

1. Becoming a Member

Annual Membership Fees: General Members - USD120;
Special Members - USD600; Group Members - USD1200

【Membership Benefits】

- ① New Diplomacy Initiative's e-mail bi-weekly newsletter (Japanese)
- ② Members-only events (e.g. conferences with experts on foreign policies)
- ③ Discounts and priority attendance for events and lectures held by the New Diplomacy Initiative, etc.

【Special/Group Membership Benefits】

We will assist you in formulating policy proposals, lobbying efforts, information collection and dissemination to the media, translation, interpretation, etc. in Japan and other countries (Fees vary upon each request, so please contact our office if you have any inquiries).

Please complete the application and make your payment through our website.

2. Making a Donation

We greatly appreciate any and all donations towards this new effort.

3. Working with Us

We are currently looking for interns and volunteers. If you are interested in working with us, please contact our office.

Payment through our Website
<http://nd-initiative.org/eng/support.html>

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New voices to the world

New voices from the world

The New Diplomacy Initiative (ND) is a think tank that seeks to bring a multitude of fresh voices into the diplomatic and political spheres of the United States and the East Asian nations including Japan through policy proposal and information dissemination.

1
In order to reflect a broad range of voices in diplomacy and politics, we disseminate information and make policy proposals.

2
In order to realize proposed policies, we directly approach governments, legislatures, universities, think tanks, NGOs, and mass media in various countries including the United States and Japan.

3
The ND is committed to providing relevant, current and alternative information that does not circulate through existing mass media and diplomatic channels. We gather such information through an in-depth analysis of sources: academia, civil society, policy makers and others. Our dedicated staff translates the information into various languages including English and Japanese, as well as disseminates pertinent information that should be known overseas.

※The New Diplomacy Initiative is a non-profit NGO unaffiliated with any particular religious or political group, organization, corporation, or individual.

What We Do at the New Diplomacy Initiative (ND)

Policy Proposals

Work towards Policy Implementation



Examples:

- Formulate proposals/lobbying the United States Government/Congress as well as the Japanese Government/Diet
- Arrange meetings and invite legislators and experts to Japan from various countries (e.g. those who are concerned with energy policy, security, the environment, food safety, to name a few)
- Approach media in various countries with press releases and requests for coverage, etc.
- Organize symposiums and workshops in the United States, Japan and other countries

Major Topics Handled by the ND

- Issues concerning U.S. military bases in Japan and the Status of Forces Agreement
- Energy issues (natural energy, nuclear energy, etc.)
- Security policy
- Territorial disputes and History awareness issue
- TPP (Trans-Pacific Partnership)
- Nuclear issues on the Korean Peninsula and the six-party talks

Information collection • Dissemination



Examples:

- Monitor the United States' legislative proceedings (e.g. proceedings regarding the redeployment of marines in Okinawa to Guam, and regarding nuclear energy proliferation after the Fukushima nuclear accident)
- Research how foreign media reports on various issues
- Connect and establish cooperation amongst like-minded organizations in various countries
- Translate and disseminate op-eds, news articles, and online information to international media
- Arrange study tours overseas and help the media with their coverage

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Statement of Purpose

In a global society that is dramatically changing, the peaceful and constructive cultivation of diplomatic relationships in the Asia and Pacific regions is critical to maintaining global peace and security as well as for sustaining development worldwide.

Relations between Japan and the United States, as well as between Japan and various Asian and Pacific nations are constantly changing. Therefore, it is vital, that a diverse, multi-layered relationship based on trust and mutual understanding is built among the countries of Asia and the Pacific.

The continuation of the current situation, where international relations are disproportionately influenced by a limited group of voices, may hurt the national interests of each country and threaten the peace and stability of the entire region.

It is based on this thinking that we advocate for the implementation of a multi-track "New Diplomacy" involving diplomacy between governments, between congressmen, between intellectuals, between private businesses, and between civil societies.

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