The Kubota Fund
Application Guidelines for Scholarship Grant
Academic Year 2026/2027

Founder:	Yutaka Kubota (Founder & former Chair of Nippon Koei Co., Ltd.)
Trustee:	Mizuho Trust & Banking Co., Ltd.
Authorized by:	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan, 1984

The Kubota Fund is based upon Mr. Kubota's conviction that (1) economic development and social stability of developing countries are ultimately produced by domestic engineers' self-esteem and self-reliance, and (2) well-organized training programs are crucial to foster good engineers. The Fund presents scholarship grant for research analysts, trainees, and students from developing countries who join in academic, educational, or training program(s) provided by research/educational institutions or private enterprises located in Japan.

Those applying for this Fund grant should carefully read and understand the following explanation before proceeding with the application process. Please refrain from asking the Secretarial Office any inquiries about matters that have already been stated in these Application Guidelines. From the start of applications until the announcement of scholarship grantees, our staff will be focusing their efforts on carefully reviewing the enormous number of applications. We will not answer questions about matters that have already been explained in the Guidelines, as such questions will interfere with the selection process that our Office is currently conducting with limited staff. Also, please understand that anyone who asks questions that are actually preventable if you read the Guidelines carefully will be given an appropriate negative evaluation during the selection process.

The Fund invites applications for scholarship grants for the academic year 2026/2027 on the following terms:

1. Qualifications

(1) Applicant must be a national of developing country, or born & raised in a developing region, whose annual GDP per capita is less than US$7,000.[1]

(2) Applicant must be officially enrolled in a research/educational/training institute or hired by a business enterprise located in Japan.

(3) Applicant must stay in Japan for the duration of scholarship, except the period of field research abroad, attending international conferences, or temporarily returning to your home country.

(4) Applicant must be (or will have to be) pursuing academic degree(s)/conducting research project(s) on a specific engineering development theme (preferably civil engineering, electrical engineering, mechanical engineering, agriculture, environment engineering, energy engineering, architecture, or development economics).

(5) Applicant should be recommended by a permanent/professional staff, who holds capability/position to evaluate ability, achievements, and potentiality of the applicant adequately, of the organization to which the applicant belong, such as the applicant's academic or managerial supervisor(s).

2. Number of grantees, period of grant and multiple receipt of scholarships

(1) The number of grantees to be selected this year will be eighteen (18), including those who will be awarded renewed grant.

(2) The period of each grant is one year (from April 2026 to March 2027).

(3) The renewal of another one-year grant will be subject to qualifications.
*The grant will not be extended automatically. It is indispensable, if you try continuing your grantee status, to reapply to the Fund for the next academic year.

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[1] Current price, based upon the data as of October 2025 provided by IMF, "World Economic Outlook Databases."

(4) The Fund keeps accordance with the academic year of Japan (beginning on April 01 and ending on March 31). If you start from the Fall semester, please designate your application period for the scholarship grant as the latter half of the Japanese academic year.

(5) The Fund allows grantees to receive other scholarships at the same time.

3. Amount of grant

Up to Yen150,000 per month.
(The amount of grant and number of grantees are annually reviewed and eventually determined by the Managing Committee of the Fund.)

4. Application

Due to system maintenance, the application system below will be inaccessible from 00:00 on Saturday 27 December 2025 to 23:59 on Monday 29 December 2025 (JST). We apologize for the inconvenience, but please allow ample time to register and apply by the deadline of 22:00 on Monday 19 January 2026 (JST).

(1) How to apply

a) Please move to the application website of the Kubota Fund below, being different from the one from which you downloaded this Guidelines,
(URL: **https://mypage.3050.i-webs.jp/kbt2023/**)
and perform preliminary registration first.

[Initial Page (Login Screen)]



For the first time, please click the 「新規登録」 button at the bottom right of the screen, as shown above, to proceed with your registration.

From now on, when entering information, do not use Japanese kana or kanji, except for selection from the pull-down menu, and enter single-byte alphabets and numbers.

