

The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation Biennial Report for Fiscal Years 2005 and 2006 July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2006

About the Foundation

The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization that promotes understanding and cooperation among the nations and peoples of Asia and the United States. Maureen and Mike Mansfield's values, ideals and vision for U.S.-Asia relations continue through the Foundation's exchanges, policy dialogues, research and education, which create networks among U.S. and Asian leaders, explore the underlying issues influencing public policies, and increase awareness about the nations and peoples of Asia. The Foundation also provides support for the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation at The University of Montana. The Foundation has offices in Washington, D.C.; Tokyo, Japan; Missoula, Montana; and Beijing, China.

Exchanges

The Mike Mansfield Fellowship Program

The Mansfield Fellowship Program is a first-of-its kind program for both the U.S. and Japan. The two-year Fellowships enable a select group of U.S. federal government employees to learn Japanese and to gain a substantial knowledge about the government of Japan by working long-term placements in Japanese government offices.

During FY05 and FY06, we continued our implementation of this program, which included: recruitment and selection of the eleventh and twelfth groups of Fellows (MFP No. 11 and MFP No. 12); arrangement of language training for MFP No.10 and MFP No.11; negotiating placements for MFP No. 10 and MFP No.11; conducting orientation and supplemental seminars; making transportation and other logistical arrangements; monitoring MFP No.9 and MFP. No.10 in Japan; coordinating a program of outreach activities for alumni Fellows; evaluating program implementation; and holding two alumni conferences.

Since the program's inception, the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation has named 75 Mansfield Fellows, who represent 20 U.S. government agencies and the U.S. Congress. The Fellows have been placed in 48 Japanese government ministries, agencies and 16 other organizations, as well as in offices of Japan's Diet members. The program is administered with grant support from the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, and also receives in-kind support from the government of Japan, Ishikawa Prefecture, Central Japan Railway Company, Matsushita Electrical Industrial Co., Ltd., and Northwest Airlines. During FY05 and 06 we also received support from Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership as well as the Toshiba International Foundation, which funded an ongoing series of education outreach symposia featuring the alumni Fellows as speakers on contemporary U.S.-Japan topics.

Women in Politics and Public Service

This two-part exchange gave two delegations of prominent American and Japanese women in public service the opportunity to visit each others' country in order to examine social policy challenges and policymaking to address those challenges. During the first phase of the program (December 4-12, 2004), a seven-member U.S. delegation spent a week in Japan meeting their Japanese counterparts, visiting public and non-governmental organizations, and exploring common social policy challenges. Participants were:

- State Senator Karen Fraser, (D) District 22, Washington State Legislature.
- State Representative Linda Gray, (R) District 10, Arizona State Legislature; Senator elect.
- State Senator Marilyn Jarrett, (R) District 19, Arizona State Legislature.
- Sonja Nesbit, Professional minority staff member for the U.S. House Ways and Means Committee.
- Sharon Sayles-Belton, Senior Fellow, Humphrey Institute, former mayor of Minneapolis (1994-2001).
- Karen Schwarzwaldner ,YWCA Executive Director, Columbus Board of Education member and past president Columbus Board of Education.
- Shirley Wilcher, President, Wilcher Global Diversity Consulting, former executive director of Americans for a Fair Chance.

During the second phase of the program, which took place July 9-16, 2005, a Japanese delegation of seven women in public service spent a week in Minneapolis, MN, and Washington, D.C., for site visits, briefings and discussions with their American counterparts in government and non-governmental organizations. Participants were:

- Kiyoko Fujii, President, Yokohama Women's Association for Communication and Networking
- Keiko Higuchi, President, Women's Association for a Better Aging Society, Tokyo
- Hiroko Mizushima, (DPJ) Member, House of Representatives, National Diet of Japan
- Tsuyako Nakamura, Assistant Professor, Doshisha University, Kyoto
- Mikiko Otani, Attorney, Otani Law Offices, Tokyo
- Sachie Shikano, Chief Secretary-General, YWCA, Osaka
- Keiko Tamai, Senior Program Officer, Asia Foundation, Tokyo

The WIPPS program was funded by a grant from Citigroup, in collaboration with the National Association of Japan America Societies. All Nippon Airlines provided in-kind support (roundtrip airline tickets) and Michael and Charlotte Delaney provided additional funds.

Tokyo American Center (TAC) Diet Exchanges

The TAC Diet exchanges are an ongoing Foundation program, begun in 2002 and sponsored by the Tokyo American Center. This exchange brings groups of young, up-and-coming Japanese Diet members to Washington for a weeklong series of seminars and meetings on public policy and legislative issues.

During FY05, the Foundation organized two Diet delegation visits: September 13-17 and December 13-16, 2005.

The September visit included the following members:

- House of Representative members Goshi Hosono and Miho Takai (Democratic Party of Japan); Yasutoshi Nishimura (Liberal Democratic Party); and Kiyohiko Toyama (New Komeito).

The December visit included the following members:

- House of Representative members Takeaki Matsumoto and Koji Matsui (Democratic Party of Japan); and Jiro Aichi and Hiroshige Seko (Liberal Democratic Party).

