

Trends Year	World Movements	Movements in Japan	Foundation for the Welfare and Education of the Asian People	Refugee Assistance Headquarters
1969   1978	Fall of Phnom Penh (Apr. 17, 1975) Fall of Saigon (Apr. 30, 1975) Lao People's Democratic Republic established (Dec. 2, 1975) Democratic Kampuchea established (Jan. 3, 1976) Generation of masses of refugees Socialist Republic of Vietnam established (July 2, 1976)	First boat people arrive in Japan (May 12, 1975) Cabinet approval for Vietnamese refugee measures (Sept. 20, 1977) Cabinet approval for permission for resettlement for Vietnamese refugees (Apr. 28, 1978) First permission for resettlement for refugees temporarily in Japan (Sept. 3, 1978)	Permission for the establishment of the Foundation for the Welfare and Education of Vietnamese Orphans under Ministry of Foreign Affairs authorization No. 12. (Feb. 12, 1969) Name changed to Foundation for the Welfare and Education of Asian Orphans (Oct. 1, 1971) Bien Hoa Vocational Training Center for Orphans opening ceremony (Sept. 1, 1973) Six Thai social welfare workers invited to Japan (Oct. 1978)	
1979	Heng Samrin government takes power in Cambodia (Jan. 11) Sino-Vietnamese War (Feb.) MOU concluded between UNHCR and Vietnamese government on implementation of Orderly Departure Program (May 30) International Conference on Indo-Chinese Refugees held (20–21 July)	Southeast Asian Refugee Measures Office established in the Asian Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Feb. 7) Resettlement framework for 500 people set with Cabinet approval for resettlement measures for Indo-Chinese refugees (Apr. 3) Liaison and Coordination Council for Indo-Chinese Refugees and Displaced Persons established within Cabinet (July 13)	Eleven social welfare workers invited to Japan from two nations, including Indonesia	Refugee Assistance Headquarters launched within the Foundation for the Welfare and Education of the Asian People (FWEAP) upon being commissioned by the government (Nov. 2) Himeji Resettlement Promotion Center opens (Dec. 11)
1980	Joint undertaking by UNHCR and the Lao government on refugee voluntary repatriation program (Mar.) International Conference on Aid for Cambodian Refugees (May 26–27)	Private sector organization Liaison Council for Indo-Chinese Refugee Assistance established (Feb. 2) Resettlement framework expanded from 500 to 1000 upon Cabinet approval; permission granted to bring remaining family from Vietnam (ODP) (June 17)	Eighteen social welfare workers invited to Japan from three countries, including Taiwan	First Investigation Team for People Eligible for Resettlement in Japan sent to refugee camps in Southeast Asia (Jan. 10–26) Yamato Resettlement Promotion Center opened (Feb. 29) First operations meeting for the Yamato Center held Commissioned staff dispatched to the Japanese embassy in Thailand (June 10)
1981	International Conference on Kampuchea (July 13–18)	Resettlement framework expanded from 1000 to 3000 upon Cabinet approval, with former exchange students, etc., included in the resettlement framework (Apr. 28) National Assembly approval for conclusion of the Convention Regarding the Status of Refugees (June 5) First 20 people arrive in Japan under the ODP (Dec. 17)	Fifteen social welfare workers invited to Japan from three countries, including the Philippines	Cabinet approval to entrust the operation of reception centers to RHQ (July 17) Preparatory office for reception centers established (Aug. 1) First edition of departmental newsletter, IR (Oct. 5)
1982	Coalition Government of Democratic Kampuchea established (June 22) 	Refugee Convention comes into effect (Jan. 1) Enactment of Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act (Jan. 1) Recommendations based on inspection of refugee administration issued by administrative agency (July 6) First group of refugees (26) recognized under the Refugee Convention (Oct. 19)	The Festival to Encourage Resettled Indo-Chinese Refugees held in Hyogo prefecture (Jan. 17), Kanagawa (Mar. 21) and Tokyo (Nov. 7) Fifteen social welfare workers invited to Japan from three countries, including Singapore	Commencement of psychological counseling at the Yamato Center (Jan. 14) Establishment of the Omura Refugee Reception Center (Feb. 1) First intake of refugee family members brought over from Vietnam (ODP) into the Himeji Center (Mar. 27) Administrative inspection of refugee programs (July)