(Registration)

b) After reading "Terms & Conditions" displayed on the screen, if you agree to its content, click the blue "Agree" button at the bottom. (If you do not agree, you cannot apply for the Kubota Fund grant.)

c) According to the "Remarks" at the beginning of the next screen ("Personal Information," p.1), enter the applicant's basic information required for membership registration. After completing the input on this screen, click the blue 「次へ」 button at the bottom to move to the next page. As for the name of apartment/dormitory of your current address, if necessary for mailing, please write it down on the next screen.

d) According to the "Remarks" at the beginning of the screen and short instructions at the input columns, enter required information on the 2nd & 3rd screens.

e) The 3rd screen is the final page of your "Registration." Decide and enter your own password (PW: 8 to 20 characters) here. Please do not forget the PW you set here, as you will need it when you access this application site later.

f) The "Registration Completed" screen will appear, and a 9-digit ID number automatically assigned by the system will be displayed. Please do not forget your ID and password, which are required for future access to the site, and do not let others know them.

At this time, a unique "My Page" will be assigned, so please **do not forget your own ID and password**.

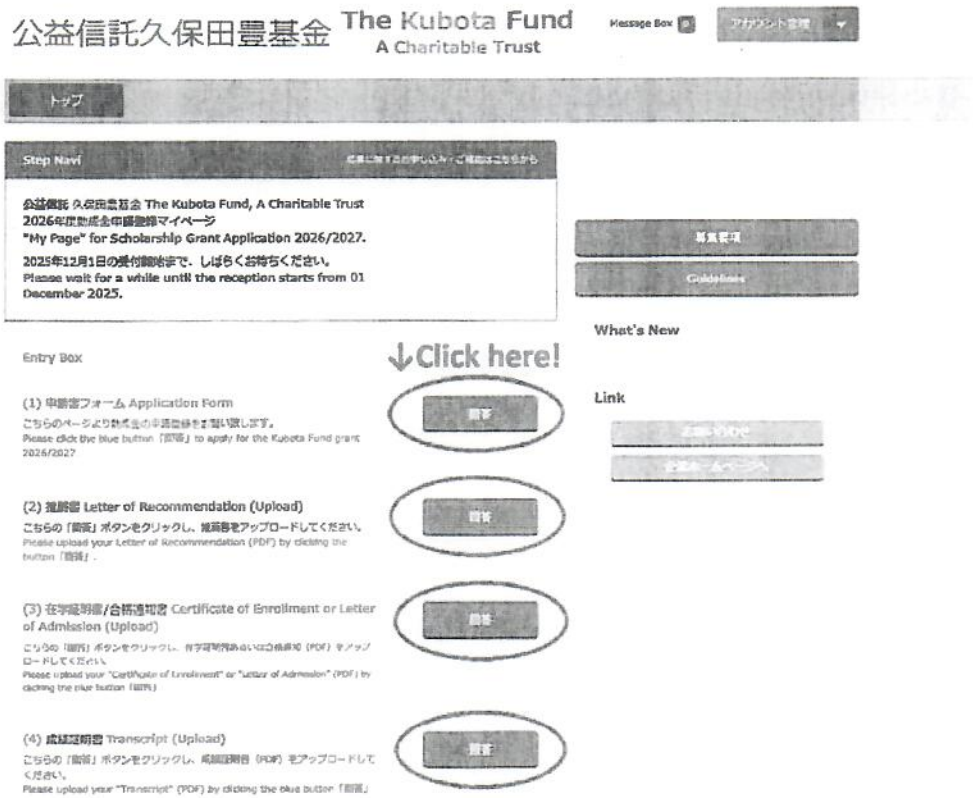
After clicking the blue "Login" button, sometimes Japanese-only message screen will appear. In that case, please click the gray 「戻る」 button on the screen and you can move to the initial login screen.

(Filling in "Application Form" and submission)

g) If you log in with your ID and PW from the login screen again, the following screen "My Page" will appear.

First, fill in the required information in the "Application Form" and submit it.

Click the 「回答」 button on (1) "Application Form" in the "Entry Box" on the left side of the screen. Since you will need to upload an ID photo of your face, it is recommended that you prepare a photo of yourself in advance (with a file extension of .jpg, .jpeg or .gif and no larger than 2MB).



h) Follow the "Remarks" at the beginning to enter the required information and upload your face photo.

There is a「時間延長」("time extension") button right under the "Remarks," and every time you click it, the input time is extended for 60 minutes.

