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The Nippon Foundation has awarded the National Technical Institute for the [Deaf] at Rochester Institute of Technology \$1.19 million to help improve education and career opportunities for deaf people around the world.

To date, the foundation has awarded NTID \$3.28 million to improve technological education for deaf students through a program called Postsecondary Education Network International.

The program is conducted in partnership with Tsukuba College of Technology in Japan.

Deaf students attending specific colleges in Japan, China, Russia and the Philippines will continue to benefit from PEN-International's expertise through improved curriculum, increased access, new technology, multimedia labs and trained faculty.

"Each country is in a different stage of educating deaf people at the college level. Each has its own set of goals," said James DeCaro, former NTID dean and director of PEN-International. "Add to that mix each country's unique written, spoken and signed languages, its own culture and technical knowledge, and it becomes a very exciting, multilayered project."

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