

FOREWORD

An international conference on "The Role of Private Philanthropy in International Cooperation" was held in Tokyo, December 2-3, 1985, under the sponsorship of the Japan Center for International Exchange (JCIE) in cooperation with the Council on Foundations in the United States, the Federation of Economic Organizations (KEIDANREN) of Japan, the Japan Association of Charitable Corporations, and the Trust Company Association of Japan. The conference was convened in commemoration of the fifteenth anniversary of the founding of JCIE. It was attended by several overseas participants and over 120 representatives of Japanese foundations, charitable trusts, and private corporations.

It was appropriate that JCIE should celebrate its anniversary with an international conference on private philanthropy, for the encouragement of such activities in Japan and the promotion of the international dimension of Japanese philanthropy has been an integral part of JCIE programs for many years. Indeed, private philanthropy is precisely what has enabled JCIE to be a non-profit, non-governmental institution involved in international exchange and foreign policy research over the 15 years of its existence. JCIE has, in fact, sought to provide an example demonstrating the critical role private philanthropy can play in our increasingly interdependent world.

This conference marked the fourth major international meeting on private philanthropy. The first international conference, "The Role of Philanthropy in Advanced Nations," was held in 1975; the second was held in 1977 to discuss the results of the "Filer Commission on Foundations and Private Giving Programs," and the third held in 1979 on "Priorities of Private Philanthropy in Southeast Asia." JCIE has also sponsored several seminars and study missions abroad. It provides facilitating and secretarial services to a number of Japanese foundations and charitable trusts.

In its work of promoting greater Japanese international involvement through exchange and research, JCIE finds increasing opportunities and growing need to emphasize international