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 \*SPF publishes *SPF MEDIAsource* to provide information to the media on the substance and results of its projects and activities.

## Activities and Events

### July

- SPINF** Working-level Consultation Meeting for Strengthening Marine Surveillance Capacity in the Micronesia Region (Jul. 19–21; Honiara, Solomon Islands)
- SPINF** Secretary of Health and Social Affairs, Federated States of Micronesia, invited to Japan (Jul. 26–Aug. 3)
- SPINF** 10th Micronesian Presidents' Summit (Jul. 29–31; Koror, Palau)
- SPAF** Workshop held as part of the Capacity Building for Cambodian Public Officials project (Jul. 27–30; Phnom Penh, Cambodia)

### August

- SJCFF** Training sessions held under the Training Program for Japanese Language Learners from Regional Universities in China (Aug. 2–30)
- SJCFF** Meeting held to report on the Book Translation and Publication Project for Understanding Contemporary Japan project (Aug. 9; Beijing, Aug. 10; Nanjing, China)
- SJCFF** Training sessions for disaster relief personnel held as part of the Training Program for Creating an Emergency Manual (Aug. 9–14; Beijing, China)
- Regular Projects** Meeting held to report on achievements of the Internship Program at Stanford University (Aug. 20; Osaka)
- SPAF** Cambodian MPs to be invited to Japan (Aug. 23–30)

### September

- Regular Projects** Musashino Mitaka Medifes 2010 / SPF Working Meeting: Conflicts and Peace Building in Asia—Initiatives by Citizen Media (Sep. 4)  
\*Presentations by citizen media representatives from southern Thailand, Indonesia, and East Timor are scheduled
- Regular Projects** Seminar on peace building in Southern Thailand—The Role of Citizen Media (Sep. 8)  
\*Lectures by citizen media representatives from southern Thailand are scheduled.
- SMEIF** Symposium co-hosted with the Institute for Political and International Studies (Iran): Working for Mutual Understanding between Iran and Japan (Sep. 14–15; Tehran, Iran)
- SMEIF** Lecture by researchers from the Foundation for Political, Economic and Social Research (the SETA Foundation, Turkey) (Sep. 24)
- Regular Projects** Dr. Christopher Layne, professor at Texas A&M University, to be invited to Japan (Sep. 27–Oct. 4)

Note: Some of the above activities and events are in the planning stage, and dates and content could change at a moment's notice.

For more details, go to: <http://www.spf.org/e/event/>

## Topics

### Japan-US Exchange

SPF held a seminar to present the achievements of the internship program implemented on a grant to the Stanford Japan Center Research in Osaka on August 20. Japanese internship programs for foreign students are much needed by countries overseas, and SPF hopes that the presentation stimulated interest and foster understanding of such programs among Japanese institutions. In addition, SPF will invite Dr. Christopher Layne, professor at Texas A&M University specializing in U.S. foreign policy, grand strategy and international relations, to Japan in late September, and Dr. Charles A. Kupchan, professor at Georgetown University and senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations in the US to Japan in mid-November.

### Asian MPs to Visit Japan

SPF will invite six parliamentarians from Cambodia to Japan August 23–30. The delegation will pay courtesy calls on Japanese ministers and MPs, and will observe the achievements of an agricultural development project and paddy field cultivation techniques in Utsunomiya City, Tochigi Prefecture. There are also plans to invite MPs from India to Japan in October, and to extend an invitation to Mongolian MPs for February 2011.

