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2003 marked the third consecutive year of major support from The Nippon Foundation of Japan for NTID's Postsecondary Education Network (PEN) International. Since 2001, Nippon has contributed nearly \$3.3 million to this project aimed at enhancing university-level education for deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals—particularly those in the Pacific Rim. Today, led by NTID professor James J. DeCaro, PEN-International is introducing innovative curricular and technological strategies to selected institutions in Russia, China, the Philippines and Japan. In 2003, NTID was privileged to host Yohei Sasakawa, president of The Nippon Foundation, as keynote speaker for the PEN-International Technological Symposium at NTID. In addition to his address, highlights of his visit included a by PEN-International dinner at Liberty Hill, a performance of the Taiko drummers, dedication of The Nippon Foundation Training Room at NTID, and a barbeque at the home of Robert R. Davila, vice president for NTID.

The Nippon Foundation has been a supporter of RIT for over a decade. Its first gift of \$1 million in 1993, and repeated the following year, established and endowed the Ryoichi Sasakawa Scholarship Fund to assist international students who could not otherwise afford to attend NTID. Since then, 19 students have benefited. RIT is most grateful for The Nippon Foundation's ongoing commitment to the education of deaf and hard-of-hearing students, both at NTID and around the world.

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