



THE
JAPAN
SOCIETY



Events 2012

2012 Programme of events

Annual & Special Events

6 Feb	Lecture by the British Ambassador in Tokyo, Sir David Warren at Nomura International PLC
12 Jun	Annual General Meeting of the Japan Society at the Embassy of Japan
27 Jul to 11 Aug	2012 Japan House: Olympic Games TV Screening
1 Oct	Japan Society Annual Dinner at the Hotel Russell, supported by JTI
6 Oct	Japan Matsuri 2012 at Trafalgar Square, with JCCI, Japan Association and the Nippon Club
3 Nov	Collar Cup Golf Tournament against JCCI, at Old Thorns Golf Club, supported by BDO LLP
20 Nov	Special reception at St James's Palace for donors and volunteers
19 Dec	Japan Society Christmas Party, supported by the Japan Centre

Arts & Culture

9 Feb	The Bee - Hideki Noda at the Soho Theatre
11 Feb	I Just Didn't Do It - Lunch and film screening with Director Masayuki Suo at the ICA
22 Mar	Kitsch Kōgei: A Private View at the ICN Gallery
24 Mar	Catch the blossom – A Haiku Workshop with Sho Otaka at the Triangle Space, Chelsea College of Art and Design
26 Mar	BADA Antiques and Fine Art Fair in Duke of York Square, visit and special talk
11 May	Private view and curator talk – Yayoi Kusama at Tate Modern
22 May	Coriolanus - Chiten Theatre Company at the Globe Theatre (Globe to Globe Festival)
1 Jun	Cymbeline - Ninagawa Company at the Barbican Theatre
13 Jul	re:new Tohoku: a Tradition of Perfection Brought to Life for You - Private View at Asia House
1 Nov	Japanese Culture in Practice: An evening of calligraphy at the Nippon Club with Yoko Takenami
18 Dec	Mariko Mori: breakfast and private view

Business

Lunchtime Lectures *Venue JETRO unless otherwise stated.*

9 Feb	Climate Change: The 17th Conference of the Parties (COP17) and Japan's Perspective: Jun Arima and Pitta Clark
28 May	An Update on Tourism Recovery in Japan: Ryoichi Matsuyama, President of JNTO
12 Jun	UK-Japan Trade – An Update: Sue Kinoshita, British Embassy in Tokyo
10 Sep	Global Warming and Energy Challenges for Japan and the UK
5 Dec	Corporate Governance - One-size fits all? In association with the British Japanese Law Association, at FTI Consulting

Joint Lunches with JCCI - Guests of Honour

At The National Liberal Club unless otherwise stated.

15 Feb	Prospects for the Coalition – Philip Stephens, Financial Times
26 Apr	From West to East: Testing the 'Re-balance' – Robin Niblett, Chatham House
12 Jul	Recent Developments in Corporate Japan – Glen S Fukushima, Former President & CEO, Airbus Japan
15 Oct	His Excellency The Japanese Ambassador
3 Dec	The Monarchy and its relevance in modern day Britain – The Right Hon. Lord Janvrin

Other

28 Feb	Paul Smith in Conversation at S. J. Berwin LLP
24 Oct	Table for Two & Corporate Social Responsibility at Simmons & Simmons LLP

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

27 Mar	Two decades on the board of a Japanese Public Company - Miranda Curtis at PricewaterhouseCoopers
5 Jul	Business, Government and the Arts - Lord Hall at KPMG
18 Sep	The new Lord Mayor's agenda - Roger Gifford at HSBC
9 Nov	Can Japan globalise? The end of the community firm - Dr George Olcott at BlackRock

Lectures

Japan Society Lectures - *At the Oriental Club unless otherwise stated.*

16 Jan	Collecting Japanese Ceramics for the British Museum in the later 19th Century, Nicole Rousmaniere
21 Feb	The Crucible of Self: A Critical Analysis of War Diaries by Japanese Soldiers, 1937-1945, Aaron Moore
19 Mar	Gender, Power and the Erotic Body in the Tale of Genji, Rajyashree Pandey
16 Apr	Lt. Nobu Shirase and the 1910 – 12 Japanese Antarctic Expedition, Hilary Shibata
26 Apr	Zen: Its Practice and Philosophy for Everyday Life, Reverend Sokun Tsushimoto
21 May	Photography and Japan's 1960 Anpo Crisis, Julia Adeney Thomas
18 Jun	The New Japan and the Last Samurai, Lesley Downer
16 & 19 Jul	Carmen Blacker Lecture – Paragons of Culture: The Soft Power of the Japanese Emperors, Professor Ben-Ami Shillony, with Sainsbury Institute for the Study of Japanese Arts and Culture (19 Jul in Norwich)
15 Aug	Children's Lost Landscapes, Helen Woolley
17 Sep	Tengu and the Warrior Traditions, Roald Knutsen
15 Oct	Images of Japan 1885-1912: Scenes, Tales and Flowers – Sir Hugh Cortazzi
19 Nov	Nurturing the children of tomorrow – a new Japanese pre-school education system, Shizuka Suzuki
17 Dec	Museums in Japan: From Artists' Houses to National Treasures, Sophie Richard

