## Opening Ceremony - Chairman's Greeting

3<sup>rd</sup> August 2018 Chairman Yoji Sato

I would like to thank everyone for participating in this years 'One Asia Convention Hanoi 2018'. I am very delighted to see many familiar faces and it is great to see you all again. I would like to sincerely welcome you all for your participation.

For this convention, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the principal of Vietnam National University Hanoi- University of Foreign Languages and International Studies, Professor Do Tuan Minh, and to all the professors and students who contributed to making this happen. Thank you very much for your cooperation. I believe that efforts dedicated to this convention by everyone at the university will remain in the history of the Foundation.

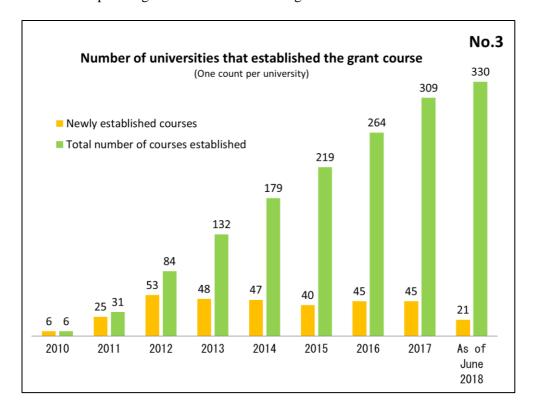
I would like to share with you the activities of the Foundation.

		Conventions Held	No.1
	Date(s)	Location (Co-operating University)	No. of Participants (Country/Region)
1 <sup>st</sup>	July 1st, 2011	Tokyo	300 (7)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	July 6 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> , 2012	Incheon (Incheon National University)	350 (15) 70 Universities
3 <sup>rd</sup>	March 22 <sup>nd</sup> -23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2013	Bandung (Indonesia University of Education)	280 (14)
4 <sup>th</sup>	August 1 <sup>st</sup> -2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2014	Jeju (Jeju National University)	580 (29) 200 Universities
5 <sup>th</sup>	July 31 <sup>st</sup> -August 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2015	Shanghai (Fudan University)	600 (30) 240 Universities
6 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> August, 2016	Phnom Penh (Royal University of Phnom Penh)	600 (31) 250 Universities
7 <sup>th</sup>	August 4 <sup>th</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> , 2017	Nagoya (Aichi University)	600 (30) 300 Universities
8 <sup>th</sup>	August 3 <sup>rd</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup> , 2018	Hanoi (Vietnam National University Hanoi, University of Languages and International Studies)	650 (31) 300 Universities

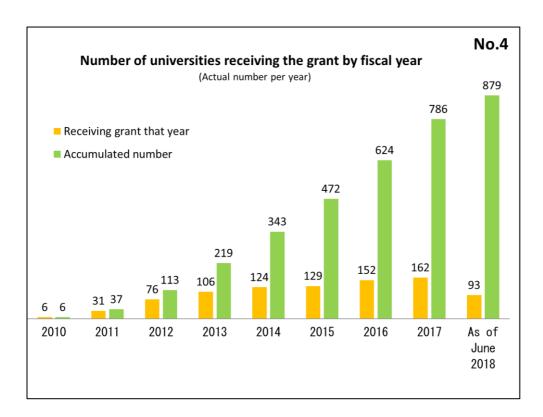
This convention held will be the 8<sup>th</sup> convention. This year, 650 academics from 300 universities and 31 different countries and regions are here with us.

Region	Started	Prep	Region	Started	Prep	Region	Started	Prep
Japan	61	48	Malaysia	2	1	France		2
South Korea	71	26	Sri Lanka	1		Ireland	1	
China	110	30	India	1	5	Italy	1	
Hong Kong	4	3	Pakistan		1	Spain	2	1
Macau		1	Bangladesh	1	1	Austria	1	
Taiwan	13	7	Laos	2		Russia	2	
North Korea		1	Bhutan		1	Ukraine	1	
Singapore	1	2	Kyrgyz	6		Poland	1	1
Thailand	4	4	Kazakhstan	4	2	Belarus		1
Mongolia	3	6	Turkmenistan		1	Slovenia		1
Vietnam	5	2	Uzbekistan		2	Lithuania	1	
Myanmar		4	Tajikistan		4	Turkey	2	2
Nepal		2	Australia	5	1	Egypt		1
Philippines		3	USA	4	4	Congo	1	
Cambodia	7	6	Canada	2				
Indonesia	8	4	Mexico		1	Sub Total	330	184
East Timor	1		UK	1	2	Total(48)	514	Univ.

