

Name (Country): The Australia-Japan Foundation (Australia)

Established: May, 1976

Head Offices: Canberra, Australia and Australian embassy in Tokyo, Japan

Mandate/Objectives: "The broad objectives of the Australia-Japan Foundation are to deepen and strengthen relations between Australia and Japan by fostering greater mutual awareness and understanding through people to people contact and by promoting study and other activities to elucidate to each other the society, culture, language and outlook of the two peoples." (Annual Report, 1991-92)

Funding level and source(s): In 1991-92 the Foundation received a total revenue of \$1,307,188 from Government that includes the Australia-Japan annual trust fund of \$837,707. The Foundation gets no private funding. The main program expenditures included:

Education \$446,974; Special projects and symposia \$116,773; Library \$115,133; Arts and community \$70,405; and Research/science \$17,308.

Conversion into Canadian dollars based on exchange rate of September 22, 1993 (\$1 A = \$0.8654 Cdn)

Programs/Activities:

Education: A range of professional development activities for Japanese teachers with an emphasis on in-country language training, undergraduate scholarships for Japanese language training in Japan and graduate scholarships for Japanese translating and interpreting programs.

Japan Skills Program: Aimed at equipping young Australian professionals with Japanese language ability and experience in working in a Japanese environment.

Library: Operations of the Foundation's public access Australian library in Tokyo.

General Grants: Offered in Japan to assist projects involving exchange between Japanese and Australians with emphasis placed on projects that further Australian interests in some way or promote new contacts between the two countries.

Other Activities: Promotion and assistance with display of major art exhibition in Tokyo on Australian paintings; recent media visits to Japan by two Australian journalists; symposiums and other events that promote mutual awareness.