

# 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 make international contributions 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 FY2023.3, the Foundation provided 5.24 million yen in subsidies to 62 welfare projects for the elderly, and 9.88 million yen in subsidies to 14 investigation and research projects, and carried out 96 health-promotion projects involving 3,514 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-FY2023.3)

(1) Funding to Enhance the Welfare of the Elderly	3,045 cases	691 million yen
(2) Funding for Research and Surveys	658 cases	440 million yen
(3) Health-promotion project	6,102 times	443,790 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

### Striving to Build a Sense of Community

**Ms. Naoko Kitao,**

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I would like to express my great appreciation for the efforts your foundation has made since 1985 to help build a community for an aging society by providing assistance for welfare programs for the elderly, activities for encouraging them to participate in society, and other activities.

As the environment surrounding the community is changing rapidly these days, it is important to catch up with the issues that have emerged and are being faced by local residents, and the cooperation of not only professionals but also local residents and community activists is essential for this.

With COVID-19 being reclassified to Class 5 from May 2023, efforts to create a place to stay and build connections in the community will be resumed, and a community culture that respects diversity more than ever will be fostered. Also, the Social Welfare Council will work to promote community welfare activities with an eye toward a society coexisting with COVID-19.

Organizations in Kyoto Prefecture that have received subsidies from your foundation have been promoting such efforts as exchanges at salons for the elderly, etc., creation of a place to stay for foreign nationals, and cross-cultural exchanges, aiming at creating a community where everyone can live with peace of mind.

Our Council will continue working to achieve its basic principles of the fifth medium-term plan: To create a society where everyone can live with dignity while connecting with others. We sincerely ask for your continued support of these community welfare efforts.

## 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 provides aid services to promote mutual understanding with natural gas-producing countries in Southeast Asia and Oceania and contribute to international goodwill.

In FY2023.3, the Foundation provided a total of approximately 14.62 million yen in aid to Indonesia, including grants for educational equipment to elementary and junior high schools, scholarships for 300 students, research grants in the energy and environment fields for three universities, and a short-term training program in Japan for four graduate students. For Malaysia, the Foundation provided a total of approximately 5.22 million yen in subsidies, such as English education assistance, experimental research grants, and scholarships to 12 university students. For East Timor, it provided a total of approximately 2.05 million yen in scholarships to 30 university students.

Marking its 30th anniversary, the Foundation reviewed its aid activities to date, in which it has provided subsidies totaling approximately 590.11 million yen, scholarships to 10,494 people, and grants for 438 research themes. In addition, it held an interview with the Chairman and an online meeting with local students to further explore future directions of its activities.



Graduate students of University of Indonesia visiting the Gas Science Museum during their Japanese language training program



Meeting at the Ministry of Education Malaysia



Presentation ceremony at National University of East Timor

### Scope of Funding



### Total Assistance Provided from FY1993.3 through FY2023.3



### Grant Disbursement (single-year base)

(unit: thousand yen)

	FY2018.3	FY2019.3	FY2020.3	FY2021.3	FY2022.3	FY2023.3
Educational materials	2,512	1,878	1,873	1,760	1,973	2,115
Experimental research	5,888	5,401	5,172	5,049	5,332	6,935
Scholarships	8,483	6,558	8,092	7,737	8,512	9,564
Training	4,592	3,212	3,175	371	313	3,281
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,475</b>	<b>17,049</b>	<b>18,311</b>	<b>14,917</b>	<b>16,129</b>	<b>21,895</b>