Once all the inputs and uploading an ID photo are finished, click the blue button「次へ」("Next").
⇒ Confirmation screen appears. Then, after the checking,
⇒ Click the blue「登録する」("Apply") button at the bottom. If successfully submitted,
⇒ "Thank you" message screen will appear. Then, click the gray「戻る」button.
⇒ You will return to the "My Page."

(Preparation of "Letter of Recommendation")

i) Please refer to the "Letter of Recommendation" message in the "Message Box" under "Entry Box" on the left side of "My Page" and download the Excel file of the recommendation form.

(Request and submission of "Letter of Recommendation")

j) After carefully reading the note "To the recommender" on the recommendation form, hand the Excel file of the "Recommendation" to the recommender and ask to fill it out.
   ① If you receive a PDF file after filling it out by the recommender, please upload it by clicking the「回答」button in the「(2) 推薦書／Letter of Recommendation」section of "Entry Box" on "My Page."
   ② If the recommender directly sends the completed "Letter of Recommendation" to the Secretarial Office for the Managing Committee of The Kubota Fund, step ① above is not required.

(Uploading "Certificate of Enrollment/Transcript/Letter of Admission")

k) If you are currently enrolled in a Japanese educational, research or training institution, please submit a copy (PDF) of your "Certificate of Enrollment," issued by your affiliated institution, by clicking the「回答」("Answer") button at the「(3) 在学証明書／Certificate of enrollment (upload)」column of the "Entry Box" for uploading.

l) Students are required to submit a copy (PDF) of their latest academic Transcript (those who graduate from a technical college or high school as of March 2025 do not need to submit). Please click the「回答」button at the「(4) 成績証明書／Transcript (Upload)」column of the "Entry Box" for uploading.

m) Applicants who have not yet registered with a Japanese educational/research/training institution at the time of application for the Kubota Fund grant must submit a copy (PDF) of "Letter of Admission," as a substitute for a "Certificate of Enrollment," issued by the institution they will be enrolled in after 01 April 2026. Please click the「回答」button at the「(5) 合格通知／Letter of Admission (Upload)」column of the "Entry Box" for uploading.

(2) Deadline of application

Monday, 19 January 2026 (JST) (Applications will be closed at **22:00** on January 19th.)

(3) Selection

The Managing Committee will make the final decision on the candidates who are selected and recommended by the Selection Committee based on the survey of submitted materials.

(4) Notification of results

[Selected]

By the end of March 2026, notification will be sent by (1) e-mail to the applicant and (2) by postal mail to the person who recommended the applicant at the educational institution, research institute, or training institute to which the applicant belongs.

[Failed]

By the end of March 2026, applicants will be notified of the results by e-mail.

5. **Payment of grant**
   (1) The half-year portion from April to September 2026 will be paid in July, and the half-year portion from October to March of the following year will be paid in January 2027. If the grant payment starts in the middle of the fiscal year, however, it will be calculated on a monthly basis and will be paid in the regular payment month after the time of the calculation.
   (2) Scholarship payments will be made by bank transfer to a bank account designated by the recipient.
   (3) The period of payment shall be within the term of the grantee's Stay Permit.

6. **Suspension of scholarship payment**
   If you lose your eligibility of grantee, the scholarship payment will be suspended.
   In addition, if the application documents are found to be false, the full amount of the scholarship must be refunded even if the grant has already been spent.

7. **Progress report on research/training**
   Grantees shall report to the Secretarial Office on the progress of their research or training every six months during the period of the grant.

8. **Contact**
   For inquiries regarding matters not covered in these Application Guidelines, please contact the Secretarial Office for the Managing Committee of The Kubota Fund below by e-mail or in writing. After the application deadline, no questions regarding the selection will be accepted until the announcement of the results. Thank you for your understanding.

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9. **FAQ**
   Q1: Should application be done personally or made by each affiliated institution?
   A1: Applications should be made on an individual basis. However, if your organization has a policy of submitting applications all at once, please follow that policy. Please check with the relevant department of your institution, such as the International Student Affairs Office, regarding this matter.

   Q2: At this time (at the time of application), I do not have a "Letter of Admission." What should I do now?
   A2: There is no problem as long as you send the "Letter of Admission" to the Managing Committee via e-mail (kubota-fund@bx.n-koei.co.jp) as soon as you receive it.

