

Press Release

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Launch of the 2025 France Japan Foundation Young Leaders Seminar To be held in Paris and Strasbourg from May 8 to 11



The **France Japan Foundation** is proud to announce the first edition of its Young Leaders seminar, to be held in France—between Paris and Strasbourg—from May 8 to 11, 2025. This program will bring together 27 promising French and Japanese young leaders from diverse sectors to strengthen bilateral relations and foster new forms of cooperation.

Established under the aegis of the France Asia Foundation, the **France Japan Foundation** is dedicated to reinforcing ties between France and Japan. It builds upon more than a decade of work carried out by its sister organizations, the France China Foundation and the France India Foundation. Its mission is to **generate synergies between emerging leaders from both countries** and **promote initiatives that deepen mutual understanding**.

At the heart of this mission is the **Young Leaders Program**, designed to build a dynamic community of influential decision-makers committed to long-term Franco-Japanese cooperation in key areas such as **economy, diplomacy, innovation, and culture**.

The 2025 Young Leaders seminar will take place in two phases:

- **In Paris (May 8–9)**, the delegation will attend conferences, engage in high-level meetings, and visit key institutions.
- **In Strasbourg (May 10–11)**, participants will immerse themselves in the workings of the European Parliament, engage in international policy discussions, and explore the shared culinary traditions of France and Japan.

The program will feature strategic discussions, emblematic site visits, and curated networking sessions to cultivate enduring connections among participants.



The Selected Young Leaders – Japan

2025



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Classical Violinist &
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About the Foundation

France Japan Foundation - www.francejapanfoundation.org

Founded in 2024, the France Japan Foundation is the Japanese chapter of the France Asia Foundation. It promotes dialogue between French and Japanese civil societies and fosters enduring relationships between rising leaders from both nations. Through its programs, it encourages mutual interest, the exchange of ideas, and the creation of collaborative projects.

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The Fondation France-Asie is an independent organization dedicated to fostering relations between France and major Asian countries. Through its initiatives, it promotes dialogue and the development of new partnerships between France and Asia, grounded in shared values.

At the heart of its mission is the Young Leaders Program, organized with several Asian countries, including China, India, and Japan. Since its creation, the program has brought together over 400 leaders from diverse fields—politics, business, science, culture, defense, and sports—fostering dialogue, mutual understanding, and collaboration within a community of more than 6,000 members across France and Asia.

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