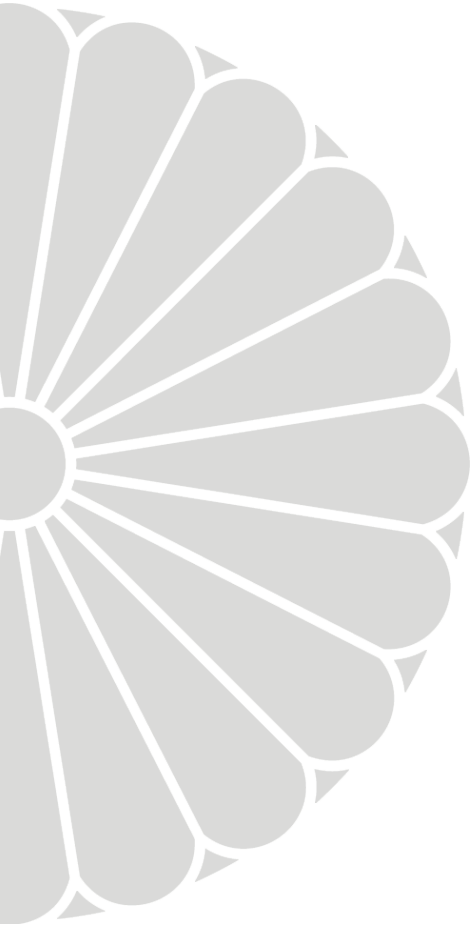




**THE  
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Events **2014**

## Annual & Special Events

3 Mar	Lecture by Tim Hitchens, British Ambassador to Tokyo. <i>At Nomura International</i>
8 Apr	Book Launch: <i>The art lover's guide to Japanese museums</i> . <i>At Daiwa Anglo-Japanese Foundation</i>
18 Jun	Japan Society Annual General Meeting
13 Jul	Tanabata Festival at Southbank Centre
27 Sep	Japan Matsuri 2014 at Trafalgar Square, with JCCI, Japan Association and the Nippon Club
6 Oct	Book Launch: <i>The Growing Power of Japan, 1967-1972</i>
1 Dec	Book Launch: <i>Biographical Portraits Vol. IX</i>
4 Dec	Japan Society Christmas Party at the Japanese Embassy

## Arts & Culture

23 Mar	The World of Antique Collecting: afternoon tea and talk at the BADA Antiques & Fine Art Fair
31 May	Trooping the Colour 2014: special seats at the Major General's Review
22 June	Tanabata: family fukinagashi-making workshop
3 July	Netsuke: miniature masterpieces – Noriko Tsuchiya & Max Rutherford
23 July	Behind the Scenes: members tour of Japanese collections in Cambridge
29 July	Katsura Sunshine: an evening of rakugo, at Clifford Chance
1 Aug (deadline)	Dalkey Archive Press Essay Competition: 'Why is the translation of Japanese literature important?'
7 Sep	Furusato Project: family day of cultural workshops
12 Dec	Siro-A at Leicester Square Theatre

## Business

### Lectures & Seminars

13 Jan	Abenomics and Beyond – David Pilling, Asia Editor for the Financial Times. <i>At Clifford Chance</i>
30 Jan	'2020 Vision': insights from the London 2012 Games – Lord Deighton, Commercial Secretary to the Treasury and former CEO of LOCOG. <i>At Simmons &amp; Simmons</i>
24 Mar	European Energy Policy – Philip Lowe, former Director General for Energy, European Commission. <i>At Jetro</i>
22 May	Maritime Security for the Shipping Industry. <i>At JETRO</i>
3 Nov	Investing in Africa: challenges and opportunities faced by Japan and the UK. <i>At King &amp; Wood Mallesons</i>
12 Nov	Macroprudential Policy and Initiatives by the Bank of Japan – Takehiro Satō, Bank of Japan Policy Board Member. <i>At Bloomberg</i>

