



**THE  
JAPAN  
SOCIETY**



Events 2009

## Annual Events

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20 Jan	Japan Society Annual Dinner at the Grange Hotel. Special Guests: Taro Hakase and Mayuko Takata
28 Jan	Lecture by the British Ambassador in Tokyo, David Warren.
10 Jun	Annual General Meeting of the Japan Society at the Embassy of Japan.
03 Oct	Collar Cup Golf Tournament versus JCCL, at The Buckinghamshire Golf Club.
08 Dec	Christmas Party at the Embassy of Japan.

## Arts & Culture

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### Film Screenings

20 Feb	'Twentieth Century Boys' by Yukihiko Tsutsumi at the ICA.
15 - 17 Apr	Strength from Adversity: Japanese Cinema & Art', screenings, talks and reception at the National Gallery.
03 Nov	'A Story of Love and Hate' by Sean McAllister at SOAS. Followed by Q&A with the the director.
03 Dec	Departures' ('Okuribito') by Yōjirō Takita, at the Covent Garden Hotel, courtesy of Arrow Films.

### Stage

09 Feb	'Shunkin' by Theatre de Complicite and Setagaya Public Theatre, at the Barbican Theatre. Followed by exclusive post-show reception with members of the cast and company.
19 Feb	'A Midsummer Night's Dream', at the Southwark Playhouse. Followed by discussion and reception with the cast and creative team.
02 May	'Madame de Sade' by Yukio Mishima. Featuring Dame Judi Dench & Rosamund Pike, at Wyndham's Theatre.
10 Nov	'Kyoto Kimono Talk & Fan Dance' with Ms Mineko Tanaka. A joint event with The Japan Room.

### Music

17 Feb	Piano recital by Miyuki Kato at St Vedast's Church, EC2. A joint event with The British Japanese Law Association.
02 Apr	Piano recital by Yuki Negishi at the Blüthner Piano Centre, Berkeley Square.
19 May	Recital by Quartet Excelsior, including works by Takemitsu, Yuasa, Howells and Harvey, at St Vedast-alias-Foster Church, Cheapside.

### Exhibitions

27 Jan	Yuko Nasu special private exhibition tour and talk, at the Arts Gallery, Davies Street.
23 Apr	'Kuniyoshi' exhibition exclusive breakfast, tour and talk with Timothy Clarke at the Royal Academy.
22 Sep	'The Power of Dogu': gallery tour and talk with Masayuki Harada, at The British Museum.

### Art

10 Jun	Opening of the Japan Society Members' Art Exhibition at the Embassy of Japan.
13 Jul	Prize giving and closing reception for the Japan Society Members' Art Exhibition at the Embassy of Japan.

### Other

30 Mar	Visit, reception and talk at the BADA Antiques and Art Fair, Duke of York Square. Joint event with the Hong Kong Society.
09 Jul	Visit to Cherkley Court Gardens in Leatherhead with Ms Rosemary Alexander, Head of The English Gardening School.

## Business

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### Special Events

14 Jan	Reception and lecture at the London Stock Exchange 'Establishing a New Market in Japan'. A joint event with the British Japanese Law Association.
11 May	Seminar hosted by the University of Brighton at the Embassy of Japan. 'How Universities Support Industrial Innovation Examples from Japan and the UK'.
13 May	Special talk and reception at the London Stock Exchange by the Governors of the Bank Of Japan and Bank Of England.

### Lectures

19 May	'The Turner Review' lecture by David Cook of the Financial Services Authority, at Painters' Hall.
20 May	'Lloyd's in Japan' combined lecture with the British Japan Law Association at Lloyds of London. Followed by drinks and canapes.

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08 Apr	'Japan and the Current Economic Crisis: a View from BCC Japan', with Ian de Stains, Director of the British Chamber of Commerce in Japan.
27 May	'Japan- Down and Out or One to Watch?' with David Cairns, Head of Trade & Investment at the British Embassy in Tokyo.

