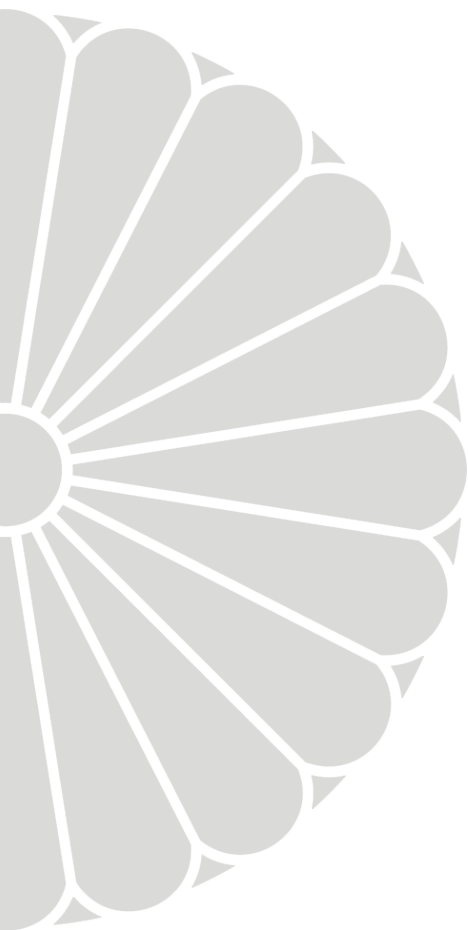




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Events 2020

Annual & Special Events

- 5 Mar Lecture by Paul Madden CMG, British Ambassador to Japan, at *Nomura International*
- 27 Jul Japan Society Annual General Meeting 2020 **Online Event**
- 26-27 Sep Japan Matsuri Present 2020 – with Japan Association, JCCI, Embassy of Japan, & the Nippon Club **Online Event**
- 10 Dec Japan Society Virtual Annual Dinner – with Yuriko Kotani, supported by JTI **Online Event**

Arts & Culture

- 6 Feb Buddhism and Japan – Private View at *British Library*
- 1 Mar Saori Freestyle Weaving Workshops at *Craft Central*
- 12 May Japan through a Photographer's Lens: in Conversation with Frederic Aranda **Online Event**
- 4&11 Aug The Spirit of Animism and Story Making in Manga: 2-Session Workshop with Fumio Obata **Online Event**
- 8 Sep Katagami Stencils: Historical Influence and Contemporary Practice **Online Event**
- 3 Oct Katazome (Stencil Dyeing) Workshop **Online Event**
- 10 Oct Zaido: Documenting a 1,300 year old ceremony – with Yukari Chikura **Online Event**
- 12 Oct From Japan with Love – Virtual Tour at Sotheby's London **Online Event**

Business

Webinar Series (chaired by Japan Society chairman Bill Emmott except where indicated) **Online Events**

- 8 Apr Governments, COVID-19 and the Public Response in the UK and Japan with Koji Tsuruoka and David Warren
- 16 Apr COVID-19: Policy, Financial Markets and Business with Yuko Kawai and Leo Lewis
- 23 Apr The Political Economy of the Pandemic with Robert Feldman and Robert Ward
- 30 Apr The Political Repercussions of the Pandemic with Tsutomu Ishiai and John Peet
- 7 May International Responsibilities and the Pandemic with Mark Malloch-Brown and Mami Mizutori
- 14 May What We Know Now: Medical Science and the Response to COVID-19 with Kiyoshi Kurokawa and Peter Piot
- 21 May The Effect of the Pandemic on Diplomatic and Commercial Relations with China with Kerry Brown & Akio Takahara
- 28 May The Pandemic and the Changing World of Work with Lynda Gratton
- 4 Jun The Energy Outlook in the Post-Pandemic World with Jun Arima and Nick Butler
- 11 Jun International Financial Capitals: the Future for London & Tokyo with Michael Mainelli and Hiroshi Nakaso
- 19 Jun The Future of Travel and Tourism in a Post COVID-19 World with David Atkinson, Timothy Jenkins & Martin Barrow
- 25 Jun Japan, UK and the US: Our Relationship with our Closest Allies with Kim Darroch and Kenichiro Sasae
- 2 Jul The View from the Korean Peninsula with Chung Min Lee and John Nilsson-Wright
- 8 Jul What the UK and Japan Mean to Each Other with Jeremy Hunt MP and Tomohiko Taniguchi
- 14 Jul The Future for the Arts and their Institutions with Mami Kataoka and Rebecca Salter
- 22 Jul The Pandemic and its Impact on Gender Equality in Japan and the UK with Yoriko Goto & Heather McGregor
- 1 Sep Shinzo Abe and his Legacy: a discussion with Tobias Harris and Keiko Iizuka
- 16 Sep The State of the Economy in Japan and the UK, with Noriko Hama and Gerard Lyons
- 23 Sep The Politics of Governmental Reform in Japan and the UK, with Bronwen Maddox and Koji Tsuruoka
- 29 Sep Reporting the world in Japan and the UK, with Aiko Doden and John Simpson
- 8 Oct Developing Professional Women's Football in Japan and the UK with Kikko Okajima Murray and Kelly Simmons, chaired by Yuuichiro Nakajima
- 14 Oct Japan's Far More Female Future with Kathy Matsui and Bill Emmott
- 22 Oct The Future of Democracy in the USA with David Runciman and Hitoshi Tanaka
- 5 Nov The US Election: Implications for International Trade, with Glen S Fukushima, with Jim O'Neill & Toshihiro Nakayama
- 11 Nov Security and Geopolitical Consequences of the US Election, with Nobukatsu Kanehara and John Scarlett
- 26 Nov Business, Japan, and the World in Pink: a conversation with Lionel Barber
- 8 Dec The Future for Higher Education in Japan and the UK with David Richardson and Yuko Takahashi
- 10 Dec The Japan-UK Free Trade Agreement - what does it mean? with Hiroshi Matsuura and Minako Morita-Jaeger

