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**Mansfield Foundation Asian Opinion Poll Database Expands with Opinion Polls
from *Asahi Shimbun***

WASHINGTON, D.C. The Mansfield Foundation today announced that *Asahi Shimbun* has agreed to provide its opinion poll results for translation and inclusion in the Foundation's web-based Asian Opinion Poll Database. With polling data from the *Asahi Shimbun*, researchers, journalists and Asia specialists now have an additional resource with which to track trends and public opinions in Northeast Asia. *Asahi Shimbun* joins *Nikkei Shimbun* (Japan), Cabinet Office (Japan), *Joong-Ang Ilbo* (South Korea), and *Dong-A Ilbo* (South Korea) as collaborators with the Mansfield Foundation on this project.

The Mansfield Foundation's Asian Opinion Poll Database, which was launched in January 2006, is a treasure chest of policy-oriented public opinion surveys conducted by major Asian news and polling agencies and previously unavailable in English. The Foundation translates and posts on its website (www.mansfieldfdn.org) the results of key surveys that focus on issues of salient importance to policy making and regional diplomacy, such as:

- Public attitudes toward the United States, the U.S.-Japan alliance and other nations in Northeast Asia
- Perceptions of China's rising power and potential North Korean threat
- Regional economic competition
- Domestic political trends
- Support for national governments and administrations

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The Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership provided initial funding to create the database.

“We are pleased that *Asahi Shimbun* has joined our other distinguished partners in providing its polling data for the Asian Opinion Poll Database,” noted Weston S. Konishi, Mansfield Foundation director of programs. “Collaboration with *Asahi Shimbun* expands the polling data available on our website and enables the Database to be an even more valuable resource. We are delighted to collaborate with *Asahi Shimbun* as we work to improve understanding of Asia, U.S.-Asia relations and regional policymaking.”

The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation is a 501(c)3 organization that promotes understanding and cooperation among the nations and peoples of Asia and the United States. The Foundation honors the late Mike Mansfield and his wife Maureen. Mansfield served as U.S. congressman from Montana, senate majority leader and U.S. ambassador to Japan. Maureen and Mike Mansfield’s values, ideals and vision for U.S.-Asia relations continue through the Foundation’s exchanges, dialogues, research and educational programs, which create networks among U.S. and Asian leaders, explore the underlying issues influencing public policies, and increase awareness about the nations and peoples of Asia. The Foundation has offices in Washington, D.C.; Tokyo, Japan; and Missoula, Montana.

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