

# **JAPAN NATIONAL TRUST**

**for Cultural and Natural Heritage Conservation**



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Japan National Trust (J.N.T.) is one of the most powerful conservation organizations in Japan. We rely for income on membership fees and donations. We work with citizens to conserve, manage and find out the best way to use the important natural and cultural assets of our country.

Since J.N.T. was established in 1968, we have carried out three main projects:

- 1) Survey and research projects
- 2) Conservation projects based on survey and research reports
- 3) Promotion projects aimed at communicating the benefits of historic preservation to many people.

J.N.T. has acquired ten properties and opened nine Heritage Centers in various place in Japan in order to encourage citizens to participate in activities of J.N.T.

Also we are participating nationwide networks aimed at utilizing and breathing new life into the traditional environments.

## **PREFERENTIAL TAXATION SYSTEM**

Donations to the Japan National Trust attract preferential tax treatment.

- DEDUCTIONS FROM INCOME TAX
- NON INCLUSION OF INHERITANCE TAX IN TAX ASSESSMENTS
- EXEMPTION FROM INCOME TAX ON INCOME DONATED
- INCLUSION OF LOSSES IN CORPORATION TAX

### **About Japan National Trust**

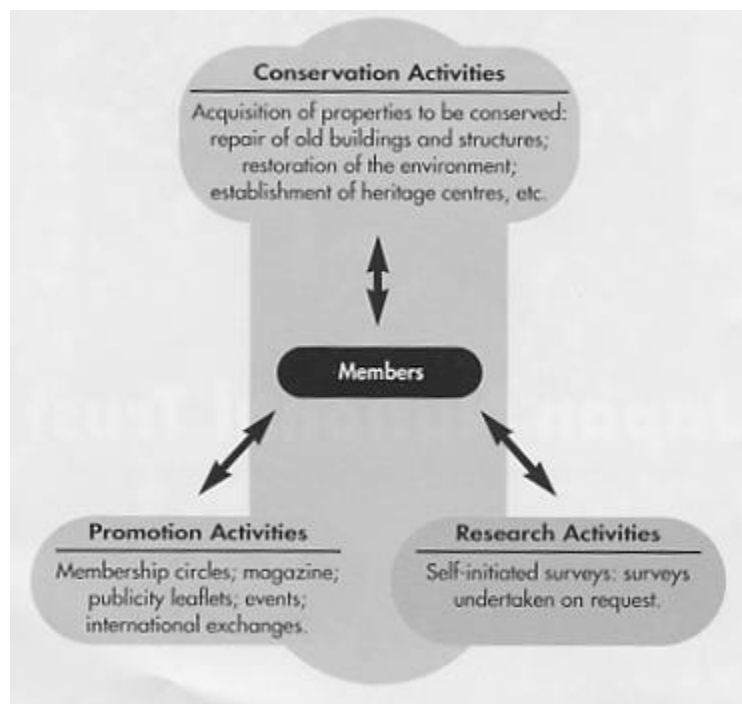
The date of establishment 25 Dec. 1968

The tax exempt approved by the government in 1984

President : Mr. Masafumi Yasutomi (Adviser, Tokyo Metro Co., Ltd.)

Director-General : Mr. Yasuo Ohba

### **Diagram of Activities**



The National Trust receives considerable support for its activities both from individual members and from corporate organizations.

## -----Conservation Activities-----

### J.N.T.'S PROPERTIES

#### 1. Okakura Tenshin Memorial Park and Tenshin's grave

J.N.T. opened in the old grounds of the Japanese Art Institute established by the painter Tenshin Okakura, the founder of Japanese modern art from early this century, to the public. Now it is a memorial park and designated as "Prefectural Nature Park". Near the park his house and grave can be found.