### Strengthening Marine Surveillance Capacity in the Micronesia Region

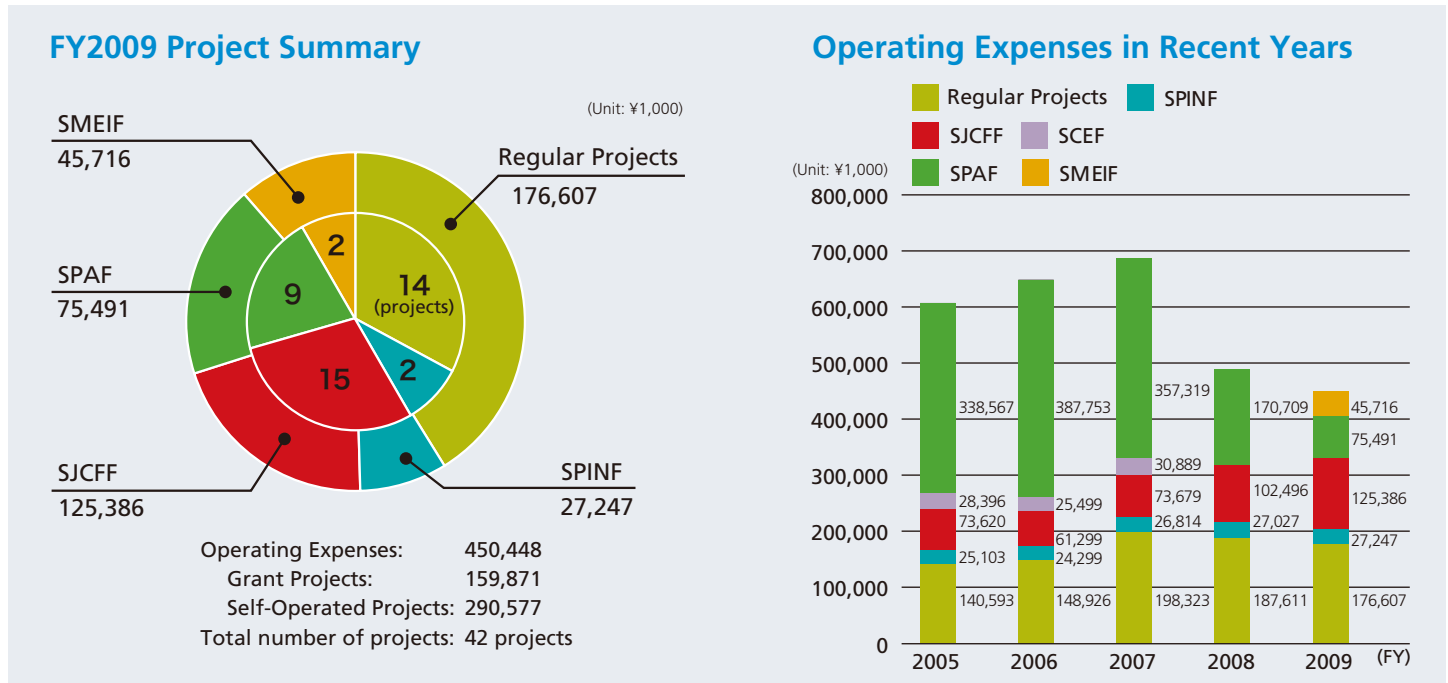
The Second Meeting of "Six Nations and Two Non-governmental Organizations for Strengthening Marine Surveillance Capacity in the Micronesia Region" was held June 2–3 in Guam to discuss frameworks for capacity building measures (establishment of a regional coordination center, arrangements for HF and VHF communication equipment, and the provision of small craft). Working-level consultations regarding these matters were then held July 19–21 in Honiara, Solomon Islands. A report on the progress of this project was presented July 29–31 at the 10th Micronesian Presidents' Summit at Koror, Palau. There are plans to hold the Third Meeting in November in Palau, aiming for final agreement on assistance.

### Promoting Middle Eastern Ties: Information and Exchanges

A symposium entitled Working for Mutual Understanding between Iran and Japan will be co-hosted with the Institute for Political and International Studies (Iran), and held September 14–15 in Tehran. Then, on September 24, researchers attached to the SETA Foundation, Turkey will be invited to Japan to present lectures on Turkey's foreign relations policies.

