



[The Nippon Foundation News] Young people's thoughts on national elections

Campaigning has begun for the House of Councillors (the upper house of Japan's national legislature) election that will take place on July 21, to elect 124 of the body's 245 members. One of the most popular ways of campaigning in Japanese elections is for the candidate to be driven around in a vehicle equipped with loudspeakers to generate name recognition among their prospective constituents. Official signboards are also erected with identically sized, numbered boxes, and each candidate placing a campaign poster in their designated box.

Ahead of the election, the 15th installment of The Nippon Foundation's Awareness Survey of 18-Year-Olds was carried out in late May and early June on the theme of "National Elections." The survey showed that of those respondents aged 18 and 19 (and therefore eligible to vote), roughly half plan to vote in the July election. Of those who plan to vote, roughly 60% said they will cast their vote based on the candidates' policies, while roughly 20% will vote based on political party. Additionally, of all respondents, more than 60% considered the voter turnouts of less than 55% for the previous two national elections to be "low." (We plan to post an English news release regarding the survey at a later date together with the results of the 16th installment, which is scheduled for release later this month.)



A signboard with designated spaces for each candidate's campaign poster (left); The National Diet Building in Tokyo, where both houses of the national legislature meet (right)

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Passing On the Memory of a "Reckless Operation" to Future Generations
Honoring those who sacrificed their lives for peace today at the Imphal Peace Museum



This year marks the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Imphal, one of the fiercest battles of World War II. With support from The Nippon Foundation, the Imphal Peace Museum has opened on the site of the battle, with an opening ceremony held on June 22 and attended by representatives of India, Japan, and Britain. Displays include photographs and documents, and videos of local residents sharing their recollections. The museum will continue to search for and collect items for the displays, to pass on to future generations the effect that this battle had on India's history.

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Accepting Applications for "The Nippon Foundation Charity Runners" at Tokyo Marathon 2020 Charity!

Let's use the joy of running to bring joy to others.

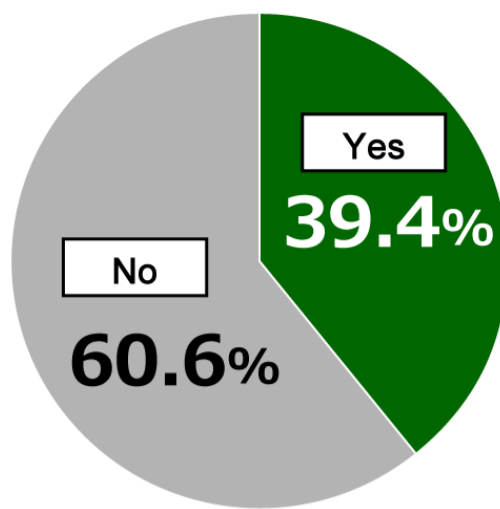


The Nippon Foundation is accepting applications for "The Nippon Foundation Charity Runners," who will convey the magnificence of charitable activities by donating to The Nippon Foundation and running in the Tokyo Marathon on March 1, 2020, as part of the Tokyo Marathon 2020 Charity program. Donations received will be used for The Nippon Foundation Dream Scholarship project, which provides scholarships to assist children living in children's homes and foster care in pursuing higher education.

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Awareness Survey of 18-Year-Olds

Results of 13th and 14th installments announced



Are you "familiar" with the Constitution? (n = 1,000)

The 13th installment of the Awareness Survey of 18-Year-Olds, launched by The Nippon Foundation in October 2018, was carried out in early April with a theme of "Japan's Constitution." The results, announced on April 25, showed that fewer than 40% of respondents are "familiar" with the Constitution, although more than 70% were aware of the Constitution's three underlying principles of pacifism, popular sovereignty, and the guarantee of fundamental human rights. The results of the 14th installment, on the theme of "Japan and Overseas Countries," were announced on May 29 and showed that close to half of respondents have traveled overseas at least once, while slightly more than half are interested in living overseas.

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