

Appendix 1b: Institutions Similar to the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada

Name (Country): The Japan Foundation (Japan)	Established: October, 1972
<p>Head Office: Tokyo, Japan Branch offices: Australia, Brazil, Canada (Toronto), France, Germany, Hungary, Indonesia, Italy, Malaysia, Mexico, Thailand, U.K., U.S.A. (Los Angeles & New York)</p>	
<p>Mandate/Objectives: "... to efficiently carry on activities for international cultural exchange and thereby to contribute to the enhancement of world culture and the welfare of mankind, with a view of deepening other nations' understanding of Japan, promoting better mutual understanding among nations, and encouraging friendship and goodwill among the peoples of the world." (Annual Report, 1990)</p>	
<p>Funding level and source(s): The activities of the Foundation are principally financed with the operating income derived from endowments from the government and private organizations, and by government subsidies and private contributions. The accumulated public endowment for fiscal 1991 was \$1,180,854,560 and the budget for 1991 was \$230,426,120 derived from Government subsidies of \$112,955,200, capital gains of \$84,318,320 and private contributions of \$33,077,960. The main program expenditures included:</p> <p>Japanese studies \$63,058,360; Cultural exchange activities \$31,833,960; Personnel exchanges: \$24,768,040; Arts \$12,999,800; Publications \$12,141,440; and Centre for Global Partnership activities \$39,472,120.</p> <p>Conversion into Canadian dollars based on exchange rate of September 22, 1993 (1Yen = \$0.01244 Cdn)</p>	
<p>Programs/Activities: The Foundation funds and administers a wide range of programs in the following categories:</p> <p><u>Educational programs:</u> Primarily at the university level, promotes Japanese studies abroad by providing grants to organizations, sending specialists overseas, distributing reference materials, and offering financial assistance to researchers. Encourages Japanese language studies overseas through the training and assignment of teachers, the study of appropriate teaching methods and their development, and the promotion and distribution of teaching materials.</p> <p><u>Cultural programs:</u> Sponsors and supports performances, exhibitions, lectures and seminars that contribute to the promotion of international cultural exchange (introduction of Japanese culture overseas and introduction of foreign cultures to Japan). Produces, collects and distributes materials that introduce Japanese culture abroad and promote international exchange.</p> <p><u>Exchange programs:</u> Sends and invites qualified persons who will contribute to the promotion of international cultural and educational exchange.</p> <p><u>Centre for Global Partnership:</u> Opened in 1991 in Tokyo to deepen the relationship between Japan and the United States.</p> <p><u>ASEAN Culture Centre:</u> Opened in 1990 in Tokyo to introduce the cultures of the ASEAN nations to Japan.</p>	
<p>Other Information: Of interest is the Foundation's emphasis on programs aimed at China and Indonesia.</p>	