**IZURA**

Address : Izura, Otsu-cho, Kitaibaragi-shi, Ibaraki  
Nearest station : Ohtsuko Sta. (JR Joban Line)  
Open : Open to the public  
Admission : Free  
Tel : None

#### 2. The Trust Train / Oigawa Railways

The historic steam locomotive train, carrier of industrial heritage. It runs five times a year under Oigawa Railway Co. A member has to buy a ticket on board.



**"The Trust Train"**

Address : 1112-2, Kanaya-cho, Shimada-shi, Shizuoka  
Nearest station : Kanaya Sta. (Oigawa Railways)  
Operated Days : Please contact the J.N.T.  
Tel : 0547-45-4112 (Reservation only) C/O Oigawa Railway Co.

### **3. Shirakawa Village Gassho-Style houses (The old Teraguchi's House and the old Matsui's House)**

The J.N.T. owns two of the middle and the late 19th-century farmhouses in the lovely mountain village of Shirakawa-go near Takayama.

Since the village is in the Historical Buildings Preservation Area, more than one hundred thatched roof farmhouses are preserved by the local people, the government and the J.N.T.



**“Shirakawa village”**

With the aid of the citizens and other fundraising activities, the old Teraguchi's house and the Matsui house were acquired in 1987 and early 1988, respectively. Following the completion of the restoration in 1993, the Matsui's house is currently used as Shirakawa Gassho-style heritage center. The old Teraguchi's house was restored in 1996.

#### ◆The old Matsui's house

Address :	Ogi-machi, Shirakawa-mura, Ono-gun, Gifu
Nearest bus stop :	Shirakawa-go bus terminal
Open :	Only during summer season (Please contact the J.N.T.)
Admission :	Free
Tel :	None

◆The old Teraguchi's house is not open to the public.

### **4. Old Daijoin Temple Garden**

One of the oldest Japanese gardens, created in the 12th-century, was restored in 1973 by the J.N.T. The garden is located in the northeast of the old capital, Nara-city, and in the area around the garden there are a lot of wooden houses dating from medieval time. This area is called “Nara-Machi”.



**“Old Daijoin Temple Garden”**

Address : 1083-1, Takabatake-cho, Nara-shi, Nara  
Nearest station : Nara Sta. (JR)  
Kintestu-Nara Sta. (Kintetsu railways)  
Open : 9:00am - 5:00pm  
\*Closed on Mondays  
Admission : Adult/JP¥200, Child/JP¥100  
Tel : 0742-24-0808

## 5. The Former Kusuo Yasuda Residence

The modern Japanese-style house was built in 1918. Mr. Zenshiro Yasuda, the son of Mr. Zenjiro Yasuda who was the founder of the Yasuda financial group, bought this residence from Mr. K. Fujita in 1923. After Zenshiro's eldest son Mr. Kusuo Yasuda passed away in 1995, his wife Ms. Yukiko Yasuda decided to donate these properties to J.N.T. in 1996.



**“ The Former Kusuo Yasuda Residence”**

Address : 20-18, Sendagi 5-chome, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo  
Nearest station : Sendagi Sta. (Tokyo Metro Chiyoda Line)  
Open : Every Wednesday and Saturday  
10:30am - 4:00pm (last admission 3:00pm)  
\*Closed during summer season. (Please contact the J.N.T.)  
Admission : Adult/JP¥500, Student/JP¥200,  
Children under age 12 and J.N.T. member/Free  
Tel : 03-3822-2699 (during operating hours)

## 6. Dr. Komai's Residence

Mr. William Merell Vories, an American architect and a missionary, was requested to design the Spanish style house in 1918 by his friend Dr. Taku Komai who was the authority on genetics in Japan.

J.N.T. has received the western building with



**“Dr. Komai's Residence”**

beautiful garden from Komai family in 2002.