1983		Resettlement framework expanded from 3000 to 5000 upon Cabinet approval (Nov. 1)	The Festival to Encourage Resettled Indo-Chinese Refugees held in Hyogo prefecture (Dec. 4) Twenty social welfare workers invited to Japan from four countries, including Bangladesh	Investigation team sent to the United States to survey the circumstances of resettled refugees (Mar. 7–15) International Refugee Assistance Headquarters opens (Apr. 1) Social life adaptation training classes commence at the International Refugee Assistance Headquarters (Aug. 22)
1984	▲31st China-Japan Research Committee Meeting on the Chinese Continent Issue		Twenty social welfare workers invited to Japan from four countries, including Nepal Festival to Encourage Resettled Indo-Chinese Refugees held in Kanagawa prefecture (Dec. 9)	First survey of refugee employment circumstances by the Himeji Center (Aug. – Sept.) Employment Promotion Activities event held at the plaza of the Shinjuku Mitsui Building 55 square (Dec. 1) (implemented annually thereafter as Employment Promotion Month)
1985	Ten years since the end of the Vietnam War (Apr. 30) UNHCR introduces the Rescue at Sea Resettlement Offers (RASRO) scheme in response to the increasing number of rescues at sea (May 1)	Resettlement framework expanded from 5000 to 10,000 upon Cabinet approval (July 9)	Ceremony for the completion of construction of the Foundation Building (May 16) Twenty social welfare workers invited to Japan from four countries, including Sri Lanka	Social life adaptation training classes (social life adaptation instruction) commence at the Yamato Center (Aug. 1) Launch of the system of refugee counselors (Oct. 1)
1986	Thai government closes Khao I Dang Camp (Dec. 31)		Festival to Encourage Resettled Indo-Chinese Refugees held in Tokyo (Oct. 6) Twenty-five social welfare workers invited to Japan from four countries, including Malaysia Festival to Encourage Resettled Indo-Chinese Refugees held in Tokyo (Oct. 18)	Inaugural publication of information bulletin "Teiju" [Resettlement] (Feb. 15) Emergency evacuation of 316 refugees from Izu Oshima to the International Refugee Assistance Headquarters due to the eruption of Mt. Mihara (Nov. 29–Dec. 20)
1987		Resettled Vietnamese refugees in Japan visit Vietnam for the first time (Aug. 28–Sept. 18) Resettled refugee numbers in Japan exceed 5000 (Dec.)	Twenty social welfare workers invited to Japan from four countries, including India The Festival to Encourage Resettled Indo-Chinese Refugees held in Hyogo prefecture (Nov. 8)	Establishment in the International Refugee Assistance Headquarters of "Yashio-so", a model room to experience daily life situations (May)
1988	Start of full-scale withdrawal of Vietnamese troops from Cambodia (June 30)	Resettled Cambodian refugees in Japan visit Cambodia for the first time (Dec. 22)	Thirty social welfare workers invited to Japan from six countries, including Korea The Festival to Encourage Resettled Indo-Chinese Refugees held in Kanagawa prefecture (Oct. 23)	Period for Japanese language education at Centers extended from three to four months (Apr. 1) First discussion groups with volunteer organizations held at the Yamato Center Indo-Chinese Refugee Resettlement Promotion Discussion Group held (Nov. 7)
1989	International Conference on Indo-Chinese Refugees held (June 13–14) Comprehensive Plan of Action (CPA) commenced Completion of Vietnamese withdrawal from Cambodia (Sept. 30)	Arrival of so-called "false refugees" (June–Aug.) Japan declares intake of 1000 Vietnamese refugees in the ensuing three years at the International Conference (June 13–14) Record numbers of boat people arrive on Japanese mainland (Aug. 4) System for refugee status recognition commences with Cabinet approval (Sept. 12)	Twenty-nine social welfare workers invited to Japan from six countries, including Taiwan The Festival for Resettled Indo-Chinese Refugees held in Tokyo (Oct. 29) Commemorative ceremony for the 20th anniversary of the FWEAP and the 10th anniversary of the RHQ held at the Miyako Hotel Tokyo (Dec. 12)	Commencement of Japanese language study support programs for resettled refugees So-called "false refugees" enter the International Refugee Assistance Headquarters (June 30) RHQ receives a Ministry of Foreign Affairs Commendation (Jul. 10) Indo-Chinese refugee children participate in the World Youth Conference (Jul. 28) Clashes between Vietnamese and Chinese refugees (Sept. 16–18) Emergency temporary evacuation of 95 Vietnamese refugees to Tokyo municipal facilities (Oct. 5–12) 658 so-called "false refugees" transferred to Immigration Bureau facilities (Oct. 24)
