



Events 2010

## Annual Events

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- 21 Jan Lecture by the British Ambassador in Tokyo, David Warren at The Cavalry and Guards Club  
25 Jan Japan Society Annual Dinner – featuring a fashion show by young Japanese and Japan-inspired designers at Grosvenor House  
16 June Annual General Meeting of the Japan Society at the Embassy of Japan. Followed by sake tasting.  
2 Oct Collar Cup Golf Tournament against JCCI, at The Buckinghamshire Golf Club.  
29 Nov Christmas Party at the Embassy of Japan.

## Arts & Culture

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- 23 Feb Scottish Colourists exhibition. Private view at the Fleming Collection.  
22 Mar Visit, Reception and Special Talk at the BADA Antiques and Art Fair: 'The Golden Age of Japanese Okimono', Laura Bordignon.  
20 Apr Japan Society Members' Art Exhibition 2010: Asobi – Play. At the Embassy of Japan, supported by Suntory and Rising Star Games.  
27 Apr An Evening with Miyako Yoshida, Principal Guest Artist with the Royal Ballet. At Asia House  
7 May Ninagawa Theatre Company 'Musashi', group visit at the Barbican.  
27 May Playing With Space: Closing Event and Prize-giving for the Japan Society Members Art Exhibition at the Embassy of Japan.  
14 Jun Kabuki: Yoshitsune Sembon Zakura – featuring Ebizo Ichikawa XI, followed by private reception  
14 Jul Visit to Loseley Park with Ms Rosemary Alexander founder and principal of the English Gardening School.  
14 Jul Treasures of Lambeth Palace Library. Private view for members at Lambeth Palace.  
31 Aug Exhibition: Lost Villages – Private view and talk with Sam Seager  
30 Sep Nendo: Thin Black Lines + White Blurry Surfaces. Private View and Talk with Dr Sarah Teasley at Phillips de Pury.  
02 Nov Furoshiki – The Japanese Way of Wrapping with Hiroaki Koyama. Lecture, demonstration and workshop on the art of wrapping with furoshiki, at the Japan Foundation.  
15 Dec Future Beauty: 30 Years of Japanese Fashion. Private view at the Barbican.

## Business

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**Lunchtime Lectures** *Supported by JAL. Venue JETRO unless otherwise stated.*

- 8 Feb 'Prospects for the new Japanese Government', Paul Carter.  
20 Apr 'Japan and the UK: coping with the debt overhang', Andrew Smithers.  
20 May 'The Business of Ageing – Older Workers, Older Consumers, big implications for companies,' Dr John Llewellyn, Partner, Llewellyn Consulting.  
7 July 'The Medium term future of the Euro and of Sterling and the impact on Asia and Japan', Dr Gerard Lyons Chief Economist and Group Head of Global Research, The Standard Chartered Bank  
10 Nov 'How can the UK best attract further Japanese investment?'. A forum by the Japan Society and the Asia Pacific Technology Network:

**Joint Lunches with JCCI – Guests of Honour**

*At The National Liberal Club unless otherwise stated.*

- 17 Feb Dr Bernard Bulkin, Former Vice President for Environment Affairs, BP - 'Can Technology Save the Planet?'.  
27th Apr Alex Williams, Transport for London - 'A Strategy for Transport in London'.  
14 Sep David Cairns, former Head of of Trade & Investment at the British Embassy in Tokyo - 'Shifting economic power – a view from Tokyo'.  
18 Nov The Rt Hon The Lord Howell, Minister of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office

**Other**

- 18 Mar Lunch for members of the Japan Society and British and Japanese members of the UK-Japan 21st Century Group at the National Liberal Club.

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

- 12 May Sir Andrew Cahn, Chief Executive of UK Trade and Investment, at KPMG.  
14 July Forum on Hedge Funds, with Michael Alan-Buckley and Stephen Couttie, at Baker and McKenzie LLP.  
21 Sep Nick Anstee, Lord Mayor, at SJ Berwin.

