



## Message from the Chairman

2008 was an important time of consolidation for the Society. It was the first full year in which its traditional activities were combined with the schools education and community programmes of the former Japan 21, the charity with which the Society merged in October 2007. Both strands of activity have flourished and we have seen interesting cross-over developments, such as the involvement in the Unicorn Theatre's family day and the Thames Festival Giant Japanese Jamboree, which brought expertise of running school Japan Days to a wider audience and provided a chance for members' families to participate. There has been a full programme of events in different fields, with much for all members, whatever their interests and budgets.

We remain mindful of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and our own stated objectives to promote learning and advance education with regard to Japan and to further educational exchanges between Britain and Japan. We are continuing to develop our programmes, whether for our members or for the wider public including school children.

In 2008 the Society showed a surplus of £27,879. In the first year post merger, efforts were made to achieve efficiencies in working and to limit expenditure where possible. We will need to invest more in our programmes in 2009 and we still face a significant challenge to raise further funds in order to maintain and develop the important schools educational programme and larger scale public events.

Fundraising in 2008 successfully built on the previous efforts both by the Society and the former Japan 21 in attracting donors to support activities for young people, both as part of the Society's traditional programme and within the schools educational work. We are extremely grateful to all our donors and members for their continued financial support without which the important activities of the Society would not take place. All donations made under the former Japan 21 umbrella continue to be applied to the schools educational programme and small grants scheme; we are also pleased to note that there are significant donations which have been made for the Society's work as a whole.

We have been delighted to be part of the Japan-UK 150 celebrations, which started in September; and we look forward to contributing further until December 2009. We will continue to deliver our existing programmes and develop new activities of relevance to members, to donors, to volunteers and to schools and other partner organizations. In 2008, we arranged, both independently and in partnership, over 85 different events. An overview of some of these follows in this review. The Society will work to fulfil its objective to be the leading body in the United Kingdom dedicated to the enhancement and celebration of UK-Japan academic, commercial and cultural affairs.

At the annual general meeting in June, members will be asked to approve certain changes in our memorandum and articles. These are being made largely to bring them in line with current practice in the charitable sector and to conform with the latest legislation. A summary of the changes is outlined in the notice of AGM and full details are available on the website.

Our council tends to have a high proportion of members joining and leaving; our Japanese council members are often posted back to Japan; and some of our non-Japanese too depart to spend time in Japan. During the year we said goodbye to Ken Abe, Martin Barrow, Richard Large, Timon Screech, Toshikazu Takei and David Warren; I would like to thank all of them for their contributions to the Society. We welcomed Pauline Chakmakjian, Anna Dingley and Tsunao Kijima. Since the end of the year there have been further changes. I would like to give particular thanks to Mami Mizutori for her keen support of the Society and particularly her enthusiastic leadership of the contemporary lifestyle committee; we welcomed Ken Okaniwa in her place.





This month we are sad to be losing both Tsunao Kijima and Katsuhito Nishihori; and I thank them warmly for their support and good counsel over the years. George Olcott stood down as treasurer last year but continues to be active, particularly on fundraising activities; in July 2008, he was coopted as one of the vice chairmen. Satoru Yoshida was at the same time appointed treasurer.

At the annual general meeting in June, Marie Conte-Helm and Nick Reeve will be retiring from the council. Marie has taken the lead in the joint lecture series with the Daiwa Anglo-Japanese Foundation and has been an able chair of the awards committee; Nick has been particularly active in the conversation group. We will miss their input on the council.

At our annual general meeting, a number of other members will have reached the end of their first three year term on the council and will therefore be retiring by rotation. I am one of these; I have indicated my willingness to stand for re-election. The others are Sean Curtin and Keisaku (Sandy) Sano. They have also indicated their willingness to stand for re-election. Both play important roles in the Society and the council warmly proposes their re-election. In addition, George Olcott, who was coopted to the council in July 2008, now needs to stand for election. His contribution to the Society is great and his election is recommended.

