

Supporting Students from across Asia Studying in Japan
**AEON 1% Club holds
AEON Scholarship Awarding Ceremony**

AEON 1% Club Foundation (hereafter AEON 1% Club) holds “AEON Scholarship Awarding Ceremony” on Saturday, July 2, for AEON Scholarship program that helps Asian students realize their dreams.

The AEON Scholarship began in 2006, based on the desire to build a bridge between Japan and Asian countries through a scholarship system. This program targets university students in Asia and self-supporting Asian exchange students studying in Japan. The support provided over the years has not been limited to funding, but also providing opportunities to participate in volunteer activities and holding seminars to cultivate such personal skills as leadership skill, all of which aim to support students in their personal growth toward their future goals.

At the ceremony, we award certificates to 29 continuing students from last year and 36 newly certified Asian students from 14 universities in Japan. In our hope to make this occasion an opportunity for the students to think for their future, we had newly certified students deliver speeches in Japanese on the theme “My Dream,” and held an interactive gathering with visitors and guests from the partner universities, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and representatives from embassies of Asian countries.

Through AEON Scholarship Program, we have so far awarded scholarships to 4,393 students from 34 universities in Japan, China, Thailand, Vietnam, Indonesia, Cambodia, and Myanmar.

This foundation will continue to expand the circle of friendship with Asian countries by implementing a variety of support structures for students who will be responsible for the next generation.

■ AEON Scholarship Awarding Ceremony 2015



A Chinese scholarship student making speech on her dream



Students talking with Ambassador Hendy Assan from the Embassy of Malaysia in Japan

1. Date and Time: Saturday, July 2 11:00 AM–1:45 PM
2. Location: AEON Co., Ltd. Headquarters (1-5-1 Nakase, Mihama-ku, Chiba-shi)
AEON Tower, 3rd Floor, Multipurpose Hall
3. Details: 11:00 AM–12:30 PM Awards Ceremony, Students' Speeches
 12:45 PM–1:45 PM Social Gathering
4. Target Audience: 65 Scholarship Students (36 New, 29 Current)
(Breakdown: 3 from Indonesia, 3 from Thailand, 3 from Taiwan, 39 from
China, 1 from the Philippines, 10 from Vietnam, 4 from Malaysia, and 2 from
Myanmar)
5. Organizer: AEON 1% Club Foundation
6. Attendees: Masato Otaka, Secretary for the Cabinet Minister of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
(Expected) Representatives from the Embassies of Various Countries
 University-Related Guests
 Hiroshi Yokoo, Director of the AEON 1% Club Foundation
 (Chairman for the AEON Co., Ltd. Board of Directors)
 Company Employees Graduated from the AEON Scholarship Program and Others



Photo from the 2015 awards ceremony