### Chairman's Lunches and Dinners

*Private, off the record meetings with an informal talk by the guest of honour*

25 Feb	The Scope of Abenomics – Andrew Smithers, Chairman, Smithers & Co Ltd
21 Mar	Monetary Policy in Japan – Haruhiko Kuroda, Governor, Bank of Japan
7 May	The Japanese Economic Recovery and International Trade – Akira Amari, Minister of State for Economic & Fiscal Policy
22 Jul	Exporting 'Cool Japan' – Tomomi Inada, Minister of State for Regulatory Reform
23 Sep	Conflict Resolution and Investing in Africa – The Rt Hon Andrew Mitchell MP, former Secretary of State for International Development
31 Oct	2020 and Beyond – Yōichi Masuzoe, Governor of Tokyo

## In partnership with other organisations

### Joint Lunches with the JCCI

*At the National Liberal Club unless otherwise stated*

21 Mar	'More open for business': corporate governance and engagement in Japan – Takafumi Satō, President, Tokyo Stock Exchange Regulation
14 May	The Rt Hon Danny Alexander MP, Chief Secretary to the Treasury. <i>At the Caledonian Club</i>
13 Oct	The Middle East in Turmoil: implications for the region and the wider world – Sir William Patey, former Ambassador to Afghanistan, Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Sudan

## Roundtable Discussion Series with Chatham House

- 17 Jan Can Tokyo become a world financial centre in the Asia-Pacific as London is in Europe?  
13 Feb Medical and Pharmaceutical Markets and Ageing Societies in Japan and Europe  
20 Mar Corporate Governance in Japan and Europe: a comparison

### With JETRO

- 16 Jan Arrows to Japan: the road to business success in 2014. *Also with UKTI*  
1 May Invest in Japan: a regional roadmap. *Also with Invest Japan*  
19 Nov A Japanese view on World Energy Future: the impacts of lower economic growth in China and India  
– Dr Ken Koyama, Managing Director of the Institute of Energy Economics, Japan

### With the Asia-Pacific Technology Network

- 25 June The Innovation Potential in UK-Japan Relations

## Lectures

### Japan Society Lectures

*At the Swedenborg Society unless otherwise stated*

- 20 Jan Found in Translation: an architectural exchange between Glasgow, Berlin and Japan – Neil Jackson  
17 Feb Japanese early-modern ephemera: the world of Shioya Kihei's single-sheet prints – Laura Moretti  
17 Mar Constructing Community and Affirming Culture: Canadians of Japanese descent in postwar Canada  
– Jonathan Mackintosh  
1 April The Indispensable Nation: can Japan save the world in the 21st century? – Roger Pulvers.  
*At the Japan Foundation*  
14 Apr The Ceramics of North-East Japan – David Hale  
19 May Competing Identities: Japan, the Koreas, and missed opportunities – John Swenson-Wright  
16 Jun From Urashima to Fukushima: the erotic, political and environmental provocations of Japanese  
surrealism – Majella Munro  
17 & 21 Jul Carmen Blacker Lecture 2014. Tsushima: Japan viewed from the margins – archives, books, ginseng  
– Peter Kornicki (17 July at Blackfriars' Hall, Norwich). *With the Sainsbury Institute for the Study of  
Japanese Arts & Cultures*  
15 Sep Music and Nature in the Transnational Shakuhachi Scene – Joe Browning  
29 Sep The Origins of Noh – Reijiro Tsumura  
20 Oct The Nightmare: troubled sleep in tsunami evacuation shelters in Yamada, 2011 – Brigitte Steger  
17 Nov Why History Matters: the legacy of the Imperial Navy and the making of Japan's postwar  
defence policy - Alessio Patalano  
15 Dec The Siege of Tsingtao - Jonathan Fenby

### With Japan Room

- 29 Oct Japanese Elements Within Freemasonry

## Lifestyle

- 29 Jan Discovering Sake: film screening and tasting. *At Black Rock*  
26 Apr Hanami in Kensington Gardens  
7 & 8 Jun F: EAST JAPAN: activity days at the Japan Centre  
22 July Japan Society Golf Tournament  
17 & 19 Sep Japanese Home Cooking with Vegetables: special class at Sozai Cooking School  
19 Sep Radio Taisho Workshops at Westbourne Primary School and the Third Age Centre  
4 Oct Collar Cup Golf Match 2014  
19 Nov Japanese Beer Tasting at Tsuru Restaurant

**Japanese Conversation Group** - held on the first Tuesday of every month at The Old Explorer. An opportunity for Japanese speakers of all nationalities to come together and speak Japanese.