There are six further candidates who are standing for election to the council at the annual general meeting: Ryoichi Bamba, Martin Day, Jun Kobayashi, Stephen McEnally, Masamichi Morooka and Michael Spencer. All have been very involved in promoting UK-Japan relations over the years. Further details of the candidates, the voting procedure and the arrangements for the meeting are being circulated to members.

I would also like to express my thanks to our President, Ambassador Ebihara, for the great support he has shown to the Society since his arrival in the UK in June 2008.

A full copy of the Japan Society's annual accounts, and trustees' report is available to view on the Society's website or may be requested in hard copy from the office.

The annual general meeting will be held this year at 6.00pm on Wednesday 10 June 2009 at the Japanese Embassy, 101-104 Piccadilly. (To comply with the Embassy's security policy, please inform the office in advance if you intend to attend the meeting and bring with you on the day some form of photographic ID.)

The day of the AGM will also mark the opening of the Japan Society members' art exhibition in the Embassy foyer, and a reception will follow the formal proceedings. If you are of artistic bent and have not yet begun work on your entry to the exhibition, please do so. We look forward to seeing members' talents showcased in this way and I hope to see many of you, and your artwork, in June.

Christopher Purvis

# Arts & Culture

An early highlight in the year was the Valentine's Day PechaKucha held jointly with the Japanese Embassy. Over two hundred gathered in a room festooned with pink heart-shaped balloons to listen to presentations by Japanese and British people, primarily working in various art- and design-related fields, including ceramics, architecture, graphic design and archaeology - as well as the chairman of the Japan Society whose theme was the people and relationships that make Japan so important to him. The PechaKucha format ensures that a fast pace is maintained throughout. Each presenter has just 6 minutes and 40 seconds to speak: 20 seconds on each of 20 slides.

Members were given private views of a number of exhibitions over the year including the contemporary art sale exhibition, Kyobai, at Philips de Pury, which gave a fantastic overview of Japanese art in the 20th century, spanning photography, ceramics, furniture, sculpture and much more. On a more traditional note, we were shown round a Christies' sale show, a group went to the annual fair of the British Antique Dealers' Association, where they had a small reception and a talk on 'The secret history of tiepins' and others enjoyed a rare glimpse of works owned by the state at the Government Art Collection. Ha-fu, in October, was a small exhibition of only nine photographs, but provided members attending the private view and discussion a fascinating insight into the experience of young people who are half Japanese.

Visits were organized to a number of screenings of Japanese films, including a joint event with the Korean Cultural Centre with the UK premiere of *Virgin Snow*, attended by the director Sang-hee Han. Another successful collaboration was Juppun Japan, organized by Chelsea College of Art & Design, with assistance from the Society. Over 1,000 people attended the outdoor screening of 10 minute short films by young Japanese students, with food and other entertainment. Young and old, British and Japanese, mingled on the newly-refurbished Rootstein Hopkins Parade Ground on a warm October evening.

Music also featured in the programme, including a special open rehearsal and lecture before Kodo's January performance at the Royal Festival Hall, as well as a group visit to the more contemporary *Asobi Seksu* at the University of London Union. To mark the start of Japan-UK 150, the celebration of 150 years of formal diplomatic relations between Japan and the UK, we organized a concert with the Royal Academy of Music featuring young Japanese musicians at the Academy. At this stage in the relationship between our two countries, the large Japanese student population is a significant force in developing collaborations and exchange.

Also for Japan-UK 150, the Society worked with the Japanese Embassy on "Beyond Diplomacy", a commemorative exhibition. Curated by Dr Angus Lockyer, it used the Elgin Mission and the signing of the Anglo-Japanese Treaty of Amity and Commerce as the springboard for an investigation of the exchanges and mutual influence between the two countries over the 19th century. Among the ceremonial and decorative objects on display were travellers' histories and early works on Japan from the Japan Society library.