Address : 64, Iori-cho, Kitashirakawa, Sakyo-ku, Kyoto  
Nearest station : Chayama Sta. (Eizan Railway)  
Open : Every Friday and Saturday  
10:00am - 4:00pm (last admission 3:00pm)  
\*Closed during summer season. (Please contact the J.N.T.)  
Admission : Adult/JP¥500, Student/JP¥200,  
Children under age 12 and J.N.T. member/Free  
Tel : 075-724-3115 (during operating hours)

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## **J.N.T.'S HERITAGE CENTER**

Heritage Centers are planned and constructed by J.N.T. as focal points for conservation activities in local communities.

### **1. The Old Katsuragi Road Heritage Center**

An ancient trail wreathed in Japanese history and romantic legend was preserved in 1986.

Address : 1126, Kamogami, Gose-shi, Nara  
Open : 10:00am - 4:00pm  
\*Closed on Mondays, the year-end and New Year holidays  
Admission : Free  
Tel : 0745-66-1159

### **2 . Hidano Takumi Heritage Center**

It is constructed in 1989 as the conservation center of traditional carpentry skills.

Address : 10-1, Ichinomachi, Furukawa-cho, Hida-shi, Gifu  
Open : Mar. - Nov.: 9:00am - 5:00pm  
Dec. - Feb.: 9:00am - 4:30pm  
\*Closed on Thursdays, 28 Dec. - 5 Jan.  
Admission : Adult/JP¥300, Child/JP¥100, JNT member/Free  
Tel : 0577-73-3321



**“Hidano Takumi  
Heritage Center”**

### **3. Shirakawago Gassho style Heritage Center**

Address : Ogi-machi, Shirakawa-mura, Ono-gun, Gifu  
Open : Please contact the J.N.T.  
Admission : Free  
Tel : None

Visitors are able to learn about the way of traditional life in Shirakawa village. The historical house is now open to the public in summer season.



**“Shirakawago Gassho style Heritage Center”**

### **4. Daijoin Garden Heritage Center**

The Daijoin Heritage Center has been constructed as a museum on historic gardens.

Address : 1083-1, Takabatake-cho, Nara-shi, Nara  
Open : 9:00am - 5:00pm  
\*Closed on Mondays, the year-end and New Year holidays  
Admission : Free  
Tel : 0742-24-0808

### **5. Nagahama Railway Heritage Center and Hokuriku-Line Memorial Hall**

It is for introduction of local history and culture in the Railway Junction City Nagahama. On the site the memorial hall was constructed in 2003 for the preservation of Steam Locomotive and Electric Locomotive on Hokuriku line.

Address : 1-41, Kitafune-cho, Nagahama-shi, Shiga  
Open : 9:30am - 5:00pm (last admission 4:30pm)  
\*Closed on 29 Dec. - 3 Jan.  
Admission : Adult and High school student/JP¥300, Child/JP¥150,  
J.N.T. member/Free (Require a complimentary ticket to J.N.T.  
office)  
Tel : 0749-63-4091



## 6. Kotohikihama Singing-sand Heritage Center

It was built in October, 2002. It is the national center for cleaning campaign of singing sands coasts.

Address : 1250, Kaketsu, Amino-cho, Kyotango-shi, Kyoto  
Open : 9:00am - 5:00pm (last admission 4:30pm)  
\*Closed on Tuesdays(except summer vacation), 28 Dec. - 3 Jan.  
Admission : Adult and High school student /JP¥290, Child/JP¥90,  
JNT member/Free  
Tel : 0772-72-5511

## 7. Murakami Heritage Center

It was built in September, 2004. It is the showcase of an old castle town Murakami located along the Sea of Japan.

Address : 7-17, Sannomachi, Murakami-shi, Niigata  
Open : 9:00am - 4:30pm \*Closed on 29 Dec. - 4.Jan.  
Admission : Adult/JP¥200, Child/JP¥100, JNT member/Free  
Tel : 0254-53-3666



**“Murakami  
Heritage Center”**

## 8. Shikoku Railway Heritage Center

It is for introduction of local history and culture in the Railway of Shikoku Area with display actual models. On the site the memorial hall was constructed in 2007 for the preservation of Shinkansen "0 system" that are the first type of Shinkansen train and "the DF50 form electricity type diesel".