1990	Supreme National Council (SNC) of Cambodia established (Sept. 17)	Enactment of Repatriation to China of so-called False Refugees amendment to the Immigration Control Act (June 1)	Thirty social welfare workers invited to Japan from six countries, including Indonesia The Festival for Resettled Indo-Chinese Refugees held in Tokyo (Nov. 11) Presented a certificate of gratitude from the Ministry of Justice for assistance programs for Indo-Chinese refugees (Nov. 16)	Commencement of intake into the International Refugee Assistance Headquarters of refugees for resettlement from overseas camps (July 16)
1991	Sadako Ogata installed as the 8th UNHCR High Commissioner for Refugees (Jan. 1) Conclusion of the Cambodian Peace Agreement in Thai territory (Oct. 23)		Twenty-six social welfare workers invited to Japan from five countries, including Bangladesh The Festival for Resettled Indo-Chinese Refugees held in Tokyo (Dec. 1)	Commencement of family member intake under ODP into International Refugee Assistance Headquarters (Aug. 20)
1992	Advent of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia (UNTAC). Yasushi Akashi appointed as the Head of the Authority (March 15) Commencement of Cambodian refugee repatriation (Mar. 30)		Forty-one social welfare workers invited to Japan from eight countries, including Thailand Commendation received from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for refugee assistance programs (July 13) The Festival for Resettled Indo-Chinese Refugees held in Tokyo (Nov. 22)	Murder takes place at the residential section of the International Refugee Assistance Headquarters (Jan. 31) (not-guilty verdict delivered at a hearing of intermediate appeal Jan. 26, 1993) Survey on conditions of Indo-Chinese resettled refugees (Oct.)
1993	Completion of repatriation of Cambodian refugees (Mar. 30) Cambodian general elections (May 23) Establishment of new government and promulgation of new constitution in the Kingdom of Cambodia (Sept. 24)		Thirty-nine social welfare workers invited to Japan from eight countries, including India The Festival for Resettled Indo-Chinese Refugees held in Tokyo (Nov. 21)	International Refugee Assistance Headquarters tenth anniversary ceremony (Apr. 21)
1994	International Conference on Indo-Chinese Refugees Decision to resolve the Indo-Chinese refugee issue by the end of 1995 (Feb. 14)	Boat people treated as illegal entrants after screening system abolished upon Cabinet approval (no new admissions to Omura Center) (Mar. 4) Abolition of resettlement framework of 10,000 people upon Cabinet approval (Dec. 6)	Forty social welfare workers invited to Japan from eight countries, including Malaysia The Festival for Resettled Indo-Chinese Refugees held in Tokyo (Nov. 27)	Commencement of intake into Centers of general entrants Commencement of community support activity assistance Total refurbishment of Yamato Resettlement Promotion Center Resettlement newsletter "Konnichi-wa" [Hello!] first published (Nov. 27)
1995	Normalization of relations between the USA and Vietnam (July 11) Vietnam becomes a member of ASEAN (July)	Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake; approx. 700 Vietnamese people affected (Jan. 17) Cabinet holds an Indo-Chinese refugee forum (Oct. 26) International Seminar on Indo-Chinese Refugees held by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, etc. (Oct. 27–28)	Forty social welfare workers invited to Japan from eight countries, including Nepal The Festival for Resettled Indo-Chinese Refugees held in Tokyo (Oct. 22) Commendation received from the Prime Minister for refugee assistance programs (Oct. 26)	Temporary intake by the Himeji Center of victims of the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake (Jan. 17) Omura Refugee Reception Center winds up operations (Mar. 31) Commencement of protection projects for refugee recognition applicants, overseas refugee assistance and volunteer development support (Apr.) Commencement of Japanese language correspondence courses (Apr.) Kobe office established to assist earthquake victims (Oct. 1–Mar. 31, 1997) Dispatch of staff to holding facilities for Croatian refugees (Nov. 1995–Dec. 1996)