**Beyond Diplomacy**  
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An Exhibition Commemorating the 150th Anniversary of Diplomatic Relations between Japan and the United Kingdom

30 September - 24 October 2008  
Monday - Friday 09:30 - 17:30

The Embassy of Japan  
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London W1J 7JT

# Business & Government



The programme of business-related events was full, with many opportunities for people with shared interests to gather and exchange information and opinions, as well as to network informally.

As usual, the year started with an update on the situation in Japan from the perspective of the British Ambassador in Tokyo, Sir Graham Fry. This popular and well-attended event was followed by the first of six chairman's lunches and dinners during the year for key figures from both the UK and Japan. These provide opportunities for decision makers to share ideas and to receive briefings on topical issues relating to the two countries in a global context.



Larger-scale lunchtime lectures and seminars started with a successful seminar at JETRO on mergers and acquisitions led by Dr George Olcott with a panel of speakers with legal, accounting and governmental experience. It looked at changes in the Japanese business sector and what these mean for companies considering an acquisition in Japan.



Other lectures put the British and Japanese economic relationship in a wider context. David Cairns, Head of Trade and Investment at the British Embassy in Tokyo, gave a business update, while Will Hutton, Chief Executive of the Work Foundation spoke on the Japan-China relationship, and the Economist Intelligence Unit's Director of Global Forecasting, Robert Ward, gave his long-term forecast and assessment for Japan and the region.



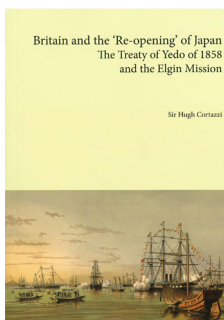
Specific issues were also addressed, with seminars on human resources, intellectual property and, jointly with the British Japanese Law Association, Japan's new financial instruments and exchange law. We are grateful to JETRO, Clifford Chance, Deloitte, Linklaters, and Towers Perrin for hosting these events, enabling us to keep costs low so they could be attended by anyone with an interest in the issues.



The Society continued to organize joint lunches with the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry in the UK, which provided opportunities for Japanese and non-Japanese to network and to hear from guest speakers on relevant topics: Richard Lambert, Director General of the Confederation of British Industry; The Rt Hon The Lord Malloch Brown, Minister of State at FCO for Asia, Africa and the UN; Alastair Newton, Senior Political Analyst at Lehman Brothers International and Sir Andrew Wood, Senior Adviser, BP and former British Ambassador in Moscow (1996-2000).

There were also lectures on more general topics, appealing to a wider audience and attended by over 1,000 people. The annual joint seminar series with the Daiwa Anglo-Japanese Foundation explored the theme of "Economic Futures: Wealth and Well-Being in the UK and Japan". Lectures by Adrian Pinnington on Japanese Christians and bushido and Kiyonori Kanasaka on his travels in the footsteps of Isabella Bird were particularly popular, as were lectures with Asia House by Lesley Downer on the last concubine and John Reeve on interpreting Japanese culture.

A lecture at the Japanese Embassy launched "Britain and the Re-opening of Japan: the Elgin Mission of 1858 and the Treaty of Yedo", by Sir Hugh Cortazzi, published to mark Japan-UK 150. Three further joint lectures with the Embassy will explore the history of Japan-UK relations over the 150 years.



# Lifestyle

The conversation group has an important role in the Society, providing a valuable opportunity for members to maintain and develop their language skills. It allows Japanese and non-Japanese, members and non-members, to meet in a friendly and informal setting. Special events during the year, including the hanami picnic and karaoke evenings, are also popular.

24 members and former participants on the JET scheme participated in the 10-week courses in intermediate Japanese, organized by the Society and hosted by the Japan Local Government Centre. These were offered at a modest cost, so that anyone with the requisite level of Japanese was able to enrol.

Now established as an eagerly anticipated event in the Society's calendar is the pub quiz. This year it was attended by over 100 people, who attempted to answer wide-ranging questions posed alternately in English and Japanese. A visit to London by Soichiro Tsuji of the Gozenshu brewery provided an opportunity to taste some of its sake and to learn about the sake-making process. As with many events during the year, this was soon fully booked; early booking is always recommended!