- 02 Jun The Globalisation of Accounting Practices and its Implications for Financial Services Legislation', with Sir David Tweedie, Chairman of the International Accounting Standards Board.
- 06 Jul Lecture with Sadeq Sayeed, CEO of Europe, Middle East & Africa (EMEA region) at Nomura International. At Deloitte.
- 01 Oct 'Reforming European Financial Systems; The Process and the Measures', with Graham Bishop.

### Joint Lunches with JCCI - Guests of Honour

*At The National Liberal Club unless otherwise stated.*

- 31 Mar John Armit, Chairman of the Olympic Delivery Authority.
- 20 Jul Lord West of Spithead, Minister for Security.
- 20 Oct The Rt Hon Kenneth Clarke, Shadow Secretary of State for Business & Enterprise.
- 13 Nov 'The UK's Response to Climate Change: Challenges and Opportunities for Businesses', Professor David Cope, Director of the Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology and others: at SJ Berwin.
- 11 Dec John Greenwood, Chief Economist of Invesco: 'Asia's Financial Prospects for 2010'.

### With the Asia Pacific Technology Network

- 24 Feb 'Japan's Investment in the Auto Industry' lecture, at the Daiwa Foundation.

### Chairman's Lunches - Private, off the record lunches with an informal talk by the guest of honour

- 19 March Sir William Castell, Chairman, The Wellcome Foundation at HSBC.
- 5 May Stuart Chambers, President & CEO, Nippon Sheet Glass Group at Daiwa Securities SMBC Europe Ltd.
- 14 Oct Roger Godsiff MP, Chairman, British Japanese Parliamentary Group at PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP.
- 15 Dec Sir Richard Needham, Vice Chairman, NEC and Dyson with Paul Carter, advisor to the Conservative Party, at Blackrock.

## Lectures

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### Japan-UK 150 Seminars

*At The Embassy of Japan unless otherwise stated.*

- 11 Feb 'Life and Culture in Japan during the Edo Period', with Tokugawa Tsunenari, 18th head of the Tokugawa Family. With NYK Line.
- 18 Feb '1902-1945: Diplomacy', with Prof. Yuichi Hosoya, Prof. Ian Nish.
- 18 May 'Post War Economic Relations', with Bill Emmott and Hideya Taida.
- 24 Nov 'Japanese Gardens in the UK - Do they Work, Can they Work?' Lecture by Graham Hardman at The Oriental Club.

### With the Daiwa Anglo- Japanese Foundation

*At the Daiwa Foundation unless otherwise stated.*

*Changing World Views: International Challenges for the UK and Japan.*

- 21 Jan 'International Diplomacy Challenges for Britain and Japan: An Overview' with Minister Sumio Kusaka and William Horsley.
- 18 Mar 'North East Asia: Territorial Disputes and Divided Countries' with Professor Reinhard Drifte, Dr Heonik Kwon and Dr Jim Hoare.
- 23 Apr 'India and the UK-Japan Dialogue' with Minister Wataru Nishigahiro, Barry Gardiner MP and Dr Ashok Kumar MP.
- 21 May 'Asia Pacific relations', with Sir Graham Fry and Jenny Corbett.
- 23 Jun 'Special Relationships? The UK, US & Japan', with Glen Fukushima and Robin Niblett.
- 24 Sep 'Britain and Japan in the Developing World', with Dr Kweku Ampiah and Kimiaki Jin.
- 21 Oct 'Negotiating the Russian Relationship', with Dr Julie Gilson and Peter Gysin.
- 18 Nov 'Japan's Open Future: An Agenda for Global Citizenship', with Dr Jean-Pierre Lehmann and Dr Masaru Tamamoto.