# Fiscal 2009 Activities: Larger-Scale Self-Operated Projects Targeted Various Sectors

In fiscal 2009, SPF implemented a total of 53 projects valued at ¥890.69 million. Total expenditures excluding those for internal operations (project operations, program development and research, and communications) were ¥450.44 million for 42 projects. Fiscal 2009 was marked by a decrease in project numbers and expenses implemented by SPAF while SMEIF was established and started new projects, and also by larger self-operated projects in specific sectors. Detail on project expenditures is shown below.



\*Figures given for totals have been rounded up and may not be consistent with sub-totals.

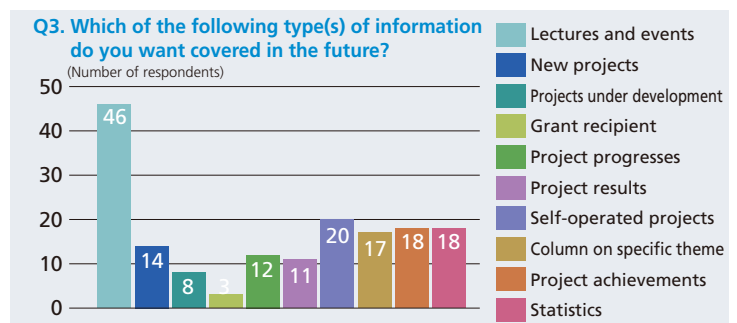
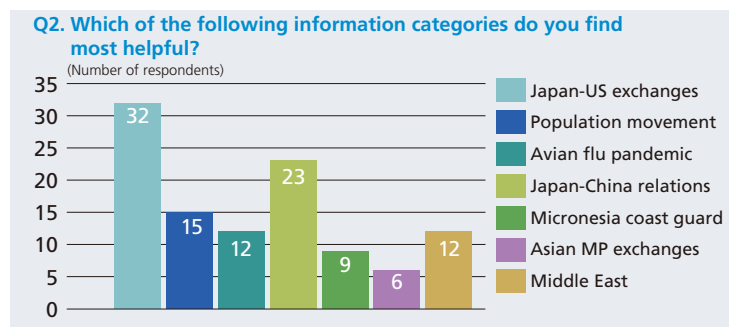
\*The Sasakawa Central Europe Fund (SCEF) was dissolved in March 2009.

# SPF MEDIAsource Questionnaire Attracts Responses from 50 Media Personnel

The SPF's Public Relations Division sent questionnaires to media personnel in May 2010, to get ideas on how to improve *SPF MEDIAsource*. The questionnaire asked three questions: (1) Is the information in *SPF MEDIAsource* useful to you? (2) Which information categories do you find most pertinent? and (3) Which types of information do you want covered in the future?

Responses were received from 50 media personnel. In answer to Question 1, 14 respondents said the information is very useful, 34 said part of the information is useful, and 2 said it is not useful. Answers to Question 2 revealed that the most pertinent categories were Japan-US exchanges, Japan-China relations, and population movement. In Question 3, the lectures and events category attracted by far the most interest, with respondents also indicating strong interest in information on self-operated projects and project achievements.

SPF's Public Relations Division will use the results of the survey to offer even higher quality information in the future. SPF would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who took time out of their busy schedules to respond.



Note: Multiple responses possible

# New Projects in Fiscal 2010: Launch of Four New Peace Building Projects and Efforts Tackling Environmental and Healthcare Issues in the Micronesia Region