This was certainly the case with the performances of Hello Maru-chan and Twin Stars, for which the Unicorn Theatre kindly offered members free tickets. The opportunity to see Japanese children's theatre proved very popular amongst families. The Oha! Japan Community Day at the theatre on Easter Saturday, on the other hand, was open to all, with volunteers from the Society organizing a number of activities for theatre-goers to try out.

Well over 2,000 people also attended the Giant Japanese Jamboree, an afternoon of activities organized by the Society for the Thames Festival in September. The impetus for this was a visit to London by Soho Nakano, who produces sumi-e ink paintings on a huge scale. Members of the contemporary lifestyle committee coordinated, at short notice, an event-filled afternoon with help from the Japan in Your Classroom volunteers and other Japan-related cultural organizations. With taiko, kendo, giant ikebana, origami, calligraphy, games, haiku, koto and much more, there was something for all the family.

Members of the Society have also willingly embraced the challenge of restoring the Heiwa-en Japanese garden in Hammersmith created for the 1910 Japan British Exhibition. Under the auspices of the Japan-British exhibition 100 working group, plans are well underway to complete the restoration in time for the centenary in 2010. Members helped with the preliminary clearing and tidying work, together with the Japanese Garden Society and Japanese Residents' Association.

Another highlight of the year was an informal pub supper attended by Ambassador Ebihara. After a short introductory speech in which he spoke of his own experience and the UK-Japan relationship in general, members had the opportunity to join the Ambassador in informal conversation.

Perhaps most colourful was the kimono fashion show, a joint event with the Japan Room. With explanations from Mineko Tanaka of Tondaya, Kyoto, it showcased both formal and informal costumes.



# Schools Education



The schools education programme has been developed out of a belief in the value to young people in the UK of growing up with an awareness and understanding of Japan and its culture. In addition to historical and business reasons for learning about a key international partner, there are more general benefits of broadening horizons and raising aspirations.

The national curriculum stresses the value of 'putting the world into world class education' and in providing opportunities across the curriculum for young people to experience a range of cultures, ideas, and historical contexts. Through its schools education programme, the Society supports teachers who may have limited experience of Japan themselves in providing these opportunities for their students.



The Society's education team provides advice and resources to schools engaged in teaching and learning activities relating to Japan. Loan resources are supplied to approximately 70 schools each year, with many others downloading free resources from the website.

In conjunction with the Embassy of Japan, we held in-service training days in Norwich and Newcastle for approximately 25 art and 10 primary teachers. The days provided introductions to teaching materials on Japan and ideas for incorporating these into the curriculum. Two large-scale conferences were organized in partnership with the British Council, Japan Foundation and Japanese Embassy in London and the British Council in Tokyo involving some 220 teachers in total.



200 Japan in Your Classroom volunteers, working in small groups, made visits to 95 schools in greater London, Brighton, Derby, Manchester and South Wales. These gave children the chance to meet with Japanese people and hear from them about culture and lifestyle, bringing a taste of Japan 'into the classroom'. Visits ranged in scale from a session with one class run by two volunteers to eight volunteers working across a whole year group. Approximately 8,500 children benefited from the JIYC scheme during the year. Training days for the volunteers developed their classroom skills and provided insights into the British education system.



Over 40 new school partnerships were set up during the year between British and Japanese schools. Where teachers need additional language support to liaise with their counterparts, we provide an email translation service to enable the link to progress smoothly. The bilingual Japan UK LIVE! website is used by students at over 50 schools to communicate with their partners and create simple web pages. At a conservative estimate, some 1,200 children were involved in links supported by the Society.



A review of school links evaluated the ongoing support we provide to these partnerships. It showed the importance of the Society's mediation, including advice and translation services, without which many teachers felt that the language barrier and differences in the education systems would have been difficult to overcome.



