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Chairman
The Earl of St Andrews

Dear Colleague

The Great Britain Sasakawa Foundation Annual Report 2015

I have much pleasure in enclosing our Annual Report for the year 1st January to 31st December 2015.

The remit of the Foundation is to help promote amongst the people of the UK and Japan a mutual knowledge, understanding and appreciation of each other's culture, society and achievements and with this objective in mind we aim to provide financial support for projects and activities in the following fields:

- Arts and Culture
- Science, Technology and Environment
- Japanese Language
- Youth and Education
- Humanities and Social Issues
- Medicine and Health
- Japanese Studies
- Sport

We awarded a total of 201 grants in 2015 to a value of just over £500,000. A complete list can be found on pages 9 -16 of the Report.

2015 marked the second year of our five-year Japanese Studies Postgraduate Studentship Programme. With generous funding from the Nippon Foundation it is providing up to 30 postgraduate studentships annually, each worth £10,000, until 2019. We were pleased with the range and quality of applications received, with 17 UK universities in receipt of these awards.

Our five-year UK-Japan Global Seminar Series, in partnership with The Nippon Foundation and the Royal Institute of International Affairs (Chatham House), entered its third year in 2015. The programme continues to examine the economic and geopolitical role of Japan in the international arena, combining annual conferences, held alternately in London and Tokyo, with regular Japan discussion groups and related publications.

Applications for our regular awards are assessed three times a year and further details can be found on our website: www.gbsf.org.uk

I have recently taken over from Stephen McEnally, who served as Chief Executive of the Foundation for ten years. I look forward very much to working with you.

Yours sincerely,

Brendan Griggs MBE
Chief Executive