   Q3: Does it matter whether the recommender is affiliated with an institution in Japan or overseas?
   A3: In principle, we ask that you submit a "Letter of Recommendation" from your recommender in Japan. However, only if there is no instructor/advisor in Japan who knows the applicant well, it is possible to submit a "Letter of Recommendation" from a recommender in your home country.

10. **On severing ties with antisocial forces**

The Kubota Fund, A Charitable Trust, will support efforts to realize and maintain a healthy society by severing any ties with antisocial forces in accordance with Japanese domestic laws and regulation. Please note that if you are selected as a Kubota Fund grantee, you will be required to submit a written oath document confirming that you are not a member of any antisocial forces and have no ties whatsoever with antisocial forces.

This "Application Guidelines for Scholarship Grant" is subject to the terms and conditions stated in the Japanese guidelines of The Kubota Fund.

A CHARITABLE TRUST

THE KUBOTA FUND



久保田豊基金
THE KUBOTA FUND

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開発途上国における社会・経済基盤の整備は、先進国の経済・技術両面の援助の後押しを受けて急速に進展しています。こうした先進諸国の支援は今後も継続されるべきものですが、一方、経済基盤の開発と安定維持は、徐々に途上国自身の手に委ねられていくことが必要です。すなわち、自立・自助こそが最も大切なものです。

久保田豊基金は、この理念のもとに、開発途上国の技術者の養成を通じて産業技術の振興・発展に寄与する目的で、日本工営株式会社の創業者である故久保田豊が委託者となり、私財を投じて1984年に設立した公益信託基金です。

当基金は、設定以来現在までに、世界各国から来日した数多くの研修生および研究者に対して助成金給付活動を実施しています。

事業内容

(1) 開発途上国から来日した者で、日本国内の企業または団体等において途上国の開発のための技術（特に土木・電気・農業・環境・エネルギー・開発経済等）の研修または研究を行なう者に対する助成金の支給
(2) 上記のほか、基金の目的を達成するために必要な事業

基金の運営

みずほ信託銀行が受託者として、委託者との契約に従い、拠出された財産の管理・運営を行ない、その運用益により当基金の日常運営を実施します。受託者の職務執行を援助する機関として運営委員が設置されています。

運営委員会は、助成金給付対象者の選考および助成金額決定に際して、勧告その他の業務を行ないます。

また、受託者の職務執行を監督する信託管理人が置かれ、本基金の公益性が確保・維持されるしくみになっています。

The Kubota Fund

Developing countries are rapidly improving their social and economic infrastructures backed by economic as well as technical support from industrialized countries.

This kind of support should continue, but it is also necessary to gradually leave to themselves how to develop and stabilize their economy for the future. It is most essential for them to try to stand on their own feet.

The Kubota Fund was established with this notion in 1984 by the late Yutaka Kubota, founder of Nippon Koei Co.,Ltd., who contributed the necessary funds from his own property.

The aim of the Fund was to foster the growth of industrial technologies of less developed countries by financially assisting their potential leaders in various fields to get necessary education and training.

The Fund has, since its establishment, helped many trainees and researchers from developing countries all over the world.

The Fund's Activities

(1) To provide financial aid to those who come from developing countries for recieving training or doing research (particularly in such elds as civil, electrical, agricultural, or environment engineering, energy or development economics) at business firms or other organizations in Japan.
(2) Other activities necessary to attain the objective of the Fund.