A new initiative for us was a day for 180 sixth form students. Through a mixture of lectures and practical workshops, participants were introduced to aspects of Japanese culture new to them. Students were also given information on opportunities for continuing with Japanese and Japanese studies at university.

# Small Grants

An annual sum of £30,000 is set aside for grants awarded in support of small scale projects and events related to Japan. Although the amounts we are able to give are relatively small, there are no deadlines and decisions are usually made within one month. The small grants scheme is therefore able to help projects which fall outside the scope of the larger grant-giving organizations.

The grants provide opportunities for people throughout the British Isles to participate in education and exchange relating to Japan. Applications are encouraged from those organizing grassroots projects and from schools and other educational establishments. Priority is given to projects where a relatively small injection of funds can make a real difference and which include an element of education and participation. In 2008, 51 grants were made averaging just under £590. Of these 39 were to schools or for projects involving schools.

The Society supported Japan Days and Weeks at many schools, universities and community groups from as far afield as Edinburgh to Wrexham, Cambridge and Plymouth. At one end of the scale were school based events for a class or year group, at the other were university-wide Japan Days. Year 4 children at Balfour Junior School in Brighton focused on Japan during their international week and Grove Junior School in Somerset ran a Year 6 cultural arts week, with many other schools organizing similar events to provide a cultural context for study of Japan or Japanese. Edinburgh University's Japan Day and the Matsuri at the School of Oriental and African Studies were on a larger scale, as were the Chaucer College Open Day and a cultural weekend at St Anne's Church, Leicester. What all these events had in common was an opportunity to see and try a range of Japan-related cultural activities from taiko to kendo, origami to calligraphy.

Grants also supported the UK end of several youth exchange projects, enabling Swavesey Village College to carry out ongoing school-based activities in connection with its Japanese link and County Upper School and one of its Japanese partners to investigate attitudes and preconceptions of 150 years ago. In contrast, students involved in Clifton Scientific Trust's Young Scientists' Workshop were put in mixed Japanese-British teams to find solutions to cutting edge science-based issues.

There was an arts theme to many of the projects supported. Perthshire Visual Arts Forum invited Japanese artists to work with schools in Scotland, while Dislocate 08, run by Crossed Coordinates, used art and new media as a stimulus for work with schools in Nottingham and Kanagawa. Takumasa Ono's annual Henro exhibition at National Trust properties again gave many the opportunity to participate in sumi-e workshops, while the London Half Japanese (Ha-fu) exhibition had a number of special events for families, children and young people. The Society also supported a talk on Japanese garden design at the Japan Society Southern Counties and the Japan Room's kimono show.

Two projects offered schools different theatrical experiences: 6th form students at William Morris School in Hammersmith participated in butoh workshops with Yuko Kawamoto, organized by the Theatre Training Initiative; while East Ayrshire Council invited the Mari Mari Theatre Company to run drama workshops on traditional themes.



# Other Activities



Japan Society Awards for 2008 were presented at the annual dinner (held in January 2009) to Professor Lesley Millar and Mrs Momoko Williams. Lesley Millar has promoted exchange between Japanese and British textile artists both through exhibitions she has curated and in consistent efforts to create effective international networks. Through her wide ranging community activities, Momoko Williams has worked not only to promote Japan UK links, but also to enhance the welfare of Japanese residents in the UK. Nominations for Japan Society Awards, which are made to people who have not previously been officially recognised, may be made at any time and are considered at the annual meeting of the awards committee.



There were a number of opportunities during the year for members to meet and socialise. On two occasions we were bidding farewell to departing Ambassadors: to Ambassador and Mrs Nogami on their return to Japan after three years in London and to David and Pamela Warren, just before David took up his post as Ambassador in Tokyo. Ambassador Nogami, as President of the Society, had been a staunch supporter and David had served on the Council since 2006; we were glad to have the opportunity to thank them for their advice and assistance over the years and wish them well for the future. We were also delighted to welcome Ambassador Shin Ebihara at the Annual General Meeting in June, soon after his arrival in the UK.



