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## [The Nippon Foundation News] New Green

Greetings from The Nippon Foundation. In Japan, this time of year is known as *shinryoku*, which literally translates as “new green,” referring to the new vegetation that has begun to grow - grasses and shrubs and leaves on trees - now that spring has fully arrived. The air is warmer but still crisp, providing an opportunity to enjoy this lush greenery before the arrival of the rainy season in June and humid summer weather from July. For much of Japan, this coincides with the Golden Week national holidays on April 29 and May 3-5. Although Tokyo is a huge city more associated with skyscrapers and commuter trains, there are a number of large parks around the city where you can enjoy this fresh greenery without traveling far from home, and the Golden Week holidays are an ideal time to do this.

Rikugien, which can be translated as “six poems garden” or “garden of the six principles,” referencing traditional Chinese poetry, is one of Tokyo’s most beautiful landscape gardens. The gardens were built from 1695 to 1702 for the fifth Tokugawa shogun, and are now maintained by the Tokyo government and open to the public. The park is a short walk from Komagome Station in Bunkyo Ward, a residential area of northern Tokyo, making it easily accessible by public transportation. Scenic spots within the park include a large weeping *sakura* cherry tree, a teahouse built during the Meiji Period (1868-1912), a stone bridge, and pathways through wooded areas surrounding a large lake. A walk around the lake takes a little more than one hour, and provides constantly changing scenery that will make you forget that you are in the middle of one of the world’s largest metropolitan areas.



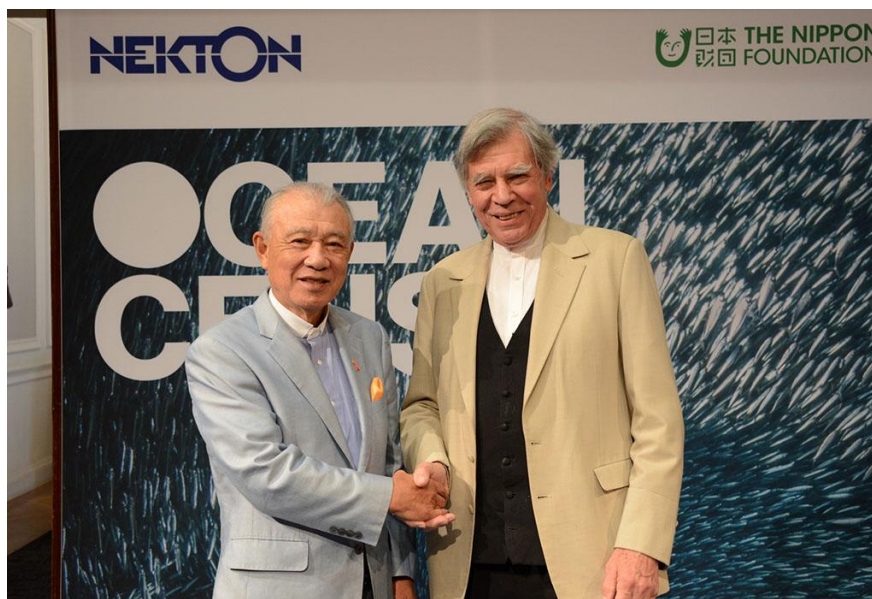
*The entrance to Rikugien (left) and a view inside the park (right)*

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## Launch of The Nippon Foundation-Nekton Ocean Census

**International project to explore unknown marine life to preserve biodiversity, understand evolution, and promote medical and pharmaceutical science**



On April 27, The Nippon Foundation and Nekton Foundation of Britain announced the launch of The Nippon Foundation-Nekton Ocean Census, an international project to explore unknown marine life. The project will work to discover unknown marine life by exploring hot spots of the ocean that are rich in biodiversity, from the ocean surface to its depths. The project also aims to expedite significantly the process from discovery to registration, with a goal of discovering at least 100,000 new species during the first 10 years.

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## Launch of Project to Study Possibilities for Collaboration with Next Generation of Nikkei

**Seeking concrete ways to collaborate to resolve social issues**



The Nippon Foundation launched the “Project to Study Possibilities for Collaboration with the Next Generation of Nikkei” in April 2023. The project aims to use the Foundation’s experience and networks from its support of Nikkei communities to date, to provide a platform for discussion among next-generation Nikkei leaders who face similar challenges without being constrained by position, affiliation, or interests.

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## The Nippon Foundation Recognized by Peru’s Congress

Supporting Peru with focus on Nikkei society



Marking the 34th anniversary of Peruvian-Japanese Friendship Day, a certificate of commendation jointly signed by María del Pilar Cordero Jon Tay, Chairperson of the Peru-Japan Friendship League of Congress, and José Daniel Williams Zapata, President of the Congress of Peru, was presented to The Nippon Foundation on April 3, 2023. The presentation was in recognition of the Foundation’s contributions to Peru, and to Peru’s Nikkei society in particular, in areas including support for medical and welfare facilities in Peru and human resource development for young Nikkei.

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