

**RECORD OF DISCUSSIONS
ON THE
PROGRAMME OF CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEARS 1999-2003
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN
AND THE GOVERNMENT OF FLANDERS**

In implementation of the Cultural Agreement concluded between Japan and the Kingdom of Belgium on 4 May 1973, the Representatives of the Government of Japan and of the Government of Flanders exchanged views on co-operation in the fields of cultural and educational exchanges.

Desiring to consolidate the results already achieved, and with the aim of ensuring future development in this area of co-operation, both Governments have decided to record discussions on the following programme of activities for the years 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003.'

1. EDUCATION

1.1. Exchange of information

Both Governments will exchange documentation regarding the organisation of their respective educational systems.

1.2. Higher education scholarships and grants

1.2.a. The Government of Japan intends to continue to accept students from the Kingdom of Belgium under its scholarship programme. The Government of Japan confirms that several scholarship and fellowship programmes for researchers and professors are open to applicants from the Kingdom of Belgium.

1.2. b. The Government of Flanders offers annually to Japanese students, a number of scholarships of ten (10) months for studies of pre-doctoral level. The number of scholarships amounts to maximum five (5) and will be announced every year. The exact conditions are listed in Attachment A.

The Government of Flanders offers each year a grant (daily allowance and accommodation for 20 days) to allow Japanese professors to do research in Flanders. The exact conditions are listed in Attachment A.

2. ARTS

Both Governments intend to exchange information on the, arts, the media, international festivals and competitions, and international cultural co-operation.

3. GENERAL TERMS

Additional projects and exchanges will be discussed on a case by case basis through diplomatic channels or ad hoc consultations.

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Attachment A

Scholarships and grants offered by the Government of Flanders, Administration of Higher Education and Scientific Research

(1) The Government of Flanders, Administration of Higher Education and Scientific Research (AHOWO) offers annually to Japanese postgraduate students, a number of scholarships of one academic year (ten months) each for studies of pre-doctoral level at one of the 8 Flemish universities or 29 other higher education institutions recognised by the Government of Flanders. The number of annually available scholarships amounts to a maximum of five (5) and will be announced every year.

Candidates must be under the age of 35, hold a university or equivalent degree, have given proof of excellent performance during their studies, and have to be approved by AHOWO.

The scholarship includes: a monthly allowance of 26.200 BEF/month (reference: academic year 1999-2000); tuition to a maximum of the regular amount of 18.500 BEF (reference: academic year 1999-2000); international travel expenses from capital to capital; and an extensive medical and third-party liability insurance.

(2) The Government of Flanders, Administration of Higher Education and Scientific Research (AHOWO) offers each year a grant for 20 days to allow Japanese professors or senior researchers to carry out research or to participate to international academic conferences at Flemish universities or other institutions of higher education recognised by the Government of Flanders.

Applicants have to be invited to Flanders by a Flemish higher education institution and have to be approved by AHOWO.

The grant includes: lodging expenses for a maximum amount of 3.500 BEF/day (reference: academic year 1999-2000); a daily allowance of 2.000 BEF/day (reference: academic year 1999-2000); and an extensive medical and third-party liability insurance.