**“ Shikoku Railway  
Heritage Center”**

Address : 798-1, Ohmachi, Saijo-shi, Ehime  
Open : 9:00am - 5:00pm \*Closed on Wednesdays  
Admission : Adult and High school student/JP¥300, Child/JP¥100,  
JNT member/Free  
Tel : 0897-52-1449

## **J.N.T.'S Other Conservation Activities**

### **1. MAKIHATA MOUNTAIN NATURAL SCENIC BEAUTY**

<Niigata prefecture, Minamiuonuma City>

From 1974 the beautiful natural interwoven Chitou and Yukita grassland environment has been fully protected and maintained by the J.N.T.

### **2. REGIONAL HERITAGE SUPPORT PROJECT**

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#### **-----Research Activities-----**

#### **1. Tourism resources survey**

We surveyed almost 200 natural environments and cultural properties in all regions of the country. The results of that contributed to put to good use in ensuring the preservation of these assets.

#### **2. Other independent study surveys**

We carried out independent academic surveys, relating to:

1. Policy proposals for national large scale projects
2. Research into property preservation and use systems

#### **3. Commissioned academic survey**

To date over 120 commissioned academic surveys have been undertaken in the field of "use and preservation of tourism resources".

In response to requests from local authorities and related bodies and with the aid of citizens, the government and specialists, discussions centering on regional activation have been undertaken. Focusing on natural resources and inherent historic and cultural assets, these discussions have had a major impact on the formation of preservation policy.

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## **-----Promotion Activities-----**

### **1. PUBLISHING THE JAPAN NATIONAL TRUST JOURNAL**

We publish 'Hou 報' six times a year. By the journal we inform news and activities about our properties and report related to the important natural and cultural assets.

### **2. SUBSCRIBING THE E-mail NEWSLETTER**

We subscribe to e-mail newsletter twice a month to inform news and activities of our properties etc.

### **3. PUBLISHING THE NATURE AND CULTURE PUBLICITY MAGAZINE**

Taking into account wide-ranging views on tourism resources and with the aid of material supplied by experts, the national trust have since February 1970 edited and produced the above publication (The publication is currently suspended).

### **4. SUPPORT FOR MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITY**

Support for independent activity by members.

- REGIONAL ACTIVITY (SHIRAKAWA BRANCH etc.)
- GROUP ACTIVITY (MINKA TOWN CIRCLE etc.)

### **5. VISIT TOURS**

Tours are undertaken in order to deepen the knowledge and awareness of Japan's exceptional natural environment, historic sites and beauty spots.

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## **INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE**

The trust conducts exchanges (including information exchange) with various groups which aim to upkeep and preserve the natural environment and cultural assets. In doing so, the trust seeks to promote the cooperation of business in its activities.

---EXCHANGE GROUPS--- ( RANDOM LISTING)

BRITISH NATIONAL TRUST (HONOURY MEMBER)

BRITISH CIVIC TRUST (FULL MEMBER)

AMERICAN NATIONAL TRUST (with proof of membership, Reciprocal agreement)

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL TRUST ( “ )

NEW ZEALAND NATIONAL TRUST ( “ )

QUEEN ELIZABETH II NATIONAL TRUST ( “ )

GEORGIAN STATE NATIONAL TRUST ( “ )

FIJI NATIONAL TRUST ( “ )

BEMUDA NATIONAL TRUST ( “ )

RAKUZAN EDUCATION FOUNDATION (TAIWAN)

GLENWOOD CENTRE (AMERICA)

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## **J.N.T.'S Network Projects**

J.N.T. supports the conservation activities for volunteers group in local communications.

1. Singing Sands Preservation Network
2. Industrial Heritage Preservation Association
3. Thatched House Preservation Society of Japan
4. Shonan Residence Network
5. W.M.Vories' Architecture Network