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NTID award to help deaf education globally

Japan's The Nippon Foundation has awarded RIT's National Technical Institute for the Deaf \$1.19 million to continue its leading role in improving education and career opportunities for deaf people around the world.

To date, The Nippon Foundation has awarded NTID \$3.28 million to help colleges across the globe improve technological education for their deaf students through a program called Postsecondary Education Network International (PEN-International), conducted in partnership with Tsukuba College of Technology in Japan.

Deaf students attending a specific college in Japan, China, Russia and Philippines have benefited from PEN-International's expertise through improved curriculum, increased access, new high technology, multi-media labs and trained faculty. This year, work will continue in those and additional programs in Beijing and in Prague.

"Each country is in a different stage of educating deaf people at the college level. Each has its own set of goals," says James DeCaro, former dean of NTID 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, multi-layered project."

For more information about PEN-International, visit www.pen.ntid.rit.edu.