

Fondation Sakae Stünzi

What is the Sakae Stünzi Foundation?

The Sakae Stünzi Foundation originates from the estate of Mrs. Sakae Stünzi, who in 1990 bequeathed her fortune to the Swiss Confederation as a sign of her thanks for the patronage and protection which the Swiss government had afforded her.

The Foundation was incorporated in 2001 in Bern as a charitable, non-profit organisation, according to Swiss law. The Foundation is managed by its Board, which includes Swiss and Japanese members, and is chaired by the Ambassador of Switzerland to Japan. The Embassy of Switzerland in Japan functions as its secretariat.

The purpose of the Sakae Stünzi Foundation is to further relations between Switzerland and Japan in the fields of culture, social affairs, academia and science. This purpose is fulfilled by supporting appropriate projects in Japan and in Switzerland with the proceeds of the Foundation's assets. Exhibitions, musical and dance performances, translation projects, film productions and youth exchange figure among the projects supported by the Foundation thus far. In most cases, this support comes in the form of a co-financing, as the Foundation's means are modest.

In 2011, the bereaved family of Mrs. Sachie Sasaki, late assistant of the culture and public affairs section of the Embassy of Switzerland, donated a significant amount to the Foundation, in memory of her longstanding activities in promoting the cultural exchange between Switzerland and Japan.

Do you have a project which advances Swiss-Japanese relations in the cultural, scientific or social field? Please submit your proposal to the Board of the Sakae Stünzi Foundation:

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