Management of the Fund

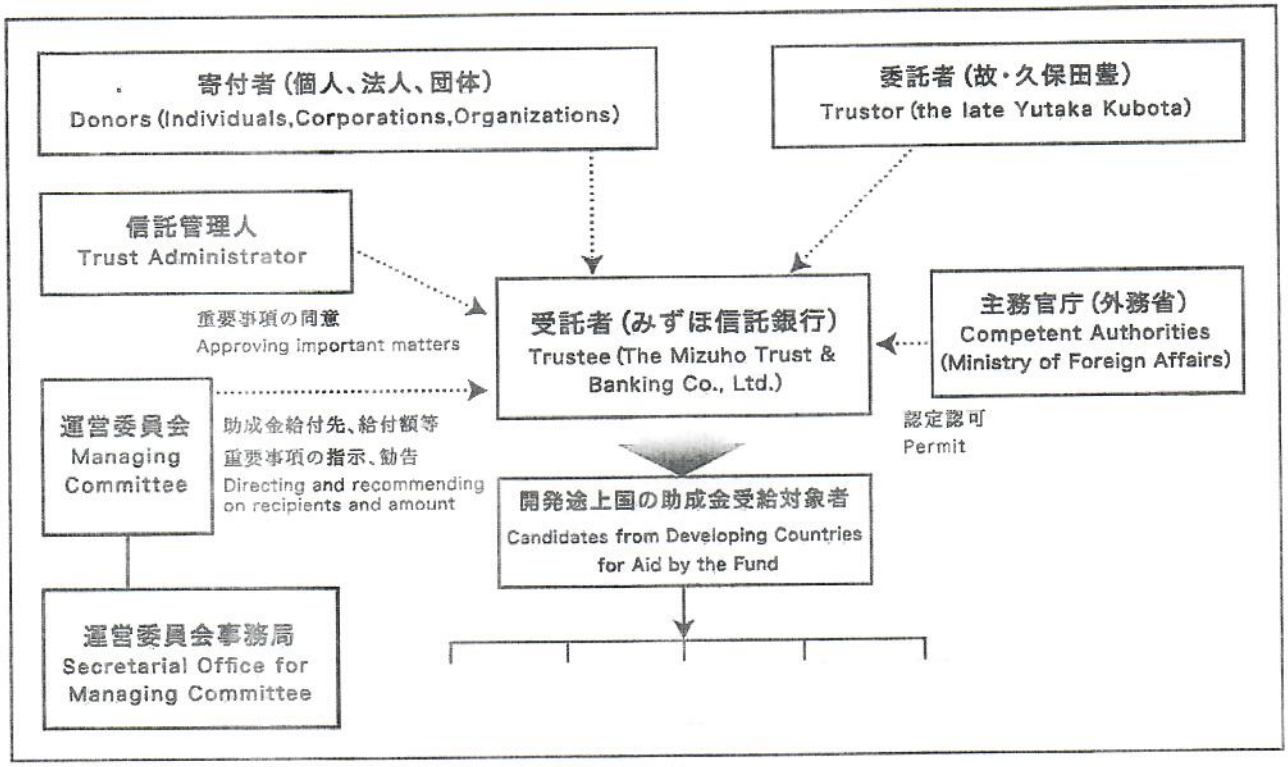
The Mizuho Trust & Banking Co., Ltd. manages and operates the money in trust as the Trustee in accordance with the contract with the Trustor, and runs the Fund with profit from the operation.

A Managing Committee assists the trustee in executing its activities.

A Managing Committee advises and directs the Trustee on the selection of recipients, and the amount of aid, while doing other activities.

A Trust Administrator monitors the activities of the Trustee to ensure appropriate management of the Fund.

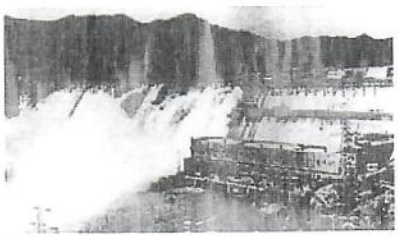
基金の運営体制　System of Management

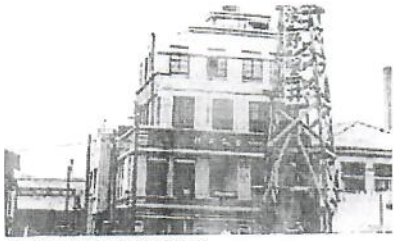


久保田豊略歴

当基金の委託者である久保田豊は、明治23年（1890年）4月27日、熊本県に生まれた。大正3年（1914年）東京帝国大学工学部土木工学科を卒業し、内務省に奉職した後、独立。同13年（1924年）から昭和20年（1945年）の第二次世界大戦終戦まで、日本窒素肥料会社社長・野口遵のもとで、同社の朝鮮半島における化学プラントへの電力供給事業を指揮した。この間、久保田が完成させた水力発電プロジェクトの総出力は2百万キロワットにも達し、中でも昭和12年（1937年）に鴨緑江で着工した水豊ダムは、世界最大の発電容量を誇る水力発電所として計画され、同19年（1944年）に世界第二の規模を誇る大規模水力発電プロジェクトとして完成に至っている。


久保田豊　1936年当時のポートレート


水豊ダム


日本工営本社ビル（1953年当時）

Profile of Yutaka Kubota

Yutaka Kubota, the Trustor of the Fund, was born in Kumamoto Prefecture on April 27, 1890.

