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About Mitsui Sumitomo Insurance Welfare Foundation

- The foundation was established in commemoration of the 80th anniversary of Sumitomo Marine and Fire Insurance Company in September, 1975.
- At the beginning, the foundation mainly supported relief activities related to general insurance, such as giving support to a young boy left behind in a traffic accident and the bereaved family of a firefighter who died while on duty.
- In the 1980s, the foundation devoted itself to disseminating traffic safety campaigns, subsidising educational initiatives related to traffic safety and the facilitation of medical institutions such as emergency medical equipment to hospitals.
- From 1991, the 15th anniversary of the foundation, the support for senior citizen welfare was added to address the growing concerns of an ageing society in Japan.
- Today, the foundation supports a wide range of initiatives including research grants, facility subsidies, publication and thesis awards in both traffic safety and elderly welfare. Senior citizen welfare accounts for 70% of the total support.
- Since 1975, more than 1,974 grants with a total value of more than JPY 2,295.2 million (~SGD 29.9 million) have been disbursed, including 45 grant beneficiaries this year, of which 37 go to researchers in Japan, four in Singapore and four in Thailand. In Singapore, each grant carries a maximum value of S\$10,000. Since the projects from Singapore and Thailand were first eligible for the grants in 2007 and 2008 respectively, a total of 38 projects from Singapore and 35 projects from Thailand have benefited from the MSIWF research grant.

Research grants awarded in Singapore since 2007

Year	No. of applicants	No. of approved grants	Total amount of grant (SGD)
2007	5	3	30,000
2008	14	4	38,341
2009	11	4	39,676
2010	8	4	38,500
2011	19	4	36,626
2012	12	4	39,850
2013	15	3	29,216
2014	10	4	37,458
2015	17	4	35,629
2016	14	4	38,000
Total		38	363,296

2016 Selection committee

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