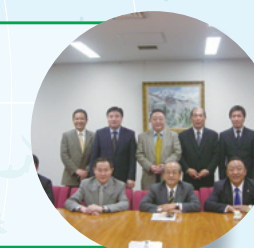
SJCF is reintroduced on its 20th anniversary with the launch of a Chinese-language website within China's most influential website, People's Daily Online. (▶See page 31)



SPAF THE SASAKAWA PAN ASIA FUND

Asian Parliamentarians Meet and Dialogue

Young parliamentarians from India, Mongolia and Cambodia visit Japan to meet with political and financial leaders, strengthen bilateral relations, and gain greater understanding of Japan. (▶See pages 34 and 35)



SMEF THE SASAKAWA MIDDLE EAST ISLAM FUND Established in 2009

Furthering Mutual Understanding between the Middle East and Japan

New website furthers understanding between the Middle East and Japan by disseminating information on Japan in Arabic. (▶See page 41)