He graduated from Tokyo Imperial University (Department of Civil Engineering, Faculty of Engineering) in 1914. After serving at the Department of the Interior for some time, he joined Japan Nitrogenous Fertilizer Company Ltd. From 1924 through 1945 when World War Two ended, he directed power supply projects of this company for its chemical plant in Korea under the company's president, Shitagau Noguchi.

During this period, power plants generating 2 million kilowatts combined were completed. The largest of these was the Supung Dam on the Yalu River which was designed to be the largest hydraulic power unit in the world when construction started in 1937, and ended up as the second largest when completed in 1944.

終戦直後の昭和21年(1946年)、久保田は新興電業株式会社(現在の日本工営)を設立。再び国外の開発プロジェクトに着目し、ビルマ(現ミャンマー)、ベトナムをはじめとする東南アジア諸国での水力発電プロジェクトに参画した。久保田の技術力は同地域で水力開発事業に取り組んでいたヨーロッパ諸国を凌ぐものとして国際的に注目されるところとなり、以後数回にわたり国連のメコン河流域開発調査団のメンバーに任命されることになった。メコン河開発調査団においても久保田の活躍ぶりは高く評価され、「メコン将軍」との異名で国連、世界銀行関係者に知れ渡った。

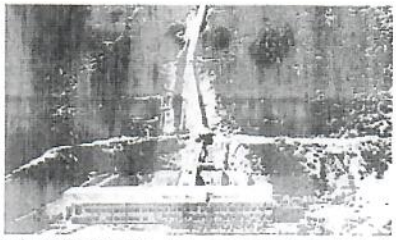
その後も久保田は、90歳に達するまで世界各地での開発プロジェクトを指揮・統括し、インドネシアのアサハン水力発電計画の実現をはじめとする数多くの実績により開発途上国の開発に貢献した。また、昭和38年(1963年)には社団法人海外コンサルティング企業協会を設立して会長に就任したほか、多くの国際協力関係団体等の公職にも従事した。

昭和59年(1984年)には、日本で研修・研究に従事する発展途上国の技術者を支援するため、2億円の私財を投じて当公益信託久保田豊基金を設立した。

これらの功績により、昭和60年(1985年)には日本政府から、民間人に贈られる最高の称号である勲一等旭日大綬賞を授与された。また、アジア各国からも開発への貢献に対して多くの勲章を受けている。

久保田は、昭和61年(1986年)9月9日、享年96歳で逝去。同日付で日本政府より正三位を追贈された。

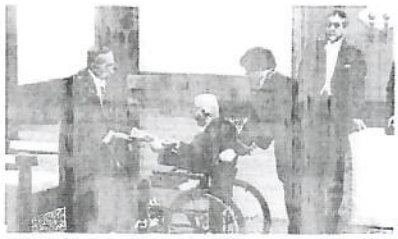

海外プロジェクト形成に向けて出発する久保田豊
(1953年 羽田空港にて)


日本工営海外事業の嚆矢、バルーチャン電力開発(ミャンマー)


ダニム水力発電計画(ベトナム)