## Regular Projects

<b>Peace Building in Asia and the Role of Japan</b>	(1) SPF, (2) 3 years, (3) ¥16,300,000 (4) This project, a key element in SPF's Peace Building Program, promotes a number of initiatives including invitations to individuals, international symposia, project development, and management of grant projects, with the main focus on: assistance for southern Thailand; promotion of cooperation in areas formerly beset with conflict; and support for alternative media (radio stations, websites, etc.).
<b>Forging People to People Solidarity in Peace Building in Southern Thailand and Mindanao</b>	(1) Initiatives for International Dialogue (Philippines), (2) 3 years, (3) ¥6,000,000 (4) Promotes cooperation among NGOs in southern Thailand and Mindanao (Philippines), and encourages the development of a resilient civil society in southern Thailand and enhanced collaboration among civil societies in Southeast Asia.
<b>Youth Camp for Peace Communication</b>	(1) FASAI Center (Thailand), (2) 1 year, (3) ¥3,200,000 (4) Supports the hosting of youth camps in southern Thailand, so that young people there can improve their communication skills and learn media technologies, thereby acquiring the ability to engage in constructive dialogue among different ethnic and religious groups.
<b>Deep South Peace Media Network Development Project</b>	(1) Deep South Watch (Thailand), (2) 3 years, (3) ¥6,600,000 (4) Supports the development of strategies for a Peace Media Network (comprised of 28 alternative media organizations), and capacity building for network members.
<b>Establishment of Japan's Network on International Border Studies</b>	(1) Hokkaido University Slavic Research Center (Japan), (2) 3 years, (3) ¥11,000,000 (4) Works toward establishment of Japan's Network on International Border Studies, and promotes the sharing of expertise and networking among local government officials and researchers, so that they can work effectively on policy and practical matters in Japan's border areas.
<b>Alliance for Disaster Assistance in the Asia-Pacific Region</b>	(1) Civic Force (Japan), (2) 3 years, (3) ¥10,000,000 (4) Aims to reduce harm from major disasters, by sharing information on a Japanese type of disaster assistance partnership model (such as the Japan Platform, a partnership bringing together governments, corporations and NGOs to provide rapid and highly transparent assistance) with areas in Asia where natural disasters tend to be occurring more frequently.
<b>Globalization and Disparity in the Developing World</b>	(1) SPF, (2) 2 years, (3) ¥18,000,000 (4) Examines and researches cause and effect dynamics involving globalization and widening disparities among countries and regions, and proposes measures to reduce those disparities.
<b>Infrastructure Development for the Promotion of Intercultural Nursing/Care</b>	(1) Sociology Department, Kyoto University Graduate School of Letters (Japan), (2) 2 years, (3) ¥5,900,000 (4) Supports the creation and distribution of a multilingual guidebook that will effectively share with relevant organizations the know-how and expertise required for hiring foreign medical and welfare staff in Japan.
<b>SPF Fellowship Program</b>	(1) Pacific Forum CSIS (USA), (2) 3 years, (3) ¥16,200,000 (4) Offers fellowships to young Japanese and American specialists in security, to promote their researches papers and to help them expand networks in the field.

## SPINF

<b>Exploratory Research on Models of a Micronesian Marine Protected Area</b>	(1) SPF, (2) 2 years, (3) ¥8,700,000 (4) Supports the development of maritime conservation models that respect local resident needs and local historical backgrounds, in order to promote the preservation of the biodiversity of marine life and the sustainable use of resources in three Micronesian countries.
<b>Japan-Federated States of Micronesia Exchange Program for Healthcare Service Providers</b>	(1) SPF, (2) 1 year, (3) ¥20,000,000 (4) Supports upgrades in the medical skills and knowledge of healthcare assistants (HA) who provide a limited level of medical care at local clinics (mother and child health services, etc.) in Micronesia, where there is a chronic shortage of medical personnel.

## SPAF

<b>Capacity Building for Cambodian Public Officials</b>	(1) SPF, The Council for Administrative Reform (Cambodia), (2) 3 years, (3) ¥14,200,000 (4) Supports efforts by Cambodian public officials to improve their capacity to make and implement policies, with the objective of facilitating smooth administrative operations in that country.
<b>Strengthening Civil Society and Democratic Institutions for Peace and Stability</b>	(1) Sewalanka Foundation (Sri Lanka), (2) 3 years, (3) ¥11,100,000 (4) Aims to establish an environment that will promote general development in Sri Lanka, which is now undergoing a post-conflict reconstruction process, by promoting acceptance of the reconstruction campaigns of religious leaders who wield considerable social influence.