In October, Ambassador Ebihara captained the Japan Society team as it succeeded in holding the Collar Cup in the annual golf match against the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry. This, and the annual tournament earlier in the year, are highlights for all the Society's golf lovers.



The Society has also continued to further its aim of promoting the study of Britain and its culture, with a series of events designed to attract Japanese members and to make them more aware of the workings of this country. These events also proved popular with non-Japanese members, who welcomed the chance to learn about little known aspects of British society. Visits were arranged to a point-to-point meeting, to the Draper's Hall, to the Major General's Review (Trooping the Colour), to Moleshill House and Vale End gardens, to the Chelsea Flower Show and to St Paul's Cathedral.



Over the year, we have reviewed the way in which the Society communicates with its members. The regular printed events programme and email advertising to members is proving effective in creating awareness of activities and ensuring good attendance at events. The majority of events are now advertised in both English and Japanese. We have seen increased participation by a good cross-section of staff within some member companies and a priority is now to replicate the successful dissemination of information, beyond the initial point of contact, to all staff in others. The Japan Society Review is widely read, both in hard copy and online.



In the coming year, a priority is to complete the merger of the Japan Society and former Japan 21 websites, to provide a seamless interface which will give access to all aspects of the programme. Efforts are still needed to increase awareness of the Society and to encourage anyone with an interest in Japan to join and to participate.

# Financial Statement

## for the year ended 31 December 2008

	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2008 £	Total 2007 £
<b>Incoming resources</b>					
Subscriptions and donations	207,010	-	139,225	346,235	211,582
Investment income	2,578	-	7,942	10,520	3,659
	209,588	-	147,167	356,755	215,241
Activities in furtherance of the charity's objects	38,784	-	9,816	48,600	55,988
Other incoming resources	817	-	-	817	1,947
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>249,189</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>156,983</b>	<b>406,172</b>	<b>273,176</b>
<b>Resources expended</b>					
<b>Costs of generating funds</b>					
Fundraising and publicity	6,733	-	7,994	14,727	6,651
<b>Net incoming resources available</b>	<b>242,456</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>148,989</b>	<b>391,445</b>	<b>266,525</b>
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Events	49,141	-	2,020	51,161	41,306
Schools education	-	-	34,814	34,814	5,533
Office and establishment expenses	119,651	-	120,778	240,429	205,671
Small grants	-	-	27,298	27,298	-
<b>Total charitable expenditure</b>	<b>168,792</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>184,910</b>	<b>353,702</b>	<b>252,510</b>
Governance costs	5,679	-	4,185	9,864	9,026
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<b>181,204</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>197,089</b>	<b>378,293</b>	<b>268,187</b>
Gross transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	167,996
<b>Net income/(expenditure) for the year / Net movement in funds</b>	<b>67,985</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(40,106)</b>	<b>27,879</b>	<b>172,985</b>
Fund balances at 1 January 2008	86,523	481,735	164,284	732,542	559,557
<b>Fund balances at 31 Dec 2008</b>	<b>154,508</b>	<b>481,735</b>	<b>124,178</b>	<b>760,421</b>	<b>732,542</b>

For further information, please see the full annual accounts, the auditor's report on these accounts and the full Chairman's statement and Trustees' report. These can be obtained from the Society's website or in hard copy from the office on request.

# Membership 2008

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## Membership Overview 2008

	January	December
Corporate Donors & Sponsors	11	44
Large Corporate	50	39
Medium Corporate	35	27
Small Corporate	115	104
<b>TOTAL (CORPORATE)</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>214</b>

Individual Donors	21	22
Awards	25	29
Bulletin	34	33
Honorary	24	23
Life	91	89
Full	464	447
Student	106	164
JETs	61	63
<b>TOTAL (INDIVIDUAL)</b>	<b>826</b>	<b>870</b>

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