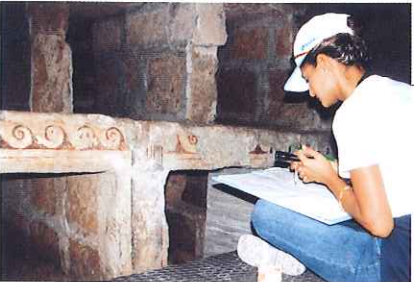

World Movements

Movements in Japan

Foundation for the Welfare and Education of the Asian People

Refugee Assistance Headquarters

1996	Yasushi Akashi installed as the United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs (Mar. 1) International Conference on Indo-Chinese Refugees; decision to end CPA as of end of June (Mar. 5 - 6)
1997	Repatriation to Hong Kong to China (July 1) Laos joins ASEAN (July)
1998	
1999	Cambodia joins ASEAN (Apr.)
2000	Hong Kong's Pillar Point refugee camp closes (May 31) Sadako Ogata steps down as UNHCR High Commissioner for Refugees (Dec. 31) Establishment of Asia-Pacific Regional Center for Emergency Training in International Humanitarian Response (e-Center) (Aug. 1)
2001	United Nations "World Refugee Day" decided (June 20)
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Number of resettled refugees in Japan exceeds 10,000 (June)	
	▲ Then President of the FWEAP surrounded by children invited to the Festival for Resettled Indo-Chinese Refugees
	▲ Former FWEAP President, Seisuke Okuno, and resettled Indo-Chinese refugees gather around former UNHCR High Commissioner for Refugees, Sadako Ogata
	▲ Excavation at Tyre Ruins, Lebanon, for scientific investigation
	▲ Talks between Mr. Guterres, UNHCR High Commissioner for Refugees and former President, Mr. Okuno

Sixty social welfare workers invited to Japan from twelve countries, including Pakistan The Festival for Resettled Indo-Chinese Refugees held in Tokyo (Oct. 27)
Fifty-eight social welfare workers invited to Japan from twelve countries, including Sri Lanka The Festival for Resettled Indo-Chinese Refugees held in Tokyo (Oct. 26)
President visits India, Malaysia, Thailand and Indonesia in January Commemorative reception for the 20th anniversary of the Invitation Program for Asian social welfare workers held at the Miyako Hotel Tokyo (Apr. 6) Fifty-seven social welfare workers invited to Japan from twelve countries, including Singapore The Festival for Resettled Indo-Chinese Refugees held in Tokyo (Oct. 11)
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Fifty-six social welfare workers invited to Japan from twelve countries, including the Philippines The Festival for Resettled Indo-Chinese Refugees held in Tokyo (Oct. 20)
Seventy-nine social welfare workers invited to Japan from sixteen countries, including Mongolia The Festival for Resettled Indo-Chinese Refugees held in Tokyo (Oct. 26)
Seventy-nine social welfare workers invited to Japan from sixteen countries, including Cambodia The Festival for Resettled Refugees in Japan held in Tokyo (Oct. 24)
Seventy-eight social welfare workers invited to Japan from sixteen countries, including Laos The Festival for Resettled Refugees in Japan held in Tokyo (Oct. 23) Visit by UNHCR High Commissioner for Refugees, Mr. Guterres (Oct. 25)
Seventy-eight social welfare workers invited to Japan from sixteen countries, including Vietnam The Festival for Resettled Refugees in Japan held in Tokyo (Oct. 22)
Visit by Mr. Takizawa, representative of UNHCR office in Japan (Feb. 14) Eighty social welfare workers invited to Japan from sixteen countries, including Bhutan The Festival for Resettled Refugees in Japan held in Tokyo (Oct. 21) Meeting between Mr. Guterres, UNHCR High Commissioner for Refugees and former President, Mr. Okuno (Nov. 27)
Seisuke Okuno installed as Honorary Chairman, Tamisuke Watanuki installed as President (Apr. 1) Discussions between Johan Cels, representative of UNHCR in Japan, and President Watanuki (Oct. 9) Discussions between Johan Cels, representative of UNHCR in Japan, and Honorary Chairman Okuno (Oct. 21) Seventy-nine social welfare workers invited to Japan from sixteen countries, including Nepal The Festival for Resettled Refugees in Japan held in Tokyo (Oct. 26)

