

## Annual Report on the General Welfare of the Club for FY2022

To achieve the objectives stated in the Articles of Association, Article 3, the Club engaged in the following activities in FY2022.

### **(1) Invited news sources and newsmakers to speak before foreign and Japanese journalists at professional activity functions, including news conferences and briefings.**

Number of PAC events: 102

Number of attendees: 1264

5 Professional luncheons

0 Professional dinner

0 Professional breakfast

87 Press conferences

9 Press briefing

1 Roundtables

#### Most well-attended PAC events speakers:

Ichikawa Danjuro, Kabuki actor

Naomi Kawase, Film Director

Ai Weiwei, Artist

Sergiy Korsunsky, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Ukraine to Japan, Rahm Emanuel, U.S. Ambassador to Japan and Haitze SIEME, Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the European Union to Japan

Yuriko Koike, Governor of Tokyo

Naoya Inoue, Professional boxer, WBA • WBC • IBF Unified bantamweight world champion

Tomihiko Tanaka, the President of Family Federation for World Peace and Unification

Ogawa Sayuri, Former Second Generation Unification Church Member

#### Attendance and live stream viewers figures

(The number on the left is the number of attendees in person and the number on the right is the number of live streaming viewers)

Ichikawa Danjuro, Kabuki actor 【68/54】

Naomi Kawase, Film Director 【51/331】

Ai Weiwei, Artist 【47/42】

Sergiy Korsunsky, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Ukraine to Japan, Rahm Emanuel, U.S. Ambassador to Japan and Haitze SIEME, Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the European Union to Japan 【38/58】

Yuriko Koike, Governor of Tokyo 【35/72】

Naoya Inoue, Professional boxer, WBA • WBC • IBF Unified bantamweight world champion 【34/432】

Tomihiko Tanaka, the President of Family Federation for World Peace and Unification 【26/11877】

Ogawa Sayuri, Former Second Generation Unification Church Member 【20/164】

etc.

The Special Projects Committee organized following events

Activities of the Special Projects Committee 2022-2023 are listed below.

I. Press Tours: Cancelled due to Covid-19.

II. Theater Program (Musical, Ballet, Kabuki etc.)

Musical "Modern Millie", September 18, 2022  
 Musical "Cesare" January 14, 2023  
 Opera "The Tale of Hoffman", March 21, 2023

III. Three Saturday Lunch with Shakespeare Events

OTHELLO, April 16, 2022

CYMBELINE, July 2, 2022

MACBETH, February 18, 2022

IV. Three other events

Tsugaru Shamisen Concert, April 25, 2022

Kato Tokiko Concert, June 2, 2022

Queen Elizabeth Dinner, November 10, 2022

**(2) Provided services to facilitate the collection and distribution of news. Supported the distribution of news from Japanese and other news sources without discrimination. Provided, when necessary, other professional services such as telecommunications, postal, clerical, liaison, and message services, and offices and meeting facilities.**

**(3) Maintained a library of books and other printed or published materials, including reference books and books on Japan and Asia, and provided access to electronic information sources. Also maintained the journalist workroom, the meeting room and the studio, the photo archives as well as the audio recordings of press events at the FCCJ in the past, and Book Break events.**

The number of Book Break events: 11

The number of attendees (excluding heads): 265 (non-member 12%)

DATE	TITLE	SPEAKERS
2022/4/14	The Politics of International Marriage in Japan”	Viktoriya Kim
2022/6/14	Mobilizing Japanese Youth: The Cold War and the Making of the Sixties Generation	Christopher Gerteis
2022/6/23	The Tokyo Trial, Justice, and the Postwar International Order	Aleksandra Babovic
2022/9/21	Who Will Pay to Save the Planet? The \$100 Trillion Question	Anthony Rowley
2022/9/28	‘ Comfort Stations’ as Remembered by Okinawans during World War II	Yunshin Hong; Robert Ricketts.
2021/9/14	Translators’ Round Table	David Karashima, Louise Heal Kawai, Ginny Tapley Takemori
2022/12/1	Kanazawa	David Joiner
2022/12/23	Japan’s Prisoners of Conscience: Protest and Law during the Iraq War	Lawrence Repeta
2023/2/21	“The Art of Blade Runner: Black Lotus” Anime Meets Hollywood	Roland Kelts; Joseph Chou
2023/3/6	“ Diversity and Inclusion in Japan: Issues in Business and Higher Education” A Round table discussion by authors	Lailani Alcantara, Yoshiki Shinohara, Yuko Takahashi
2023/3/14	"Fifty Years of 'Napalm Girl'"(「ナパーム弾の少女」五〇年の物語)	Erika Toh; Nick Ut

