

With Local Communities

Total number of Grants for technical research

343
projects

Philanthropic Activities by the JFE 21st Century Foundation

This foundation, which was launched in 2003 as a successor to the Kawasaki Steel 21st Century Foundation established in 1990, engages in projects aimed at fulfilling the purpose of its establishment, which is to further promote harmony between the Group's business activities and society in general, and share prosperity with the community at large in order to achieve a more open presence. (Project expenses for the year ending March 2009: ¥120 million.)



Award certificate from Chairperson Sudo

■ Grants for Technical Research

Since the year ended March 1992, the JFE 21st Century Foundation has consistently provided research grants (providing competitive research funds by inviting applications from the public) for the purpose of promoting technical research at universities. By the year ended March 2008, 343 projects have received a cumulative total of ¥690 million in research grants, giving the Foundation a high rating among universities. In the year ended March 2008, the Foundation provided a total of ¥50 million in research grants to 16

research projects related to steel technology and 9 projects related to environmental technology (¥2 million per project), chosen from among a great number of grant applications. We create reports on research results and publicize them on the Foundation's website for both Technical Research and Asian History Studies.

■ Grants for Asian History Studies

In the year ended March 2006, the JFE 21st Century Foundation introduced grants for the purpose of promoting Asian history studies in Japanese universities. In its third year, ended March 2008, the Foundation received 57 grant applications and provided a total of ¥10.5 million in grants to seven projects (¥1.5 million per project).

■ Supporting Educational Activities in Regions with Ties to Steel

In the year ended March 1992, the Foundation established the JFE 21st Century Foundation Award with a creative writing competition (essays, poems, tanka and haiku) targeted at Japanese elementary school and junior high school students studying overseas. It is organized by the Japan Overseas Educational Services (JOES). In the year ended March 2008, the Foundation, co-sponsor of the event, donated copies of an anthology of winning entries named "Learn from the Earth" to 1,162 elementary schools, 596 junior high schools and 116 public libraries.

Co-sponsoring Cultural Activities and Events

The JFE 21st Century Foundation cosponsors various cultural activities and events participated in by the public and hosted by local authorities and community groups. The activities and events cosponsored in year ended 2008 are listed on the right.



Handa Float Festival

Year Ended March 2008

- Jo Chihun Cup: Go Competition (Chiba City)
- Chiba Prefectural Youth Go Competition (Chiba City, Funabashi City)
- Chiba Citizens' Music Festival (Chiba City)
- Japanese Traditional night Noh Drama at in Hibiya City (Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo)
- MUZA Lunch & Night Concert (Kawasaki City)
- ART KAWASAKI 2007 (Kawasaki City)
- Community Festival (Kawasaki City)
- Yokohama Children's International Peace Program (Yokohama City)
- Handa Community Industrial Festival (Handa City)
- Handa Float Festival (Handa City)
- Mie Prefecture High Schools' Robot Tournament (Tsu City)
- Kurashiki Music Festival (Kurashiki City)
- Shogi Talk Show in Tivoli (Kurashiki City)
- Fukuyama Rose Festival (Fukuyama City)
- The World of Yosakoi (Fukuyama City)
- Noh Drama Performance on Noh Stage in Setouchi (Fukuyama City)

For further information

JFE 21st Century Foundation
<http://www.jfe-21st-cf.or.jp/>

Donation and Assistance Activities

The JFE Group carries out various donation and assistance activities in a wide array of fields including casualty assistance, education, community, welfare, culture and art in order to contribute to both regional and international communities.

Among them, in the year ended March 2007, we continued our support of the "All China Selection - China Japanese Speech Contest," a Japanese speech contest for university students across China, as a means to support culture and international exchange. We are committed to carrying on this tradition of support with the third contest, which is to be held in the year ending March 2009.



All China Selection - China Japanese Speech Contest

Open-day Events at Steelworks

For the local residents, JFE Steel holds open-day events every year at each of its steelworks.

For example, West Japan Works held "JFE West Japan Festa in Kurashiki" and "JFE West Japan Festa in Fukuyama." 330,000 people in total visited and enjoyed those events.

Also, with the aim of supporting local sports promotion and development, JFE Steel hosts local sports events, including tournaments of soccer, baseball and volleyball held in recreation facilities within its steelworks.



JFE West Japan Festa in Fukuyama

150th Anniversary Event for the Birth of Modern Iron Manufacturing

This year, which marks the 150th anniversary of the birth of modern iron manufacturing, the Japan Iron and Steel Federation (JISF) is promoting a wide arena of events for the 150th Anniversary Celebration of the Birth of Modern Iron Manufacturing. The singer-songwriter Tatsuya Ishii and famous "science producer" Denjiro Yonemura serve as "publicity ambassadors," revealing the wonders of iron in a variety of formats. We hope these events inspire more people to get excited about steel and what makes up the world of steel and to think about the importance of manufacturing and creation.

(The photograph shows Mr. Hajime Bada, president of JFE Steel (and chairman of the JISF at the time), attending the February 2008 unveiling of the anniversary event image character "Aira" together with Tatsuya Ishii, who designed the character.)