## SMEIF

<b>Middle East Maritime Security Study</b>	(1) SPF, Research Institute for Peace and Security (Japan), JIME Center of The Institute of Energy Economics, Japan (Japan), (2) 3 years, (3) ¥28,000,000 (4) Organizes research meetings, seminars and international conferences for security specialists and regional experts, in order to promote in Japan a better understanding of security issues in the Gulf and the coastal waters of Somalia.
<b>Human Resources Exchange between the Middle East and Japan</b>	(1) SPF, Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University (Japan), Japan-Middle East Student Conference (Japan), Japan-Turkey Cultural Exchange Association (Japan), (2) 3 years, (3) ¥16,000,000 (4) Creates opportunities for sustainable, strategic human interaction among Japanese and Middle Eastern people, and promotes mutual understanding between the two regions (especially Iran, Turkey and Egypt), in order to expand friendship with and awareness of Japan in the Middle Eastern Islamic region.

(1) Implementing agency, (2) Period of operation, (3) FY2010 budget, (4) Summary

For more details, go to: <http://www.spf.org/e/projects/summary.html>

# Introducing SPF Programs: Japan-US Exchange Program

SPF MEDIASource describes the activities and aims of programs implemented by SPF. This issue highlights activities promoted under the Japan-US exchange program.

## Partnering with the US to Lay the Foundation for Resolution of Global Problems

After the Cold War there was a change in global outlook, with interest in the US turning increasingly to newly emerging countries in Asia such as China and South Korea. As the focus shifted, the backdrop to Japan-US interaction changed substantially. This was seen especially in a dwindling in the number of people and organizations fostering Japan-US relations, and a decline in intellectual exchanges between the two countries. This situation calls for efforts to develop new channels for Japan-US exchange and to strengthen the foundation for more effective partnering. As a private organization, SPF is able to take a neutral stance and a long-term perspective in its efforts to contribute to the advancement of public opinion and policy making. SPF will help lay a foundation for Japan to partner with the US while tackling global issues, strategically combining these efforts with support for the work of individuals, research projects and organizations.

### 1 Promoting human resource exchange: Advancing understanding of Japan amongst US opinion leaders —not only Japan specialists but experts from other fields

**Promoting Japan-US Relations: An Opinion Leaders' Dialogue**  
This project encourages multi-level dialogue, for the purpose of establishing a closely knit network of opinion leaders in Japan and the US. Lectures, seminars, dialogues, visits to locales, and other types of exchanges are organized to promote policy awareness, in order to foster compatriots who have an affinity for both countries and who will become influential in the future.



### 2 Promoting collaborative programs: Improving communications with US foundations and think tanks in order to construct a base from which to collaborate and address issues

**Japan-US Joint Public Policy Forum**  
SPF teams with the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, organizing an annual public forum to examine global issues related to security, politics and economics. Japanese and American specialists work together, taking advantage of opportunities provided by SPF to discuss ways to resolve major problems.



### 3 Surveys/research: Creating fresh perspectives by supporting young researchers

**Japan's Strategic Horizon and the Japan-US Relations**  
A group of young Japanese researchers interacts with US specialists to analyze and jointly study the long-term international situation and US grand strategies, in order to develop policy proposals for mid- to long-term strategies for Japan's security.



### 4 Fostering the next generation of human resources: Forming new human networks to contribute to future US-Japan relations.

#### Fellowship Programs

- SPF is supporting the placement of Japanese research fellows at the Woodrow Wilson Center, supporting research there, and promoting networking with the policy community during short-term fellowship stays (around 2 or 3 months). (Grant project for Woodrow Wilson Center)
- Two types of fellowships, Resident Fellows involving a stay of no more than six months at the Pacific Forum CSIS, and Non-resident Fellows not involving a stay (focus on participation in policy dialogues and youth programs), will be offered to young specialists from Japan and the US. (Grant project for Pacific Forum CSIS)



### 5 Facilitating transmission of information: Deepening mutual understanding between citizens of the US and Japan

**Japan Matters for America / America Matters for Japan**  
Quantitative data and charts will be used in an easy-to-understand pamphlet and webpages to highlight the close relations enjoyed by Japan and the US. (Grant project for East-West Center)

