

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 recent years, and recognizing that new research is 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 is given for advanced research with the potential to benefit the future of humankind.

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 working toward the solution of environmental problems.

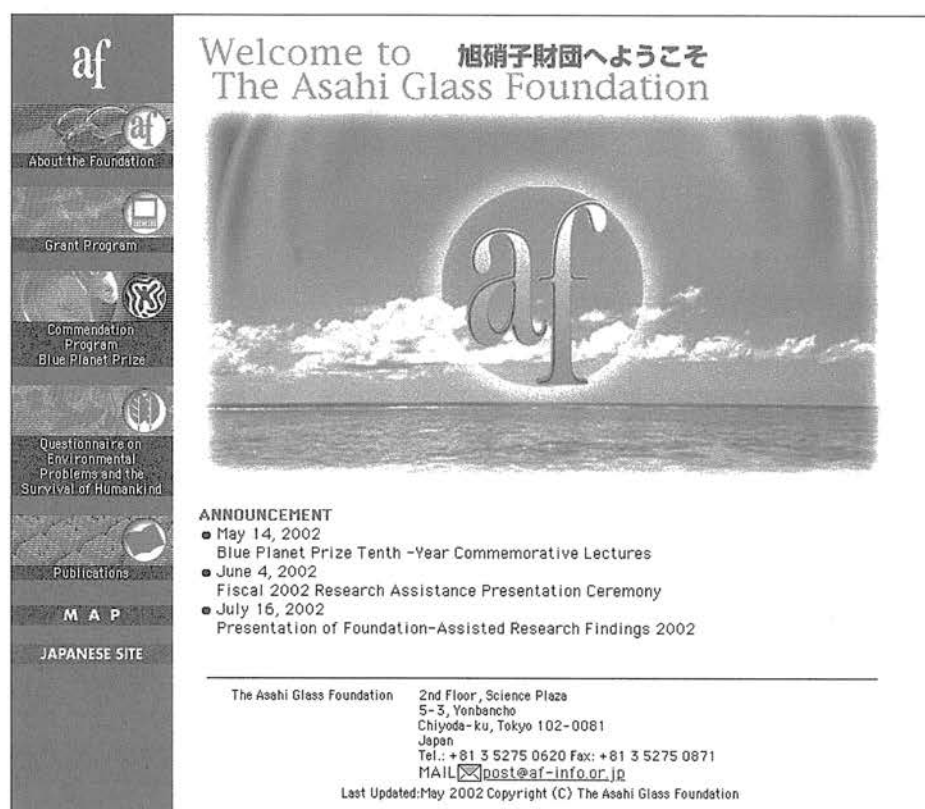
The Foundation strives to contribute to the creation of a richer, more vibrant society. To this end, it supports research in leading-edge scientific and technological fields and recognizes individual and organizational efforts to solve issues of concern to people around the world.



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

Program Overview

1. Grant Program
 - a. Natural sciences research assistance
 - b. Human and social sciences research assistance
 - c. Comprehensive research assistance
 - d. Overseas research assistance
 - e. Support for international conferences
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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The Asahi Glass Foundation

ANNOUNCEMENT

- May 14, 2002
Blue Planet Prize Tenth -Year Commemorative Lectures
- June 4, 2002
Fiscal 2002 Research Assistance Presentation Ceremony
- July 16, 2002
Presentation of Foundation-Assisted Research Findings 2002

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Financial Information

Total assets of the Foundation at the end of fiscal 2000 amounted to more than ¥11.8 billion, and the budget for activities in fiscal 2001 is ¥630 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 non-profit organization. The Foundation begins providing research assistance to university researchers in the field of applied chemistry.
- 1961 Name change to the Asahi Glass Foundation for Industrial Technology.
- 1982 Begins providing overseas research assistance to Chulalongkorn University in Thailand.
- 1988 Begins providing overseas research assistance to the Institute Technology Bandung in Indonesia.
- 1990 Revises its funding program to support the expansion of its activities. Name change to the Asahi Glass Foundation to reflect this revision.
Begins offering comprehensive research assistance.
- 1991 Diversifies its research assistance to the field of natural sciences.
- 1992 Begins providing research assistance in the fields of the human and social sciences.
Holds a seminar covering petrochemical technology at Chulalongkorn University—now an annual event.
First annual Blue Planet Prize awards ceremony.
First annual “Questionnaire on Environmental Problems and the Survival of Humankind.”
- 1993 Holds first annual seminar presenting findings from Foundation-assisted research in Tokyo.
First seminar on Foundation-assisted research in Indonesia at the Institute Technology Bandung. Five seminars presented to date.
Holds lecture program at the University of Oklahoma to commemorate the Foundations’ endowment of a chaired professorship.
- 1994 Holds public conference on environmental problems at Charles University in the Czech Republic.
- 1996 Moves to current office and inaugurates its Internet web site.
- 1997 Issues a five-year commemorative publication, *A Better Future for the Planet Earth: Lectures and Essays by the Winners of the Blue Planet Prize*.
- 1998 Issues a Six-Year Synopsis of its environmental survey.
- 2000 Issues an Eight-Year Synopsis of its environmental survey.
- 2001 Issues a Blue Planet Prize brochure.
- 2002 Commemorates the 10th anniversary of the Blue Planet Prize.
- Publication: *Toward the Future of the Blue Planet—10-Year History of the Blue Planet Prize*
 - Commemorative lectures

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