Commencement of interviews for Vietnamese ODP (Jan. 14 - Feb. 3) First Japanese speech contest held (Jan. 21 and Feb. 4) Workshop regarding the International Protection of Refugees held in conjunction with UNHCR (Mar. 18 - 19) Himeji Resettlement Promotion Center closes (Mar. 31) Commencement of twice weekly refugee counseling services in the Himeji municipal office (Apr. 12) Opening of the Kansai Branch (June 18) Commencement of Japanese language education volunteer development seminars Indo-Chinese Refugee Resettlement Promotion seminar held in conjunction with Cabinet in Kobe (Nov. 19) First volunteer discussion group held at the International Refugee Assistance Headquarters (Nov. 20)
Second Japanese speech contest held in Yokohama (Jan. 19) Discussion group "Arrival of Boat People" held (June 27) Seminar series "Our Refugee Issues" held in Kobe (July 1997 - Mar. 1998) Introduction of refugee information system (Aug. 1) Third Japanese speech contest held in Meguro district, Tokyo (Oct. 12)
Yamato Resettlement Promotion Center closed (Mar. 31) Refugee counseling services established in the Kanagawa Kenmin Center (Yokohama), Yamato Municipal Office (Kanagawa prefecture) and Yao Municipal Office (Osaka prefecture) (Apr.) First Refugee assistance discussion group meeting held (June 11, and from time to time afterwards) Seminar series "Our Refugee Issues" held in Himeji and Osaka (Aug. - Oct.) and Kobe (Oct. 1998 - Mar. 1999) First lecture on refugee circumstances held (Oct. 28, and from time to time afterwards) Discussion group meeting of Indo-Chinese resettled refugee group leaders (Dec. 12)
Fourth Japanese speech contest held (Jan. 24) Refugee assistance activities workshop held (Feb. 23-24) Counseling service in Yamato Municipal Office conclude (Mar. 31) Refugee counseling service established in the Izumi District Office, Yokohama (Apr.) Seminar series "Our Refugee Issues" held in Kobe (June - July)
Fifth Japanese speech contest held in Yokohama (Jan. 23) Web site opened to public (Apr. 1) "Refugees" workshops No. 1-3 held in Kobe (June - July) Japanese Speech Forum (6th Japanese speech contest) held in Kobe (Nov. 26) Seminar series "Our Refugee Issues 4" No. 1 - 6 held in Kobe (Oct., Nov. 2000, Jan. 2001)
Seventh Japanese speech contest held in Yokohama (May 13) Discussion group meeting of Indo-Chinese resettled refugee community leaders (June 24) Refugee assistance facilities study tour (Aug. 2 - 3)
Vocational guidance for resettled refugees implemented (Apr. 18) "Refugees" workshops No. 1-6 held (May 23 - June 27) Center Festival 2002 held (Nov. 24) Japanese Speech Forum held in Yokohama (Dec. 1) Seminar series "Our Refugee Issues" No. 1 - 3 held (Dec. 4 - 18)
Regional refugee counseling service established in the Kanagawa prefecture central administrative center (Apr. 2) Cooperation provided for the Japanese Speech Forum held in Yokohama (May 11) "Refugees" workshops No. 1 - 6 held (May 28 - July 2) Commencement of intake of convention refugees into International Refugee Assistance Headquarters (Sept.) Opening of the Emergency Shelter for Refugee Applicants (ESFRA) (Dec. 19) Seminar series "Our Refugee Issues" No. 1 and 2 held (Nov. 26 - Dec. 3)
Cooperation provided for the Japanese Speech Forum held in Yokohama (May 16) Joint convening of symposium, "Current Situation in Refugee Issues and Challenges for International Public Policy" (June 24) Refugee counseling services commence in Headquarters Building (July 1)
Symposium held on "The Future of Refugee Assistance in Japan" (June 18) Panel display of "Japan's Indo-Chinese Refugees and Assistance Provided by the Refugee Assistance Headquarters" (Oct. 12 - 16)
International Refugee Assistance Headquarters closes (Mar. 31) RHQ Support Center opens (Apr.) Cooperation provided for the Japanese Speech Forum held in Yokohama (June 4) "Refugees" workshops No. 1-3 held in Kobe (June 14 - 28) Study tour implemented (Aug. 10 - 11) Seminar for Multicultural Co-Existence through Education for International Understanding and Development Education held in Kobe (Aug. 10 - 11) Seminar "Refugees and Education" No. 1 and 2 held in Kobe (Oct. 5, 12) "Our Refugee Issues" No. 10 held in Kobe (Nov. 22 - Dec. 20)
"Did You Know? The World's Refugees", Part 1 (Feb. 7 - Mar. 25) Study tour implemented (Feb. 15, 16) Symposium "Refugee Resettlement Issues" held (Mar. 24) Cooperation provided for the Japanese Speech Forum held in Yokohama (May 20) "Refugees" workshops No. 1 and 2 held in Kobe (June 21, 28) "Refugees" workshops No. 1 - 3 held (July 12 - 26)
"Did You Know? The World's Refugees", Part 2, No. 1 - 5 held in Kobe (Feb. 12 - Mar. 11) Symposium "Upon the 25th Anniversary of the Refugee Convention Coming into Effect in Japan" Study Tour 2008 Spring implemented (Mar. 13 - 14) Workshop 2008 No. 1 - 4 held in Kobe (May 15 - June 25) Study Tour 2008 Special Edition implemented (June 29) Study Tour 2008 Summer implemented (Sept. 18 - 19) "Our Refugee Issues 2008" No. 12 held in Kobe (Oct. 2 - Nov. 27)