With the Daiwa Anglo - Japanese Foundation

5 Oct	SLURP A Social and Culinary History of Ramen, Barak Kushner at Daiwa Foundation Japan House
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With Japan Room

29 Nov	Discussion: British and Japanese Esoterica, Pauline Chakmakjian at the Freemasons' Hall
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Lifestyle

7 Feb	Queer as Queen at the Pipeline Bar
22 Feb	Koshu Wine Masterclass at the Imagination Gallery
24 to 26 Feb	Japan Society at Hyper Japan
24 Apr	Japanese Whisky Tasting at Tsuru Bishopsgate
22 May	Meet the Chiten Theatre Company – Globe to Globe Post-Performance Reception at Tsuru Bankside
2 Jun	Trooping the Colour, Special seats for members at the Major General's Review at the Horse Guards Parade
19 Jul	Japan Society Golf Tournament at the Donnington Grove Country Club
30 Aug	Japan Society Exclusive Tour at Fortnum & Mason
5 Sep	Blossoms and Shadows – an evening with author Lian Hearn at the Mayfair Library
18 Sep	Natural and Biodynamic Wine Tasting at Tsuru Bishopsgate
24 Oct	Japan Society Special Visit to Kew Gardens

Book Club

Held on the second Monday of each month

9 Jan	IQ84 Volumes 2 and 3 by Haruki Murakami
13 Feb	The Temple of the Golden Pavilion by Yukio Mishima
12 Mar	People Who Eat Darkness by Richard Lloyd Parry
2 Apr	A Pale View of Hills by Kazuo Ishiguro
14 May	I Am A Cat by Soseki Natsume
11 Jun	Inspector Imanishi Investigates by Seichō Matsumoto
9 Jul	Samurai William by Giles Milton
13 Aug	The Railway Man by Eric Lomax

10 Sep	The Silent Cry by Kenzaburō Ōe
8 Oct	Kinshu: Autumn Brocade by Teru Miyamoto
12 Nov	Kwaidan by Lafcadio Hearn
17 Dec	Wonderful Fool by Shusaku Endo

Japanese Conversation Group - held on the first Tuesday of every month at The Old Explorer

14 Apr Japanese Conversation Group Hanami Picnic at the Kensington Gardens

Earthquake-Related Events

As at 14 November 2012 the Japan Society Tohoku Earthquake Relief Fund (Rose Fund) has raised £725,000 from 1661 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 organise and participate in events to aid awareness and recovery in Tohoku.

10 to 20 March	KABUKI, a Photographic Exhibition by Frederic Aranda
14 March	Pray for Japan film screening - BAFTA European Premiere of Ishinomaki documentary
7 June	Takeshi Nagasaki – Rebuilding the Roots: A Garden Recovery Project in Tohoku
3 Dec	Strong in the Rain: Surviving Japan's Earthquake, Tsunami and Fukushima Nuclear Disaster With author David McNeill

Schools Education

Language Classes

At Toray Industries, Inc.

8 Feb	Japanese Language Classes (Pre – Intermediate Level) at Toray Industries
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Schools

All Year	Japan in Your Classroom school visits. During 2012, 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. Loan 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, accessed via the Japan Society website and also available on CD
2 - 6 Jan	Pupils and teachers from Seka Elementary School (Hyogo) visit Chopwell Primary School (Tyne and Wear), including homestays and a performance at the Metro Centre, Gateshead
14 Mar	Takamatsu Daiichi Senior High School (Kagawa) visits Bury St. Edmunds County Upper School for a school exchange
23 Mar	Haiku workshop at St. Cedd's Primary School, Essex with Haiku poet Sho Otaka
29 Mar	Discover Japan – a free one-day course for teachers at Loughborough Town Hall
31 Mar	12th World Children's Haiku Contest - 641 entries from 37 schools across the UK
14 Apr	Japan One Year On - Dr Peter Matanle at the Geographical Association Annual Conference in Manchester
26 Jun	Japan Society staff participate in the Havering ICT Network meeting in Essex as part of the JIYC and School linking programmes
1 Jul	School Linking Seminar at Osaka Kyoiku University
28 Sep	Discover Japan – a free one-day course for teachers at Edinburgh Training Venue
5 Oct	Radio Taiso presenters' workshop at Scargill Primary School
9 Nov	Sixth Form Japan Day: a global perspective, a door to new opportunities at SOAS, Vernon Sq
13 Nov	New school partnership established with a visit from staff at Kobe University Fuzoku Junior High School to Cirencester Deer Park School

Small Grants

All Year During 2012, £24, 596 worth of funds were awarded to 40 grass roots level projects throughout the UK, introducing Japan and its culture to a wider audience