### Others

- 04 Mar 'In Harmony with all Creation: the World of Japan's Greatest Modern Poet, Miyazawa Kenji'. With Roger Pulvers at the Japan Foundation.
- 20 Mar 'Japanese Woodblock Now; Traditional Craftsmen in the 21st Century' by Rebecca Salter, Senior Research Fellow, TrAIN, at the Embassy of Japan.
- 09 Jun 'Japanese Freemasonry Today', fourth annual Japan Room lecture at The Freemasons' Hall.
- 13 Oct 'The Art of Japanese Fans Past and Present', with Kanji Ishizumi (5th generation of the renowned art fan maker in Kyoto, Ishizumi & Co) at the Japan Foundation.
- 28 Oct 'A Line in Birds: Thomas W Blakiston's Contribution to Ornithology and Biogeography in Early-Meiji Japan', with Andrew Davis. At the Oriental Club.
- 01 Dec 'Noh Unmasked' with Hideta Kitazawa (second-generation Noh mask maker) at the Japan Foundation.

## Lifestyle

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26 Feb	Japan Society Pub Quiz at the Pince of Wales, Drury Lane.
22 Apr	'Evening Cherry' sake tasting and food on the South Bank at Tsuru Restaurant.
30 May	Trooping the Colour; The Major General's Review, special seats for Japan Society members.
11 Jun	Japan Society Golf Tournament at the Buckinghamshire Golf Club. The Asprey and Garrard Trophy.
02 Jul	Japan Society Pub Quiz at the Pince of Wales, Drury Lane.
20 Aug	"Book signing and talk: 'How I Caused the Credit Crisis', by Tetsuya Ishikawa at Simmons & Simmons."
03 Oct	London Japanese Rugby Club vs The Japan Society XV. Followed by drinks.
27 Nov	'Sushi. Food for the eye, the Body & the Soul': book signing and lecture by Prof. Ole G Mouritsen. Followed by dinner.

### Book Club

11 Jun	Botchan by Natsume Soseki.
09 Jul	Cider with Rosie by Laurie Lee.
10 Sep	Wind Up Bird Chronicle by Haruki Murakami.
08 Oct	Brick Lane by Monica Ali.

### Japanese Conversation Group

Monthly	Japanese Conversation Group, on the first Tuesday of every month at the Clachan, Kingly St.
18 Apr	Hanami party in Hyde Park.
12 Dec	Christmas Party.

## Schools Education

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### Language Classes

At the Japan Local Government Centre

15 Jan - 19 Mar	Upper-Intermediate Level.
07 Oct - 09 Dec	Pre-Intermediate Level.

### Schools

All Year	Japan in Your Classroom school visits. During 2009, 80 visits were made to schools throughout the UK.
All Year	School Links. Approximately 25 new links were created in the year, with about 40 school partnerships now using the Japan UK LIVE! website and related services to develop their links. A review of school links between Japan and the UK was completed.
All Year	Resources. Artefacts and materials for use in the classroom are on loan to schools throughout the year. Ready Steady NihonGO! language materials for primary schools are available on CD or via the Japan Society website.
23 Jan	Teachers' workshop for secondary art and primary teachers, at St Asaph's, Denbighshire.
26 Jan & 16 Oct 2009	Japan Conference for Schools, joint event with the British Council, Embassy of Japan and Japan Foundation. At the British Council.
20 Mar	'The Arts of Japan', free one day course for art teachers at the Embassy of Japan.
Sep - Dec	'Getting to Noh: the World of Japanese Theatre'. A programme of events for schools and teachers in conjunction with Pagoda Noh, Theatre Nohgaku, including a course for secondary school drama and teachers at the Victoria & Albert Museum, workshops and writing projects with schools culminating in performances of original noh-inspired work by students at the South Bank Centre.

## Small Grants

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All Year	During 2009, grants totalling some £31,000 were given through the Japan Society Small Grants programme in support of grass roots activities throughout the UK.
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## Special Events

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30 - 31 May	Hammersmith Park Japanese Garden tidy up and party. Saturday: gardening volunteers' afternoon, Sunday: Japanese garden party - fun for all the family.
19 Sep	'Japan Matsuri 2009' at Spitalfields Market - attended by 35,000+ festival-goers. In association with the Japanese Residence Association, JCCI UK, Nippon Club and the Embassy of Japan.