

Activities by Public Interest Incorporated Foundations

Principle and Outline

In order to further the welfare work that the Daigas Group has conducted as a company volunteer through the “Small Light Campaign,” which was started in 1981 (the UN International Year of Disabled Persons) in a more planned and ongoing manner, 362 companies including Osaka Gas and affiliate companies, the associations comprised of contracted companies providing sales of gas appliances and other services, pipe working joined together in October 1985 to establish and fund the Osaka Gas Group Welfare Foundation in honor of Osaka Gas’ 80th anniversary. The Foundation is involved in subsidizing local welfare activities for the elderly and surveys/research conducted by universities and medical institutions, and in promoting fitness efforts aimed at helping senior citizens maintain and improve their health.

In September 1992, the Osaka Gas International Exchange Foundation was founded and fully funded by Osaka Gas, and in October 2010 the Foundation was granted authorization by the Cabinet Office to transition into a public interest incorporated foundation. The Foundation now works to deepen mutual understanding with natural gas producing countries and to contribute international goodwill through the foundation’s activities.

Assisting the Elderly - The Osaka Gas Group Welfare Foundation

Set up in 1985 through the contribution of Daigas Group companies, the Osaka Gas Group Welfare Foundation operates in six prefectures of the Kansai region, mainly engaging in (1) funding welfare projects, (2) researching and surveying the elderly population and (3) supporting health-promotion projects to help maintain and improve the health of the elderly.

In FY2024.3, the Foundation provided 6.90 million yen in subsidies to 61 welfare projects for the elderly, and 8.88 million yen in subsidies to 13 investigation and research projects, and carried out 108 health-promotion projects involving 4,742 participants.



Health-promotion project: Gathering for health promotion



Subsidy for the welfare of the elderly: Subsidy for farm tools for agricultural workshop courses

Results of each activity (cumulative total from FY1986.3-FY2024.3)

(1) Funding to Enhance the Welfare of the Elderly	3,106 cases	697.90 million yen
(2) Funding for Research and Surveys	671 cases	448.88 million yen
(3) Health-promotion project	6,210 times	448,532 participants

Distribution of “Health Seminar for the Elderly” on YouTube

In conjunction with the renewal of our website in FY2022.3, we have created the video content “Health Seminar for the Elderly” and have started distributing it on YouTube.

We will continue to annually distribute content that can be used for health promotion in the elderly.



Video content “Health Seminar for the Elderly”

Stakeholder Comment

Appreciation for the Cooperation with Health Promotion Activities

Mr. Yoshitaka Kanda,
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Nara City Federation of Perennial Youth Clubs



In Nara City, senior citizens’ clubs are called perennial youth clubs.

Perennial youth clubs are membership-based organizations that engage in liberal arts enhancement, health enhancement, voluntary social services, and other activities to make senior citizens’ lives healthy and fulfilling. Anyone roughly 60 years of age or older can join a club nearby.

The clubs form the Nara City Federation of Perennial Youth Clubs to engage in a variety of activities.

In fiscal 2020, we held cooking seminars for health promotion with the cooperation of the Osakagasgroup Welfare Foundation (the Foundation). This deepened interactions between members and drove forward health promotion activities. In fiscal 2023, we held gatherings for health promotion, which are free, on-site seminars, featuring laughing and physical exercise. The well-received seminars were held at four different venues in Nara City to prevent infection of COVID-19. In fiscal 2023, gatherings for health promotion were held again at four venues, featuring popular song aerobics. Many members actively participated in the gatherings.

Gatherings for health promotion and other health promotion programs by the Foundation which take place at local communities where senior citizens actually live, have been greatly helpful in facilitating our clubs’ health promotion activities. They were also well received by a total of more than 2,500 members who participated in years up to fiscal 2024. I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to the cooperation of the Foundation.

I understand that the Foundation will mark the 40th anniversary next year. I would appreciate the continued support and cooperation from the Foundation, and wish for the further development of the Daigas Group.

Doing Our Part on the International Scene - The Osaka Gas Foundation of International Cultural Exchange

Deepening friendship and mutual understanding with natural gas-producing countries

The Osaka Gas Foundation of International Cultural Exchange the Foundation provides aid services to promote mutual understanding with natural gas-producing countries in Southeast Asia and Oceania as well as contribute to international goodwill. In FY2024.3, the Foundation provided a total of approximately 13.72 million yen in aid to Indonesia, including grants for educational equipment to elementary and junior high schools, scholarships for 285 students, research grants in the energy and environment fields for three universities, and a short-term training program in Japan for two graduate students. For Malaysia, the Foundation provided a total of approximately 7.55 million yen in subsidies, such as English education assistance, experimental research grants, and scholarships to 12 university students. For East Timor, the Foundation provided a total of approximately 4.24 million yen in scholarships to 60 university students.

In the 31 years since the establishment, the Foundation has provided subsidies totaling 615.49 million yen, scholarships to 10,851 students, and grants for 453 research themes.

In FY2024.3, an online exchange between students in Indonesia and the Kansai area took place as a new initiative.

We will continue to launch new activities and expand the scope of support.



Commemorative photo with scholarship recipients and their families at the presentation ceremony at National University of East Timor



Courtesy call to Universiti Malaysia Sarawak

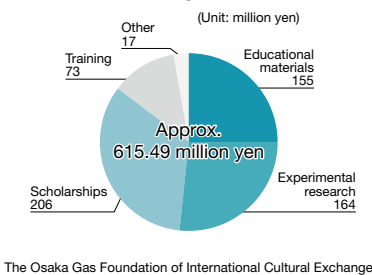


Online exchange between Syiah Kuala University in Indonesia and Kwansai Gakuin University

■ Scope of Funding



■ Total Assistance Provided from FY1993.3 through FY2024.3



■ Grant Disbursement (single-year base)

(unit: thousand yen)

	FY2019.3	FY2020.3	FY2021.3	FY2022.3	FY2023.3	FY2024.3
Educational materials	1,878	1,873	1,760	1,973	2,115	2,410
Experimental research	5,401	5,172	5,049	5,332	6,935	7,176
Scholarships	6,558	8,092	7,737	8,512	9,564	12,589
Training	3,212	3,175	371	313	3,281	3,331
Total	17,049	18,311	14,917	16,129	21,895	25,506