国際機関との協議

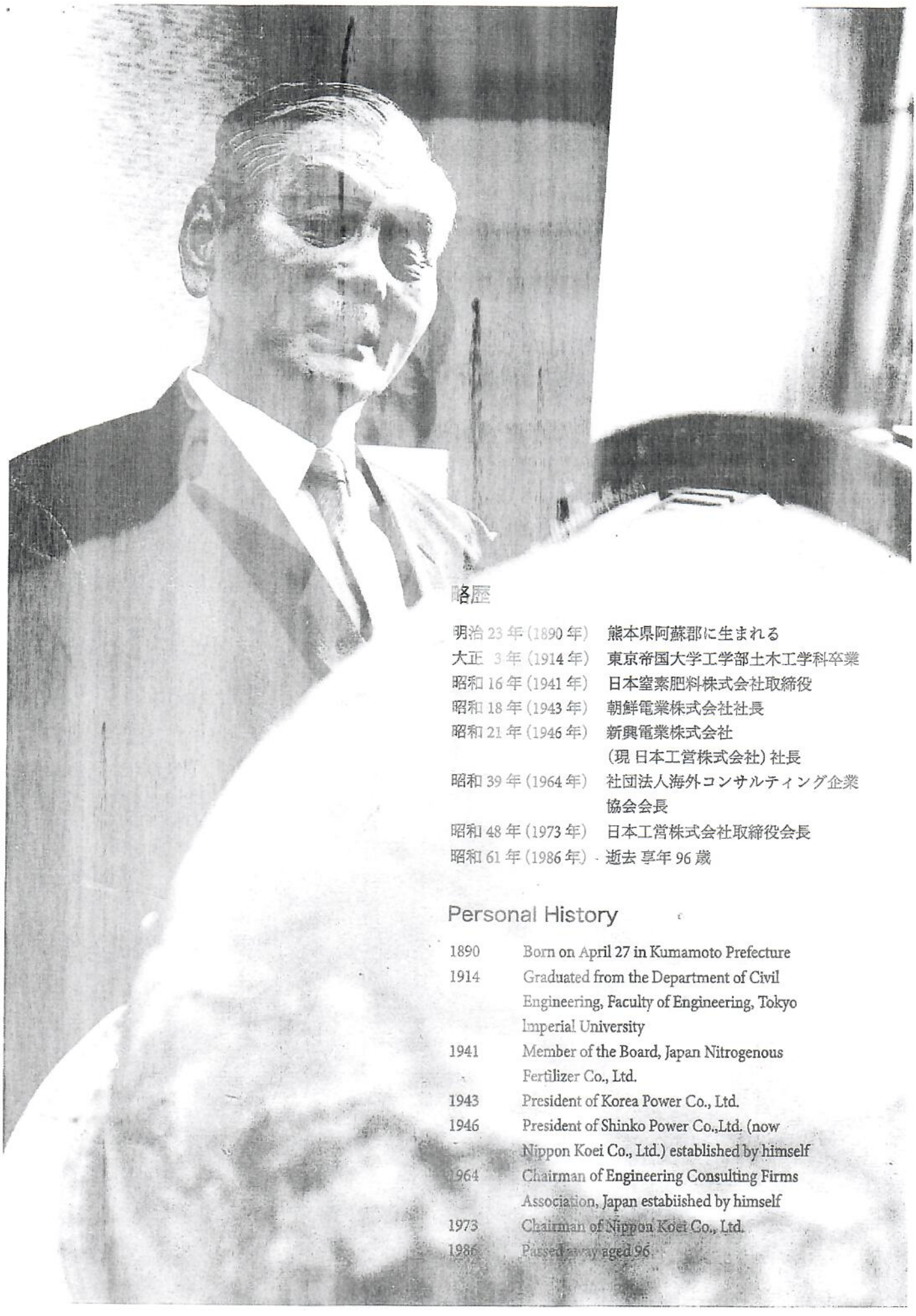

晩年も海外現場を精力的に視察
(インドネシア国アサハンプロジェクト現場にて)


昭和天皇より勲一等旭日大綬章を親授される久保田豊
(1985年)

In 1946, he established his own business, Nippon Koei Co.,Ltd. Turned his eyes again to development projects in other countries, and he started to participate in hydraulic power development projects in Southeast Asian countries including Burma (now Myanmar) and Vietnam. His excellent engineering drew attention internationally as it was evaluated to be higher than that of European countries working on similar projects in the area at the time. He was then designated by the United Nations to be a member of several survey missions for the Mekong River development project. The role he played there was again highly appraised, and he became known as "General Mekong" throughout the UN and the World Bank arena.

He further contributed to the industrialization of developing countries by continuing to direct other development projects in many parts of the world until he was 90, including the Asahan Hydropower Project in Indonesia. He did public service at many organizations for enhancing international relations acting, for one, as the Chairman of Engineering Consulting Firms Association he established himself in 1963. In 1984, he raised 200 million yen from his own private property to establish this Kubota Fund for financially supporting engineers from developing countries working in Japan as trainees or researchers.