During FY06, the Foundation organized a weeklong exchange program in Washington, D.C., for the following Japanese Diet members, May 1-5, 2006.

- Kishi Nobuo, House of Councillors; Shimpei Matsushita, House of Councillors; Yasuhide Nakayama, House of Representatives; Kotaro Tamura, House of Councillors

Young Economist Exchanges

During FY06, the Foundation conducted a weeklong program in Washington, D.C., for six up- and-coming young Japanese economists, giving them an opportunity to meet with U.S. economists and policymakers. The exchange was held June 12-16, 2006, and focused on the U.S. economy after 9-11 as well as bilateral financial and trade issues. Participants were:

- Aya Iino (Consultant, Trade Policy Group, Economic & Social Policy Dept, Mitsubishi UFJ Research & Consulting Co., Ltd.)
- Rieko Nagamachi (Associate Senior Economist, Japan Center for Economic Research)
- Takehiko Seike (Staff member, Economic Policy Bureau III, Nippon Keidanren)
- Kazuo Takayasu (Managing Director, Tokyo Branch, Agricreate Inc)
- Kazuo Usui (Senior Research Fellow, Institute for International Policy Studies)
- Takanori Wada (Deputy Director, Economic and Industrial Research Department, Development Bank of Japan)

The Tokyo American Center funded this program.

All China Youth Federation Exchange

During FY 05, the Foundation and the Mansfield Center at The University of Montana signed a memorandum of understanding with the All China Youth Federation, paving the way for a series of exchanges that give Chinese officials, all members of the Chinese Communist Youth League, an opportunity to learn about the U.S. policymaking process, U.S. politics and Sino-U.S. relations through meetings and discussions with U.S. government officials, NGO leaders and scholars.

During FY06, the Foundation conducted two ACYF programs. During the first program, October 17-19, 2005, we organized a series of discussions, meetings and site visits for 29 Chinese officials.

We organized a similar agenda of meetings and visits for the second delegation of 17 Chinese officials, June 5-6, 2006.

Trilateral Retreats

This program consisted of five intensive, multiple-day workshops for an interdisciplinary group of 25-30 emerging leaders from Japan, Korea and China. The program was designed to improve relations between Japan and its mainland neighbors. The Foundation held three of the five retreats in FY03 and FY04; we organized the remaining two retreats in FY05. One outcome of the programs was a group statement on the imperative to improve regional relations, followed by a list of recommendations. The Foundation co-sponsored the retreats with Pacific Forum CSIS and the Asia Foundation with financial support from Sasakawa Peace Foundation, USA; Korea Foundation; Henry Luce Foundation; and the Ford Foundation.

Policy Dialogues

21ST Mansfield Conference: “On the Edge of the Abyss: Crises in North Korea and the U.S. Republic of Korea Alliance”

The Mansfield Foundation collaborated with the Mansfield Center at The University of Montana in organizing the annual Mansfield Conference in Montana, September ~~date~~, 2005. The conference

focused on the current state of the U.S.-ROK alliance and the challenge to that alliance posed by the current crisis over North Korea. Key current and former officials from the United States, including two former South Korean foreign ministers, participated in both a public conference at The University of Montana and a closed, focused retreat session hosted by Mansfield Foundation President Mike Delaney in his home in Bigfork, Montana. The conference was funded by The University of Montana Foundation and the Mansfield Center at The University of Montana.

Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS) Seminar with Ambassador Thomas Foley

On April 12, 2006, the Mansfield Foundation co-sponsored with the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies a seminar in Japan featuring Mansfield Foundation Board Chairman-Thomas Foley. Ambassador Foley met with a group of young Diet members over breakfast and then spoke to approximately 80 students at the Graduate Institute for Policy Studies.

Keidanren Symposium: “The U.S.-Japan Alliance in Asia”

The Mansfield Foundation co-sponsored with the Keidanren a large public conference in Tokyo on “The U.S. Japan Alliance in Asia” on April 14, 2006. The Conference, hosted by Keidanren in their large public hall in Tokyo, featured remarks from the Mansfield Foundation Board and prominent Keidanren members.

Shanghai Conference: “Perceptions and Strategies: China-U.S.-India Relations and Interactions”

Organized by the Shanghai Institute for International Studies in cooperation with the Mansfield Foundation, this two-day Track-II conference (November 17-18, 2005) included expert presentations followed by commentary and discussion. The conference focused on the strategic perspectives and political aspects of U.S.-China-India relations in light of the current rapid improvement of India-U.S. relations, the increasingly favorable perception of China in the United States, and the Sino-Indian rapprochement. Our collaboration with the Shanghai Institute laid the groundwork for the 22nd Mansfield Conference on the emergence of India in Asia in September 2006.

Policy Roundtables and Dialogues

The Mansfield Foundation periodically holds impromptu roundtable discussions to address timely issues or take advantage of visiting authorities who are in town. Roundtables typically include approximately 15 outside researchers, officials, journalists and scholars, who engage in in-depth discussions.