**(4) Granted scholarships to students interested in journalism and contributed to the future advancement of journalism.**

From report last year, it was announced that due to circumstances beyond the scholarship committee's control, the announcement of the winners and the award ceremony was held July 26, 2022.

Winners

Pen

Winner: Hanako LOWRY, the University of Tokyo

Runner-up: MEGAH Bintang Mahadinah Irdan Putri, Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University

Photo

Winner: Kaiji TAKAOKA, Temple University Japan

Runner-up: Maria Elizabeth THOMAS, Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University

Video

Winner: Karin KANEKO, Waseda University

Runner-up: WANG Jue, Waseda University

Total 23 participants had attended the award dinner with Special Guest: Annelise Giseburt of Tansa, the investigative journalism NGO.

The DeRoy Memorial Scholarship Contest was held during this term.

The scholarship selection process was open for applications with a deadline of 31 March 2023.

The application received two student applications in the pen category, two in the photography category and zero in the video category.

The scholarship committee will be discussed about such a small number of applications how should we do later date.

**(5) Supported professional efforts in other ways, including sponsoring working committees, meetings, lectures, study groups, debates, and language and other training.**

Foreign Press in Japan (FPIJ) supported the foreign media in Japan with press event pre-registration; press tours; and various other related press events.

The Entertainment Committee would not be able to organize various events due to Covid-19.

Cancellation and Postponement

Due to the surge in confirmed cases of the Corona Virus in Japan, those planned events were cancelled and postponed until further notices.

Etc.

For Film screening events, there were 14 films shown in this fiscal year. Total numbers of attendees were about 1215.

#1

04/20/2022

My Small Land

Attendees Approx. 100

#2

05/11/2022

Gensan Punch

Attendees Approx. 60

#3  
05/26/2022  
Soup and Ideology  
Attendees Approx. 75

#4  
06/07/2022  
Plan 75  
Attendees Approx. 100

#5  
06/21/2022  
Tokyo Olympics- SIDE B  
Attendees Approx. 90 名

#6  
06/28/2022  
Broken Commandment  
Attendees Approx. 110

#7  
09/06/2022  
Hell Dogs  
Attendees Approx. 110

#8  
10/03/2022  
Convenience Story  
Attendees Approx. 90

#9  
11/01/2022  
A Man  
Attendees Approx. 100

#10  
11/25/2022  
Special Screening of NUCHI NU MIJI and Press Conference  
Attendees Approx. 35

#11  
12/13/2022  
Revolution +1  
Attendees Approx. 90

#12  
01/11/2023  
Angry Son  
Attendees Approx. 70

#13  
02/06/2023  
Egoist  
Attendees Approx. 110

#14

03/15/2023  
December  
Attendees approx.75

Freedom of the Press:

FCCJ Freedom of the Press Committee announced following statements to the public in the fiscal year.

May 12, 2022  
FCCJ STATEMENT ON THE KILLING OF AL JAZEERA JOURNALIST SHIREEN ABU AKLEH

August 3, 2022  
FCCJ Statement – Release Toru Kubota

September 20, 2022  
FCCJ Statement on Arrest of Ronson Chan

October 5, 2022  
FCCJ Statement on the killing of Percy Lapid in Metro Manila

November 11, 2022  
FCCJ STATEMENT: SOUTH KOREAN PRESIDENTIAL BAN ON PUBLIC BROADCASTER MBC

February 15, 2023  
FCCJ Statement – BBC

Freedom of the Press Award Winners 2022

The Foreign Correspondents' Club of Japan named the winners of its Freedom of the Press Awards 2022 at a ceremony on April 26. The Board selected the **journalists of Hong Kong** as a group as the winners in Asia category, and **Thomas Ash**, a Tokyo-based American documentary director, as the recipient of the Japan award.