### Book Club

*Held on the second Monday of each month*

13 Jan	<i>Tales of Mystery and the Imagination</i> by Edogawa Rampo
3 Feb	Natsume Soseki: exhibition tour and special book club with Damian Flanagan
10 Mar	<i>Where Europe Begins</i> by Yōko Tawada
7 Apr	<i>Confessions of a Mask</i> by Yukio Mishima
12 May	<i>The Four Immigrants Manga</i> by Henry Kiyama
9 Jun	<i>Fires on the Plain</i> by Ōoka Shōhei
14 Jul	Special Japan Society Book Club – <i>The Youth of Things</i> with translator Stephen Dodd
11 Aug	<i>Granta 127: Japan</i>
8 Sep	<i>Colorless Tsukuru Tazaki and His Years of Pilgrimage</i> by Haruki Murakami
13 Oct	<i>Beauty and Sadness</i> by Yasunari Kawabata
10 Nov	<i>The Life of an Amorous Woman</i> by Saikaku Ihara
8 Dec	<i>The Guest Cat</i> by Takashi Hiraide

## Earthquake Related Events

As of December 2014 the Japan Society Tohoku Earthquake Relief Fund (Rose Fund) had raised over £765,000 from 1725 donors. The fund is being disbursed in association with the Sanaburi Foundation, Sendai to support projects planned and managed by local NPOs for the long-term recovery of the region. The Society also continues to participate in events to aid awareness and recovery in Tohoku. In 2014 these included:

12 Mar	Charity Recital for Tohoku Earthquake and Typhoon Haiyan Victims
12 Oct	HOPE Charity Concert for the victims of the earthquake in Japan

## Schools Education

### Reaching over 7,000 school children annually

All Year	Japan in Your Classroom School visits: During 2014, over 50 visits were made to schools in the UK. School links: Establishing new partnerships and strengthening existing links through UK-Japan exchange trips both to the UK and Japan. Japan UK LIVE! A bilingual website that encourages cultural exchange between young people in Japan and the UK by removing the language barrier Loan resources: Cultural artefacts and materials on loan to schools throughout the year.
7 Mar	Japan Conference for Schools with the Japan Foundation at the Embassy of Japan, London. An annual event, this year involving over 50 schools and encompassing a series of language, school linking and cultural workshops, and a keynote speech by Teacher of the Year 2013 Crispin Chambers
24 Mar	Discover Japan Teachers' Workshop, Great Malvern Primary School: A Japan Day incorporating cultural workshops for KS2 pupils alongside CPD training for teachers in the local authority.
31 Mar	13th World Children's Haiku Contest 2014. A biennial event this year included over 800 entries from 37 schools throughout the UK. The theme of this year's contest was 'dreams'.
29 Sept	Radio Taiso. Westbourne Primary School in Sutton received a visit from NHK's Radio Taiso presenters.
18 Oct	Teaching Critical Skills: Lorna Jackson, Headteacher and Lorraine Cooper Deputy Headteacher, Maryland Primary School (Newham) completed a week long research trip to Osaka.
6 Nov	Sixth Form Japan Day at SOAS: Giving sixth form students throughout the UK an opportunity to experience Japanese culture and learn more about Japanese university courses. The day combined Japanese cultural workshops alongside a series of lectures including a key note speech by Tom Burn, Deputy Head of the Asia Pacific Department at the FCO. The event was also attended by representatives from both British and Japanese universities

### Training Workshops for JIYC Volunteers

17 Mar	Storytelling
20 Mar	Soroban
27 Mar	Calligraphy

## Small Grants

As at 30 November 2014, funding totalling £18,905 had been awarded to twenty seven grass roots projects throughout the UK. These included a number of school Japan days as well as primary school workshops exploring sound and music, cookery and crafts. A highlight was the visit by the Fukushima Youth Sinfonietta, who spent time with members of Kids Company as well as performing with Keys of Change at the Queen Elizabeth Hall. Grants supported family and outreach activities at museums, community radio and other venues, as well as Japan400 celebrations in Plymouth.