- November 9 and 11, 2004, Tokyo. Speaker: Barry Hager: “Implications of U.S. Elections”
- July 27, 2004, Washington, D.C. Intellectual Property Strategy Session
- May 27, 2005, Washington, D.C. Speaker: Sugio Takahashi on “U.S.-Japan Alliance Relations”
- August 11, 2005. “Japan’s Snap Elections.” Speakers: Tsutomu Watanabe, Correspondent, Asahi Shimbun; Yuki Tatsumi, Research Coordinator, Stimson Center
- September 1, 2005. “Japan’s Upcoming Elections and Implications for Domestic and Foreign Policy.” Speaker: Dr. Jimbo Ken, Associate Professor, Keio University
- September 20, 2005. “Growing Chasm Between Japan and the United States.” Speaker: Robert Dujarric, Visiting Fellow, the Japan Institute for International Affairs

- September 22, 2005. A panel discussion entitled “Prioritizing U.N. Reform,” co-sponsored with the Asia Society, Bridging Nations and CSIS. Speakers were Dr. John Hamre, President and CEO of Bridging Nations; Dr. Shashi Tharoor, Under Secretary General for Communications, United Nations; Ambassador Shirin Tahir-Kheli, Senior Advisor to the Secretary of State on UN Reform; and John Zogby, President and CEO of Zogby International
- September 22, 2005. Roundtable discussion on the September 11 election in Japan, co-sponsored with the Brookings Institution Center for Northeast Asian Policy Studies. Speaker: Yoichi Funabashi, *Asahi Shimbun* Columnist and Chief Diplomatic Correspondent.

Korea-Japan Lunches

The Korea-Japan lunches are an ongoing collaboration between the Mansfield Foundation and its two institutional partners, Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) and Korea Economic Institute (KEI). The program brings together researchers and other intellectual leaders who have mutual interests in Korea-Japan and other NE Asia relations in order to discuss issues of importance. Due to the size of the meetings, typically about 40 attendees, most sessions are held either at CSIS or KEI.

- March 22, 2005. “The Future of the Six-Party Talks”
- September 15, 2005. “Political Reform and the Deepening of Democracies in Japan and South Korea.” Speakers: William Breer, Japan Chair, CSIS; and Prof. Hong Juang, Chung-Ang University. Held at KEI; approximately 40 people in attendance
- December 13, 2005. “Lessons from Germany for Japan’s Historical Reconciliation.” Speakers: Andrew Horvat (formerly with the Asia Foundation); and Dr. Lily Gardner Feldman, American Institute for Contemporary German Studies. Held at CSIS; approximately 60 people in attendance, including: Richard Bush, Brookings CNAPS Director; Robin White, President, U.S.-Japan Student Exchange; Sam Shepard, President, National Association of Japan America Societies.
- June 28, 2006. “Odd Man Out? The U.S.-ROK FTA and Implications for Japan.” Speakers: Edward Chang, Executive Director, Korean Federation of Industries; Nao Matsuka, Strategic International Business Practices, Hunton and Williams; Amy Jackson, Director, C&M International.

Corporate Affiliates Program

During FY05, the Foundation launched its corporate membership program, which gives multinational corporations the opportunity to affiliate with the Mansfield Foundation and benefit from Foundation-organized events on Capitol Hill that explore policy issues affecting business interests in Asia. Three events were held in FY05:

- Evans Revere, acting assistant secretary of state for East Asia and the Pacific, “U.S.-Asia Relations and U.S. Policy in the Asia-Pacific Region” (September 8, 2004).
- Charles D. Lake II, vice chairman, Aflac Japan, discussed “Japanese Financial System Reform” (April 7, 2005).
- Ambassador James R. Lilley spoke about “Hot Spots in Asia—U.S. Policies toward the Korean Peninsula and Taiwan Strait” (May 25, 2005).

During FY 06, we held the following CAP events:

- Dr. Albert Keidel, Carnegie Endowment, “China’s Economic Challenge” (September 29, 2005).
- Assistant USTR Timothy Stratford, “IPR Protection in China” (February 21, 2006).
- Assistant USTR Wendy Cutler and Minister Seok Young Choi, Embassy of ROK, “Toward a U.S.-ROK Free Trade Agreement” (March 15, 2006).
- Dr. Michael Green, CSIS Japan Chair, “U.S. Strategies for a Changing Security Environment in Asia” (March 23, 2006).

Research and Education

Asian Opinion Poll Database

The Mansfield Asian Opinion Poll Database is a resource for researchers and Asia experts, enabling them to access and monitor key public opinion trends in Northeast Asia. The database is a collection of opinion polls on key policy-related issues from major media organizations and other agencies in Japan and South Korea, translated into English and housed on the Foundation’s website. The database draws exclusively from Asian polls that were previously *not* available in English or collected in one central site on the Internet. During FY06, we secured funding for the project, launched the database, promoted it, and held two roundtable discussions that used the database’s content. The project has received funding from the Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership and the U.S.-Japan Foundation.

E-Newsletter

The Foundation published its e-newsletter four times during FY05 and 06: October 2004, March 2005, August 2005 and March 2006. The newsletter contains commentary by staff and other Asia experts as well as news from the Mansfield Foundation.