## Lectures

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### Japan Society Lectures

- 25 Feb 'Japan in Late Victorian London: The Japanese Village in Knightsbridge and The Mikado, 1885' by Sir Hugh Cortazzi, former British Ambassador to Japan, at the Embassy of Japan
- 21 Apr 'Fighting for the shogun: the story of a ship, some samurai, nine French officers and the battle for Hokkaido', by Lesley Downer, at The Crane & Tortoise.
- 10 Jun 'Thomas Morland Hocken and his Japanese Experience 1901-1904', Dr Donald Kerr, University of Otago, at Friends House
- 22 Jun 'A Tale of Two Japans: 10 Years to Pearl Harbor', Audrey Sansbury Talks, at the Oriental Club
- 15 & 22 Jul 'Carmen Blacker and Japan' by Professor Donald Keene - Inaugural Carmen Blacker Memorial Lecture with the Sainsbury Institute for the Study of Japanese Arts and Cultures, at Blackfriars Hall, Norwich and the British Museum.
- 20 Sep 'Personalities: Britain and Japan'. Book Launch and talk to mark the publication of Biographical Portraits Vol. VII
- 15 Nov 'Problems Compensating Women – Cultural Images and narratives about the problem of compensating the emotional, domestic and sexual labor of women'. Dr Sharon Kinsella, Lecturer in Japanese Studies, University of Manchester at the Oriental Club
- 22 Nov 'Japanese Leadership in Conflict and Disaster Prevention Diplomacy', Professor Akiko Yamanaka, Professional By-Fellow, Churchill College, Cambridge at the Oriental Club
- 13 Dec 'A brief history of Japanese Golf' by Dr Angus Lockyer, Lecturer in Japanese History and Chair of the Japan Research Centre at SOAS, University of London, at the Oriental Club

### With the Daiwa Anglo- Japanese Foundation

*At the Daiwa Foundation unless otherwise stated.*

#### *States in Change: National Identity in the UK and Japan*

- 18 Jan 'Political Change and National Identity in the UK and Japan', Shingo Yamagami, Prof Andrew Gamble and Prof J A A Stockwin (chair).
- 23 Feb 'Nationhood, Nationalism and Global Citizenship', Dr Naoko Shimazu, Dr Jan Rueger, Prof Lucy Riall and The Rt Hon the Lord Howell of Guildford (chair).
- 22 Mar 'Japan under the DPJ Government', Hitoshi Tanaka and Dr John Swenson-Wright (chair).
- 20 Apr 'Education and National Identity in the UK and Japan', Prof Audrey Osler, Peter Cave and Dr Hugh Starkey (chair).
- 20 May 'Class, Social Mobility and Social Divides in the UK and Japan', Prof Daniel Dorling, Prof Takehiko Kariya, Dr Lee Elliot Major (chair).
- 24 Jun 'Working Lives: Gender and Society in the UK and Japan', Dr Helen Macnaughtan, Dr Jonathan D Mackintosh, Dr George Olcott and David Coats (chair).
- 22 Sep 'Immigrants, Minorities and the Multiculturalism Debate', Dr Atsuko Abe, Alison Park and Prof Ian Neary (chair).
- 20 Oct 'Projecting Images: The Role of the Media in the UK and Japan', Leo Lewis, Hidemitsu Kibe and William Horsley (chair).
- 17 Nov 'Public Diplomacy and National Identity in the UK and Japan', Ken Okaniwa, Prof Mike Hardy and Charles Grant (chair).

### With the Japan Room

- 2 Nov 'Restless Spirits & Bewitching Transformations!', Lecture on the Japanese tradition of yokai and yurei with Rosemary Bandini, expert on Japanese art.