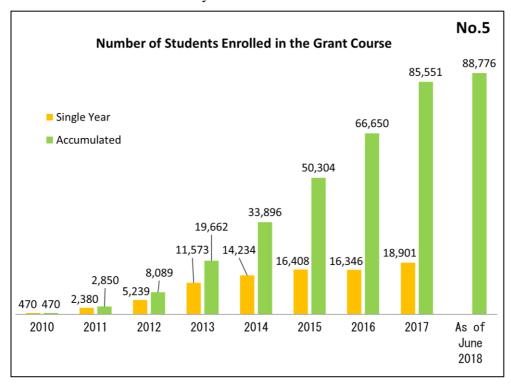
The current status of the subsidized courses, including those under preparation totals to 514 universities spreading over 48 countries and regions.



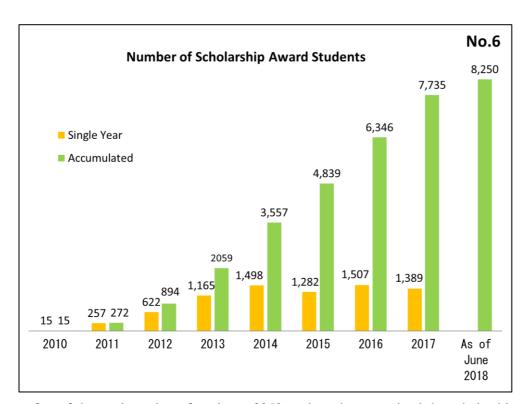
Every year, approximately 40 to 50 new universities are added to the list of universities receiving the grant for establishing a course.



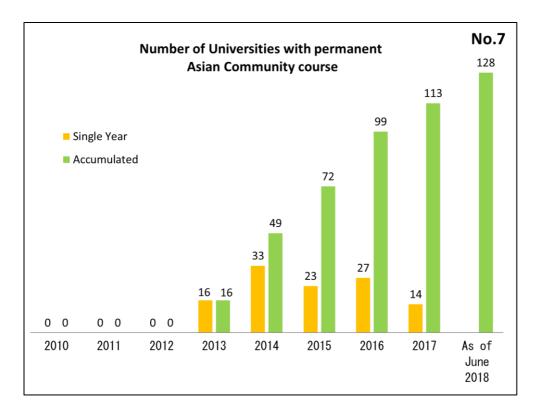
The number of universities that have been subsidized until now, including those universities that have continued on to the second year is 879 universities.



Up until now 88,776 students have enrolled into the courses.



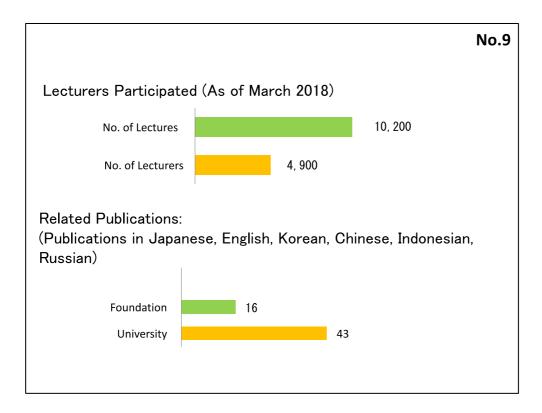
Out of the total number of students, 8250 students have received the scholarship grant from the Foundation.



From the total number of universities participating in this grant program, 128 universities have made this course a permanent subject for the next 10 years.

Number of permanent Asian Community courses at universities by  Country/ Region  ( As of June 2018 )						
Country/Region	Number of Universities	Country/Region	Number of Universities			
Japan	18	Kyrgyz	5			
Korea	36	Kazakhstan	1			
China	35	Mongolia	1			
Hong Kong	3	Laos	1			
Гаiwan	8	USA	1			
Thailand	1	Canada	2			
Vietnam	4	Italy	1			
Cambodia	2	Russia	1			
ndonesia	4	Turkey	2			
Malaysia	2	Total	128			

Universities that have made it a core subject, range from 19 different countries and regions.



Until now, a total number of 10200 lectures have been held and 4900 scholars have taken part in delivering the lectures.

The Foundation has published 16 publications so far, while participating universities have published a total of 43 publications.

These are the most recent activities of the Foundation that I would like to share with you all.

The activities of the Foundation are simple.

I hope that there will be no dispute because of 'ethnicities and nations', 'religion' and 'disparity of wealth' in the future. Also, I wish for all wars to disappear from the world. Such future must be achieved. Foundation activities are to share the hope for the future with students without giving up.

The professors who participate in the activities of the Foundation, also have the hopes for the future and together like a gathering of a warm family. In addition, professors from various expertise participating in this activity, reflects the recognition of diversity.

The Foundation is able to reach this day thanks to all the support from very passionate professors. Based on the achievements of the last 8 years, we will continue to steadily move forward step by step.

I am grateful for the passion and efforts from everyone so far and I would like to continue building and expanding this network with more passionate individuals. So, I ask for your kind cooperation. Please take the opportunity today and tomorrow to actively exchange as many business cards with each other. I also hope you all will be able to build new networks and enjoy the time together.