

## Activities Report for fiscal year 2024

The main purposes of the Club are to promote international goodwill and to deepen mutual friendship and exchange of knowledge among the Club's Members; our activities are planned with these purposes firmly in mind.

### I Implemented programmes

#### 1. Human resources development

- With the aim of supporting and encouraging human resources development within and outside Japan, the Club extended support amounting to JPY68,127,800 in the 2024 fiscal year through 10 established scholarship programmes.

#### 2. Grants programme

(1) To promote mutual understanding among nations, the Club extended grants to support the following:

- 1) research on various issues concerning international relations, and international meetings aiming to enhance mutual understanding among nations;
- 2) academic research activities, academic conferences, and international cultural activities that contribute to enhancing international goodwill;
- 3) other projects meeting the objectives of the Club's grants programme.

Total number of projects supported: 28

Total outlay: JPY57,000,000

#### (2) Special Donations

Total number of projects supported: 1 (donation to support the victims of the Noto Peninsula earthquakes through the Japan Red Cross Society)

Total outlay: JPY3,000,000

#### 3. Activities to promote international goodwill

##### (1) Family Parties

Attended by Members and members of their families and contributing to international exchange, four Family Parties were held in March, June, September and November.

## (2) National Day Receptions

National Day Receptions are held to enhance international goodwill between Japanese and foreign nationals. Three events were held in 2024 to celebrate the Birthday of His Majesty the Emperor of Japan (February), the Independence Day of the United States of America (July), and the Birthday of His Majesty King Charles III (November).

## (3) Monthly Dinners

Held on the third Wednesday of each month, except July and August, 10 Monthly Dinners were organized in 2024 to promote the exchange of information among Members.

## (4) Meetings and Discussions with Ambassadors and other Experts

Arranged privately by Members, 94 meetings qualified under this category as meeting the objective of exchanging information on domestic and foreign affairs.

## (5) Study Meetings, Lecture Meetings, and International Conferences

A lecture meeting on economics, culture, and art was held for the purpose of exchanging information on the relationship between Europe and China.

## 4. Lecture Luncheon Meetings

Lecture Luncheon Meetings were held monthly, except in July and August, at which invited experts shared their theories and opinions with Members and their guests to deepen their knowledge of international affairs.

## II Other Activities

### 1. Real Estate Leasing (The Tokyo Club Building)

- (1) Four tenants renewed their rental contracts in 2024 at the rates they had previously been paying. In addition, one existing tenant increased its floor space, resulting in a reduction of the vacancy rate from 8% to 4%. Attracting new tenants is difficult in an environment where demand continues to decline due to the increase in remote working, the vacancy rate for office space in central Tokyo remains high, and oversupply is expected to continue.

## 2. International Cultural Exchange

- (1) For the purpose of enhancing international goodwill and exchange through culture, the Club organized several theatre visits to watch opera, kabuki, bunraku, and ballet performances.
- (2) Various parties and outings were arranged throughout the year to promote cultural exchange and mutual understanding.
- (3) Regular games competitions and lessons were held, which, along with the *shogi*, *igo*, golf, billiards, snooker, and bridge clubs, promoted mutual friendship and international exchange among Members. Exchanges with other clubs were also carried out.
- (4) For the convenience of Members, the Club continued to enrich its collection of books for the Library.

## 3. Services for Members

- (1) The Club continued to cultivate good relations with the 37 overseas clubs with which it has reciprocal arrangements
- (2) The Club continued to enhance the Dining Room, games rooms, and other facilities to help promote friendship among Members in comfortable surroundings.
- (3) Six issues of the Club Bulletin were published in February, April, June, August, October, and December.
- (4) The Members-only area of the Club's website was expanded to improve information provision for Members by adding notices about the Club's operations, along with obituaries for Club Members.
- (5) Meet the Author Dinners are designed to allow Members to interact with well-known authors in a convivial atmosphere; two such events were held in July and October 2024.
- (6) As part of the Club's efforts to collect materials related to the history of the Club, Library Committee members interviewed Members and writers. A dedicated file box was installed in the Library to display the collected historical materials.
- (7) Smartphone training sessions were held in June, July and August with the help of the Silver Human Resources Center.

(8) Club membership as of the end of December 2024 stood as follows:

Honorary Members: 3

Life Members: 128

Resident Members (not including life Members): 508

Absent Members: 111

In 2024, the Club lost 23 Members and welcomed 20 new Members.

### III Other Activities

1. The Annual General Meeting was held on 27th February at the Tokyo Club, followed by a Board of Directors' Meeting. Board Meetings were held on the third Wednesday of each month, except July and August. Extraordinary Board of Directors' Meetings were held on 5th June, and 4th December.
2. A total of 38 Committee meetings were held, some via e-mail.
3. Repair work on the Club House

Major renovations were carried out on the Club House, which was closed for this purpose from August 10th to 18th. Some of them, such as replacement of the hydronic equipment on the roof, had been previously scheduled but was postponed due to labour and building materials shortages.

  - The interior wall coverings in the staircases and corridors on the second and third floors were replaced.
  - The wooden areas, iron doors and ceilings of the underground parking garage, etc. were repainted.
  - The carpets and rugs were replaced in the Lobby and Bar on the first floor and in Room A on the second floor.
  - Additional bookshelves, along with fittings to prevent books from falling during earthquakes, were installed in the Library to accommodate increasing numbers of books.
  - Handrails were installed in each of the cubicles in the men's restrooms on the second through fourth floors to comply with the Barrier-Free Act.

- Following on from the last year, cleaning work was carried out inside the exhaust ducts in the kitchen to prevent duct fires, and in the intake ducts to maintain proper ventilation.
- Modularized heat source equipment was installed on the roof and in the basement.

#### 4. Replacement of the carpets in the Lobby

With the approval of the Board of Directors last March, the Club purchased two Persian rugs for use in the first-floor Lobby.