## Lifestyle

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- 9 Apr Tutored Japanese Whisky Tasting and food pairing, with Cask Strength at Tsuru
- 12 Apr Travellers' Social Club – Kyoto at Chutney and Lager
- 27 May The Japan Society Golf Tournament at Donnington Grove Country Club.
- 29 May Trooping the Colour; The Major General's Review, special seats for Japan Society members.
- 19 Jun World Cup Screening: Japan vs Holland
- 4 Nov Special Reception to celebrate the inaugural Fujitsu Parliamentary Rugby Cup at the House of Commons
- 6 Nov The Fujitsu Parliamentary Rugby Cup – The Embassy of Japan & Japan Society XV vs The Commons & Lords RUFC

### Book Club

*Held on the second Thursday of each month*

- 14 Jan The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo by Stieg Larsson
- 11 Feb Kira Kira ('Twinkle Twinkle') by Kaori Ekuni
- 11 Mar In praise of shadows by Junichiro Tanizaki
- 8 Apr Reading Lolita in Tehran by Azar Nafisi

- 13 May The Temple of the Golden Pavilion by Yukio Mishima.
- 08 Jul One by Natsuo Kirino
- 24 Jul Special Book Club with talk and discussion about Japanese Literature by Prof Donald Keene.
- 12 Aug Kokoro by Natsume Soseki
- 09 Sep Snow Country by Yasunari Kawabata
- 14 Oct Diary of a Mad Old Man by Junichiro Tanizaki
- 11 Nov The Wild Geese by Ogai Mori

#### Japanese Conversation Group

*Held on the first Tuesday of every month at The Old Explorer*

- 24 Apr Hanami Picnic in Hyde Park
- 24 Jul Japanese Conversation Group Summer Day Trip
- 20 Aug Japanese Conversation Group End of Summer BBQ

## Schools Education

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### Language Classes

At Toray Industries, Inc.

- 28 Apr - 7 Jul Pre – Intermediate Level
- 29 Sep - 1 Dec Pre – Intermediate Level

### Schools

- All Year Japan in Your Classroom school visits. During 2010, 80 visits were made to schools throughout the UK.
- All Year School Links. Approximately 15 new links have been created in the year, with over 60 school partnerships now using the Japan UK LIVE! website and related services to develop their links. The website has been rebuilt with new features to make it easier for schools to use.
- 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.
- 13 Jul University Students' Seminar with Prof Donald Keene, with Japan Research Centre, SOAS.
- 1-4 Nov Furoshiki – The Japanese Way of Wrapping with Hiroaki Koyama. A series of workshops with 300 pupils at schools in London and the South West.
- 1-3 Nov Chinkin workshops with lacquer craftsmen Yoshinori Shibayama (chinkin), Akira Sugimura (maki-e), Takashi Wakamiya (maki-e) with 200 pupils at five London schools.
- 5 Nov 6th Form Japan Day: a global perspective, a door to new opportunities. Day of activities for sixth form students and teachers, organised in association with the Barbican Centre.

## Small Grants

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- All Year As at 1st September 2010, grants totalling some £23,000 have been awarded through the Japan Society Small Grants programme in support of grass roots activities throughout the UK.

## Special Events

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- 12 Jan Koshu Wine Tasting at the Embassy of Japan.
- 15 Feb-12 Mar  
Exhibition: In the Footsteps of Isabella Bird – adventures in twin time travel with Professor Kiyonori Kanasaka at the Royal Geographical Society.
- 13 Apr East Asian Friendship Charity Event in association with the Islington Chinese Association, the Anglo-Korean Society, the British Japanese Law Association, the British Korean Law Association and the Hong Kong Society.
- 23 May Japanese Garden Party in Hammersmith Park. A family day out with Taiko, dance, martial arts, family activities and food stalls.
- 28 Jun The Japan Societies Forum 2010 with representatives of Japan Societies in all parts of the UK, at the Japan Foundation.
- 18 Sep Japan Matsuri 2010 at Spitalfields Market – attended by 50,000+ festival goers. In association with the Japanese Residents Association, JCCI UK, Nippon Club and the Embassy of Japan.