

## **Introduction to the FY2018 Business Plan**

The Nippon Foundation receives a portion of the proceeds from Japanese motorboat racing, which thanks to the extraordinary efforts of the various parties involved, in fiscal 2017 exceeded the initial estimate and recovered to the 1.2 trillion-yen level for the first time in 14 years. Solid growth in these proceeds is expected again in fiscal 2018, and we are forecasting another increase in the Foundation's portion next year. As an organization designated under the Motorboat Racing Law to promote the shipping industry, and as per our duty as a public interest incorporated foundation, The Nippon Foundation will maintain a high degree of transparency through the proactive disclosure of information and make efficient use of the funds we receive, working with private individuals, NGOs, companies, governments, and international institutions in the public interest as a social innovation hub that aims to create "a society where all people support one another."

Working as a private-sector organization in the public interest, in fiscal 2018 we will build further on our activities that provide opportunities to bring people closer to the ocean, and address various issues related to changes in the environment for children. We will also work to bring about social change as we approach the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games, by promoting a greater understanding of and interest in artistic and cultural activities by persons with disabilities, and by instilling a culture of volunteerism in Japan through support for the training of volunteers, based on an agreement concluded with the Tokyo Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Since the Great East Japan Earthquake struck northeastern Japan in March 2011, we have received donations from many companies and individuals, and partnered with companies and NGOs to promote activities that contribute to society, and going forward, we will continue to use these donations to invigorate social contribution activities in Japan.

In addition to our ongoing activities to support the revival of the shipbuilding industry, we will continue to work in areas including providing support to conflict-affected areas in Myanmar, as designated by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

With this in mind, the fiscal 2018 Business Plan and Budget have been prepared based on the Basic Policy for Preparing Business Plans and Budgets, as revised in December 2017.

In carrying out these activities, we will strive to maintain impartiality and efficiency, with an even higher level of transparency, by remaining focused on our mission.

### **Mission of The Nippon Foundation**

Share the pain. Share the hope. Share the future.

Our mission is social innovation.

Through this innovation we aim to achieve a society where all people support one another, reducing the burdens and challenges they face together.

Everyone has a role to play: citizens, corporations, nonprofit organizations, governments, and international bodies. By forging networks among these actors, The Nippon Foundation serves as a hub for the world's wisdom, experience, and human resources, giving individuals the capacity to change society—the hope that they can make a difference.

Our goal is to give all of humanity the chance to participate in creating our future.