In Partnership with Other Organisations

Joint Lunches with the JCCI

14 Jan Dame Carolyn Fairbairn, Director-General of the Confederation of British Industry, at *National Liberal Club*

Others

- 4 Feb Global Sanctions – Meeting the Challenge, *in association with Mishcon de Reya LLP*
- 11 Feb UK-Japan Cybersecurity Collaboration – Shinichi Yokohama, CISO, NTT, *in association with JETRO*
- 24 Feb FinTech and Beyond – How to Use Financial Technologies in Global Business, *in association with Mitsubishi Corporation International (Europe) Plc*
- 11-12 Sep The UK-Japan 21st Century Group's 37th Annual Conference 2020 **Online Event**

Bilingual Public Speaking Club

The first bilingual Japanese-English public speaking club in the UK, open to all people who would like to improve their skills at speaking in public in Japanese and English. **Online Event since April 2020**

Lectures

- 20 Jan Burakumin and Human Rights – with Ian Neary at *the Swedenborg Society*
- 24 Jan The University as a Platform for Social Change – with Makoto Gonokami, President, U. of Tokyo at *Nomura*
- 17 Feb The Siberian Captivity of Japanese Soldiers – with Sherzod Muminov at *the Swedenborg Society*
- 18 May Being a Young Migrant in Japan: Anthropological Perspectives - with Jamie Coates **Online Event**
- 20 Jul Artistic Production & Religious Practice at the Kofukuji Nan'endo – with Yen-Yi Chan **Online Event**
- 13 Aug Japan Literatures of Remembering. A Panel Discussion on Fiction, Poetry and Anime **Online Event**
- 18 Oct 70 years in Japan's Postwar History: Individual Memories – with Hans Brinckmann **Online Event**
- 14 Nov Sir Harry Parkes, British Minister to Japan, Korea and China, 1865-1885 – with Robert Morton **Online Event**
- 15 Dec No Laughing Matter. The Role of the Comedian in Japan – with Till Weingärtner **Online Event**

Lifestyle

- 22 Jan Wagashi Workshop with an-an at *Wa cafe*
- 23 Jun Hitomezashi Sashiko Workshop **Online Event**
- 26 Jan Tsunagu/Connect Launch Event **Online Event**
- 28 Aug Beginners' Shibori Workshop **Online Event**
- 28 Mar Boro (fabric repairing) Workshop **Online Event**
- 27 Oct Kogin Embroidery Workshop **Online Event**
- 26 May Yuriko Kotani with Till Weingärtner **Online Event**
- 15 Dec Moyozashi Sashiko Workshop **Online Event**
- The Making of a Japanese Stand-Up in the UK

Book Club (held on the second Monday of each month) **Online Events since April 2020**

- 13 Jan *The Honjin Murders* by Seishi Yokomizo
- 13 Jul *The Little House* by Kyoko Nakajima
- 10 Feb *The Factory* by Hiroko Oyamada
- 10 Aug *No-no Boy* by John Okada
- 9 Mar *Tokyo Ueno Station* by Miri Yu
- 14 Sep *The Frolic of the Beast* by Yukio Mishima
- 6 Apr *Deep River* by Shusaku Endo
- 12 Oct *The Old Capital* by Yasunari Kawabata
- 11 May *The Memory Police* by Yoko Ogawa
- 9 Nov *The Tale of Heike*
- 8 Jun *A Cat, a Man, and Two Women* by Junichiro Tanizaki
- 14 Dec *Breasts & Eggs* by Mieko Kawakami

