

Prospectus

We share a profound sense of crisis for the future of Japan. As international tensions and instability continue to increase, the people have lost the aspiration for Japan to defend its national interests and play a greater role in contributing to justice and peace throughout the world. The people appear interested only in problems of the moment. In the July 2007 House of Councilors election, such important issues as revision of the Constitution were brushed aside. Indeed, the election result revealed serious flaws in Japan as a nation.

The Constitution of Japan promulgated more than sixty-years ago and never revised has become an impediment to Japan coping with changes in the international community of the 21st Century. At last, Constitutional revision has become a topic for discussion. Yet the residue of defeat in war is even now so deep that recovering a sense of normal confidence still remains a distant hope for the future. Perception of history is not merely a problem with our neighboring nations, it exists even with our ally, the United States. In education, academic ability has declined and moral education has been lost. At the root of such problems is a void of consciousness of the nationhood and a realization of the importance of sovereignty which should form the basis of education. The Self Defense Forces, which shoulder the burden of national defense, are far removed from armed forces that a normal democracy should possess.

Our country continues to lack the attributes of a normal democratic nation because politicians lack insight, bureaucrats are prone to adopt patchwork measures, pushing off into the future solutions of problems that require immediate attention. In addition, the people lack a consciousness of problems.

We take pride in the continuity of Japanese civilization and intend to reconsider from a broad international viewpoint the form of existence that Japan should seek as a nation. At the same time, to deal with the great changes in international conditions, we want to revitalize Japan, where many sectors of society are becoming dysfunctional. Consequently, we have established the Japan Institute for National Fundamentals (JINF) to reexamine the fundamental problems the nation faces.

As a completely free, purely private research institute, we hope to build a truly independent nation possessing self-respect and self-confidence. We ourselves possess the mettle to restore Japan to its true essence and to make significant contributions to the international community in the 21st century.

Your agreement and your understanding of our thoughts would give us great pleasure. We humbly ask for your cooperation.