Russian independent news outlet **Novaya Gazeta** and Japanese TV reporter and broadcaster **Shigenori Kanehira** received the Honorable Mention awards in Asia and Japan categories, respectively, while the Japanese veteran political journalist **Soichiro Tahara** received a Freedom of the Press Lifetime Achievement award.

The awards recognize outstanding journalists and media organizations that have made important contributions to upholding the values of a free press in the region, often under extreme pressure, including by pursuing coverage of taboo subjects and even risking their lives while doing so.

Professional Event Task Force:

THE TASK FORCE HELD A TOTAL OF EIGHT EVENTS DURING THE YEAR TO JUNE 30, WHICH WERE ATTENDED BY A TOTAL OF 171 PEOPLE (FCCJ MEMBERS AND GUESTS ATTENDEES AND ALSO PANELISTS). ATTENDANCE WAS IN PERSON AND VIA ZOOM

THE REVENUES TO THE CLUB FROM THESE EVENTS TOTALLED 57,250 YEN.

(PLEASE NOT THAT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF DEEP DIVES HELD SINCE THE SERIES BEGAN IN OCTOBER 2021 HAS BEEN 24 WITH 569 PEOPLE IN TOTAL ATTENDING AND REVENUES TO THE CLUB TALLING 156,900 YEN)

A LIST THE EVENTS HELD - TITLES AND PANELISTS - IS ATTACHED.

A WIDE RANGE OF EXPERT PANELISTS FROM BOTH WITHIN AND BEYOND JAPAN HAVE BEEN INVOLVED.

THE MAJORITY OF EVENTS HAVE BEEN OF A FINANCIAL OR ECONOMIC NATURE ALTHOUGH OTHER TOPICS HAVE INCLUDED CLIMATE CHANGE, TECHNOLOGY, HEALTH ISSUES, EDUCATION MATTERS ETC ETC.

THE INTENTION IS TO EXPAND THE RANGE OF ISSUES GOING FORWARD.

THE MAJORITY IF EVENT HAVE BEEN HELD IN THE MORNING WITH THE INTENTION OF ALLOWING FINANCIAL PROFESSIONALS ETC TO ATTEND BEFORE GOING TO THEIR OFFICES OR OTHER PLACES OF WORK,

UNFORTUNATELY, OWING TO COVID RESTRICTIONS AND SOMEWHAT INFLEXIBLE F&B ARRANGEMENTS, IT HAS NOT BEEN POSSIBLE TO PROVIDE A PROPER "BREAKFAST MEETING FORMAT" BUT IT IS HOPED THAT THIS CAN BE CHANGED WITH LIFTING OF PANDEMIC RESTRICTIONS.

**(6) Published matters of professional interest.**

FCCJ No. 1 Shimbun editorial team published the monthly “No. 1 Shimbun” magazine by online.

**(7) Promoted mutual friendship and harmony in the professional and social relations of its members. We tried them as much as we could due to Covid-19.**

**(8) Provided refreshments, welfare, social, logistical and other services for members and their guests. We tried them as much as we could due to Covid-19.**

**(9) Engaged in other activities that are needed to achieve the objectives.**

## FCCJ Membership Situation

As of the end of March 2023, the total number of members reached 1,439. The Club must recruit more new members in FY2023 to improve its financial standing.

### Total Membership Trend

April 2022	1465
May 2022	1462
June 2022	1458
July 2022	1461
August 2022	1467
September 2022	1463
October 2022	1463
November 2022	1459
December 2022	1453
January 2023	1454
February 2023	1450
March 2023	1439

In terms of membership category numbers has changed:

- Regular: around 213
- Professional Associate: around 160
- Associate: around 1,046

	Regular	PJA	Associate	Life
April 2022	213	164	1050	38
May 2022	210	164	1050	38
June 2022	219	163	1048	38
July 2022	213	162	1048	38
August 2022	216	161	1052	38
September 2022	218	160	1047	38
October 2022	216	159	1050	38
November 2022	213	158	1050	38
December 2022	210	159	1046	38
January 2023	212	158	1046	38
February 2023	212	158	1042	38
March 2023	214	158	1029	38

End.