NEW Film Club (held on the first Wednesday of each month) **Online Events**

- 3 Jun *Good Morning* directed by Yasujiro Ozu
- 7 Oct *When a Woman Ascends the Stairs* directed by Mikio Naruse
- 1 Jul *After Life* directed by Hirokazu Koreeda
- 4 Nov *Departures* directed by Yojiro Takita
- 5 Aug *Kwaidan* directed by Masaki Kobayashi
- 2 Dec *Tokyo Godfathers* directed by Kon Satoshi
- 2 Sep *Family Romance, LLC* directed by Werner Herzog

Japanese Conversation Group – held on the first Tuesday of every month at The Brewmaster (temporarily suspended)

Schools Education

All Year	<p>Japan in Your Classroom School Visits: In 2020, our volunteers visited 12 schools in the winter term before the lockdown in March and school visits being temporarily suspended.</p> <p>School Links: establishing new partnerships whilst providing targeted support to help strengthen existing links through bilateral exchange trips, conferences, and curriculum-support projects.</p> <p>Loan Resources: a variety of materials and authentic cultural artefacts representing both traditional and modern aspects of Japan on loan to primary and secondary schools throughout the year to support teachers with their Japan-related topics.</p> <p>Coventry Young Ambassadors: The education team continues to support the 'Cities of Peace Noh Theatre Project' with the Coventry Young Ambassadors Programme.</p> <p>New Resource Development: the education team has collaborated with a number of teachers and specialists to develop a range of new Japan-related teaching resources which were released throughout the 2020-2021 school year.</p>
January	Visit to University of Reading with soroban teacher, Tomoko Hoult, for a soroban workshop and demonstration with university students studying for the International Mathematics Module in Primary Mathematics.
February	The team led a noh mask workshop in collaboration with Between the Stones and noh theatre professionals as part of the Coventry Young Ambassadors Programme. <i>Resource highlight:</i> Radio Taiso Exercise video .
April	Launched the Online Resources section in the education part of our website with new digital resources accompanied by schemes of work, presentations, and worksheets covering various topics designed for teachers.
May	<i>Resource highlights:</i> Children's Day resources for parents and teachers and new Radio Taiso scheme of work , lesson plans and movement cards.
June	Launched the Tanzaku Wish Gallery inviting the public to send us a picture of their tanzaku wishes with us for the Tanabata Festival in July.
July	<i>Resource highlights:</i> Tanabata resources , including a new original kamishibai, craft video and home activity pack and launch of Sports Day and Sports Day at Home resources .
August	<i>Resource highlights:</i> Radio Taiso interview video with Risa Ono from the Japan Radio-Taiso Federation, new Obon resources and launch of soroban resources with scheme of work and content designed for teachers.
September	<i>Resource highlights:</i> Launch of digital kamishibai stories and Haiku resources with scheme of work and other content designed for teachers.
October	<i>Resource highlight:</i> New O-Tsukimi Festival activity pack and original O-Tsukimi digital kamishibai.
November	<i>Resource highlight:</i> New 7-5-3 Festival resources for teachers and home learning.
December	Our Sixth Form Japan Event went online for the first time , offering a mix of live sessions and non-live content which was available throughout December. Released end of year home activity pack for home learning. <i>Resource highlight:</i> New Winter Holidays home activity pack .

Small Grants

In 2020, the Japan Society Grants scheme gave **£11,656 of funding in support of 15 projects** taking place all over the UK. What has been a highly unusual year has unfortunately led to many projects being put on hold, however in March students at King Edward VI Community College in Devon were able to hold a successful **exhibition on Contemporary Japanese Art and Culture**, while at the Kaetsu Educational & Cultural Centre the **18th Japan Day in Cambridge** took place with cultural activities and performances.

The Small Grants Scheme focuses its support on education and community projects, and this year was no exception. In Torfaen in Wales, Mamiko Markham began introducing **students at local primary and secondary schools to Japanese silk painting**, and we look forward to seeing the painted fabric being turned into a special handmade kimono as a result. Work began on building a Japanese Peace Garden in Coventry, the final part of a long-term **project involving primary schools in the city as they learnt about the important links between Coventry and Hiroshima**.

While some projects are on hold, other organisers were able to adapt their plans to create online content and virtual events. Theatre maker and puppeteer, **Aya Nakamura, held online workshops and talks based around her recently filmed paper theatre piece *The Spider's Thread***; Bristol Museum and Gallery are hard at work creating **online content and educational resources to enhance learning about their collection of Netsuke**; and Edinburgh City Art Centre's series of **workshops and lectures planned to coincide with the exhibition E. A. Hornel: From Camera to Canvas** will be moved online, enabling audiences from far and wide to join.

In the last decade, we are proud to have supported **342 projects with £217,959 of funding** and as we all learn to adapt to the everchanging world around us, we look forward to receiving applications from organisers of new and exciting projects in the near future.