



Second phase of the Foreign Residents Policy Study Group

After submitting our proposal to the government through the Deputy Chief Cabinet Secretary on November 16, 2015, the Foreign Residents Policy Study Group, which had formerly been supported by the Outlook Foundation, decided unanimously to become a part of the foundation. Mr Takaji Kunimatsu was asked to continue as Chairman.



Our meeting began with a presentation by our guest Mr Hideyuki Yasui, president of Asukoe, on the 'universal menu', which is a form of website menu currently being developed and promoted by the company. The universal menu aims to provide national and municipal public service information in a clear and easily understood manner. It is also applicable to thematic menus such as those for natural

disasters and reconstruction activities. Also offered in English and Chinese, it is expected to contribute in the areas of our own concern, communicating regional revitalization information and information for foreigners visiting and living in Japan.

Four main themes of the Foundation were reiterated as in our first, medium-term plan.

1) **Regional development:**

Promotion of regions and their cultures.

2) **International exchange:**

International communication and collaboration.

3) **Gender empowerment:**

Establishment of a culture that realizes active female participation.

4) **Education reform:** Education for individual independence, decision-making and responsibility.

Regarding international exchange, we will focus on foreign resident matters in the near term; the Foreign Residents Policy Study Group will lead the studies and proposal development.

