

About the Asahi Glass Foundation

Profile

The Asahi Glass Foundation was established in 1933 to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Asahi Glass Co., Ltd., which was celebrated in 1932. For more than half a century, the Foundation's research assistance program focused on providing financial assistance solely in the field of applied chemistry.

In response to major industrial, economic and social changes in the late twentieth century, and recognizing that new research was becoming increasingly advanced, globally oriented and interdisciplinary, the Foundation in 1990 restructured its activities by expanding its research assistance program and introducing a commendation program. These activities are designed not only to further the study of the applied sciences but also to promote advanced research that will serve the world community into the future.

Research assistance is no longer limited to applied chemistry, but now encompasses all natural sciences, in addition to supporting research in the human and social sciences fields. In all areas, assistance program promotes innovative research that will serve society into future generations.

The Foundation's commendation program, which focuses on the increasingly relevant issue of the global environment, sponsors the annual Blue Planet Prize, an international award inaugurated in 1992 to commend individuals and organizations in recognition of their contributions to solving global environmental problems.

The Foundation strives to contribute to the creation of a richer, more vibrant society. To this end, it supports research in leading-edge scientific and technological fields and recognizes individual and organizational efforts to solve issues of concern to people around the world.



The Asahi Glass Foundation's home is in Tokyo's Science Plaza Building.

Program Overview

1. Grant Program
 - a. Natural sciences research grants
 - b. Human and social sciences research grants
 - c. Overseas research grants
2. Commendation Program
 - a. The Blue Planet Prize, an international environmental award
 - b. Questionnaire on Environmental Problems and the Survival of Humankind
 - c. Information about environment-related events and publications
3. Other Activities
 - a. Publications
 - b. Internet-based information compilation and dissemination

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*June 21, 2007
[Announcing the winners for 2007 Blue Planet Prize](#) <<

*December 14, 2006
[2006 Blue Planet Prize Commemorative Lectures](#)

*September 12, 2006
[Press Announcement of the Results of the 15th "Questionnaire on Environmental Problems and the Survival of Humankind"](#)

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Financial Information

Total assets of the Foundation at the end of fiscal 2006 amounted to ¥49.9 billion, And the budget for activities in fiscal 2007 is ¥712 million.

History

- 1933 To commemorate its 25th anniversary (1932,) the Asahi Glass Co. Ltd. establishes the Asahi Foundation for Chemical Industry Promotion.
- 1934 The Asahi Foundation for Chemical Industry Promotion gains recognition as a nonprofit organization and increases its basic endowment to ¥1 million.
The Foundation begins extending research grants to university researchers in the field of applied chemistry.
- 1961 The Foundation changes its name to the Asahi Glass Foundation for Industrial Technology.
- 1982 The Foundation begins providing overseas research assistance to Chulalongkorn University in Thailand.
- 1988 The Foundation begins providing overseas research assistance to the Institute Technology Bandung in Indonesia.
- 1990 To support the expansion of its activities, the Foundation revises its funding program and changes its name to the Asahi Glass Foundation.
The Foundation begins extending comprehensive research grants.
- 1991 The Foundation diversifies its research grants to all fields of natural sciences.
- 1992 The first annual Blue Planet Prize Awards Ceremony and the Commemorative Lectures are held. Both are now annual events.
The Foundation begins providing research grants to the fields of human and social sciences.
The first seminar presenting findings from Foundation granted research in Thailand is held at Chulalongkorn University. This seminar is now an annual event.
The first annual “Questionnaire on Environmental Problems and the Survival of humankind” is conducted.
The Foundation begins issuing a semi-annual newsletter, *afNews*, in Japanese and English.
- 1993 The first seminar presenting findings from Foundation granted research is held in Tokyo. This seminar is now an annual event.
The first seminar on Foundation-assisted research in Indonesia is held at the Institute Technology Bandung. This seminar is now an annual event.
- 1994 The Foundation publishes *Zaidan 60 Nen no Ayumi*, a history of its first 60 years, in Japanese.
- 1997 The Foundation Issues *A Better future for the Planet Earth Vol.I*, a publication commemorating the fifth anniversary of the Blue Planet Prize,

- 2001 The Foundation publishes the Blue Planet Prize brochure.
- 2002 The Foundation commemorates the 10th anniversary of the Blue Planet Prize.
March: Publication of *Toward the Future of the Blue Planet – 10 Year History of the Blue Planet Prize*
May: Tenth Anniversary commemorative lectures
August: Publication of *A Better future for the Planet Earth Vol.II.*
- 2007 Produced a poster to promote environmental education based on the Environmental Doomsday Clock from the survey
Issued a 15-Year Synopsis of its environmental survey.

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