For these contributions, he was awarded in 1985 the Decoration of the First Order of the Rising Sun from the Japanese government, the highest of its kind given to a civilian. He also received many medals of merit from other Asian Countries for his great achievements. He passed away on September 9, 1986, at the age of 96, when again the government posthumously awarded him the Third Grade, Senior of the Court Rank.

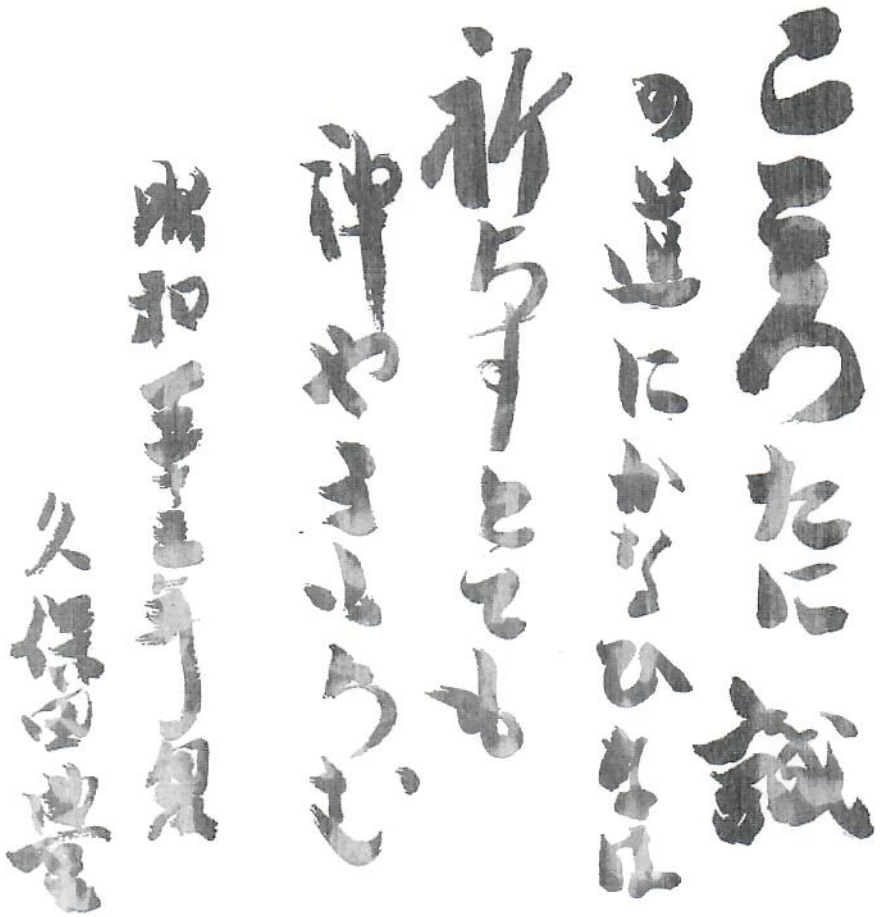


略歴

明治 23 年 (1890 年)	熊本県阿蘇郡に生まれる
大正 3 年 (1914 年)	東京帝国大学工学部土木工学科卒業
昭和 16 年 (1941 年)	日本窒素肥料株式会社取締役
昭和 18 年 (1943 年)	朝鮮電業株式会社社長
昭和 21 年 (1946 年)	新興電業株式会社 (現 日本工営株式会社) 社長
昭和 39 年 (1964 年)	社団法人海外コンサルティング企業協会会長
昭和 48 年 (1973 年)	日本工営株式会社取締役会長
昭和 61 年 (1986 年)	逝去 享年 96 歳

Personal History

1890	Born on April 27 in Kumamoto Prefecture
1914	Graduated from the Department of Civil Engineering, Faculty of Engineering, Tokyo Imperial University
1941	Member of the Board, Japan Nitrogenous Fertilizer Co., Ltd.
1943	President of Korea Power Co., Ltd.
1946	President of Shinko Power Co.,Ltd. (now Nippon Koei Co., Ltd.) established by himself
1964	Chairman of Engineering Consulting Firms Association, Japan estabiished by himself
1973	Chairman of Nippon Koei Co., Ltd.
1986	Passed away aged 96



当基金に関するお問い合わせ、助成金受給の申請は
下記運営委員会事務局までご連絡ください。

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