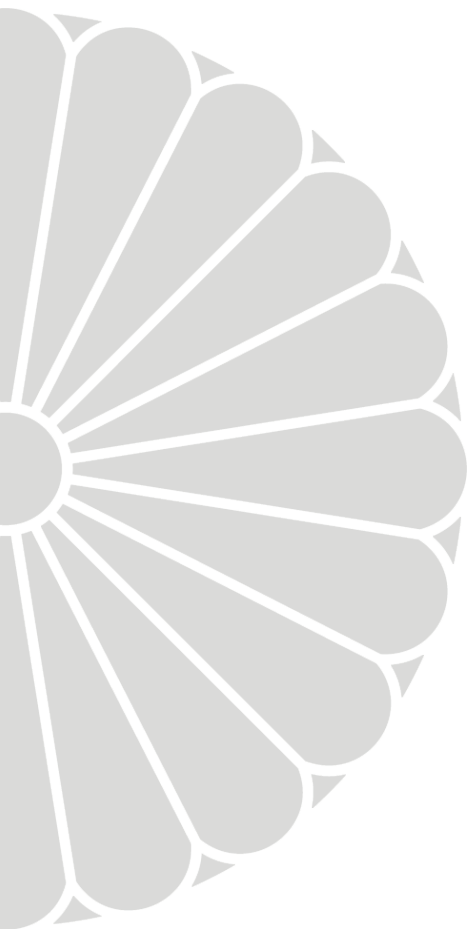




THE
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Events 2024

State Visit

- 24 Jun Reception with the Japanese Community & Friends of Japan, in the presence of HM the Emperor of Japan, co-organised with Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry in the UK, Japan Association in the UK, Nippon Club, and The Japanese Women's Association in Great Britain



Annual & Special Events

- 25 Jan The Japan Society Annual Dinner 2023, with Togo Igawa, at *One Great George Street*
11 Mar Lecture by Julia Longbottom CMG, British Ambassador to Japan, at *Nomura International*
29 Jun The Japan Society Golf Tournament 2024, at *Pine Ridge Golf Club*
11 Sep The Japan Society Annual General Meeting 2024
24 Sep The Inaugural Sir Hugh Cortazzi Lecture, with Mami Mizutori, at *the Locarno Suite, FCDO*
6 Oct Japan Matsuri 2024
13 Oct Collar Cup Golf Match 2023, at *Brocket Hall*
11 Nov The Japan Society Annual Dinner 2024, at *The Honourable Society of the Inner Temple*
7 Dec The Japan Society Christmas Party, at *the Embassy of Japan*

Arts & Culture Events

- 6 Jan New Year's Calligraphy Workshop, with calligrapher Yoko Takenami
30 Jan Daido Moriyama – Special Private View, with curator Clare Grafik, at *The Photographers' Gallery*
17 Feb Woodblock Printing Workshop, with artist Hiroko Imada
25 Apr Un/Masked: Gallery Talk with Naoto Yoshida, at *the Aperture Gallery*
3 May Yoi Kawakubo and Nao Matsunaga: Time Capsule – Artists' Talk, at *Yamamoto Keiko Roachix*
8 May Craft in Crisis: Wajima Lacquerware and the Impact of the Noto Peninsula Earthquake, with curator Masami Yamada (*online lecture*)
9 May OKASHI – Special Private View, with founder and owner Michael Hoppen, at *Michael Hoppen Gallery*
1 & 3 Jun Woodblock Printing Workshop, with artist Hiroko Imada
6 Jul Calligraphy Workshop: Summer Greetings
13 Jul Private Tour – Edo Pop: Japanese Prints 1825-1895, with curator Laura MacCulloch and artist Hiroko Imada, at *Watts Gallery - Artists' Village*
16-17 Jul Private Tour – Japanese Woodblock Prints, at *Sotheby's London*
10 Aug Sashiko workshop, with Studio Masachuka and Uniqlo UK, at *Re.Uniqlo Studio*
15 Aug Private Tour – Art Without Heroes: Mingei, with curator Róisín Inglesby, at *the William Morris Gallery*

- 20 Aug CJAL 10th Anniversary Lecture – New Light on Nikkō: The Cult of Ieyasu in International Context, with Prof Timon Screech, organised by Circle of Japanese Art London, co-hosted with Japan Research Centre SOAS.
- 28 Aug Special Gallery Tour – Yoshida: Three Generations of Japanese Printmaking, with curator Monika Hinkel, at Dulwich Picture Gallery
- 8 Nov 400 Year Tradition of Takaoka Lacquerware in Toyama, with artist Takeshi Musashigawa
- 9-10 Nov Woodblock Printing Workshop, with artist Hiroko Imada

Business Events

Webinar Series *(chaired by the Chair of The Japan Society Bill Emmott)*

- 16 Jan Japan Macro Salon with Jesper and Bill - with Keiko Iizuka
- 5 Feb In Space We Are All Equal: In Conversation with Naoko Yamazaki
- 15 Apr Japan Macro Salon with Jesper and Bill - with Yoko Iwama
- 11 Jun The Contest for Japan's Economic Future: in Conversation with Richard Katz
- 8 Jul Japan Macro Salon with Jesper and Bill - with Mitsunobu Koshiba
- 7 Oct Japan Macro Salon with Jesper and Bill - with Tobias Harris

In Partnership with Other Organisations

- 2 May Women in Work: Why Does Japan Lag Behind?, with Kayo Ito, Daisuke Tsuchiya and Helen Macnaughtan, moderated by Emiko Terazono, at *Nomura International*
- 6 Jun Exploring Japan: A Diplomatic Journey with Ambassador Paul Madden - co-organised with Daiwa Anglo-Japanese Foundation
- 14 Oct JCCI Joint Lunch with Lord Mandelson - in association with the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry in the UK
- 13 Nov IEEJ Outlook 2025 - How to Address the Uncertainties Surrounding the Energy Transition - in association with JETRO
- 18 Nov The Story of Softbank CEO Masayoshi Son: Lionel Barber in Conversation with Bill Emmott - in association with Baker McKenzie UK Japan Connect

Chair's Lunch *(private, off the record online meetings with an informal talk by the guest of honour)*

- 26 Mar Hajime Takata, member of the Bank of Japan's Monetary Policy Board, at *Oriental Club*

Today in Japan

The Japan Society Lecture Series *(held in person on the third Monday of each month at the Swedenborg Society)*

- 15 Jan Switching Tracks from the Golden Route: Trends, Strategies & Challenges for Inbound Tourism in Japan, with Christopher J. Hayes
- 19 Feb First Contact: The Earliest Scots in Japan (1613-1623), with Ian Gow
- 25 Mar Katazome Dyeing Artists and the Mingei Movement in Post-war Japan, with Rosanna Rios Perez
- 15 Apr Women's Liberation Movement, Disability Activism and Reproductive Justice in Japan (1970-1996), with Anna Vittinghoff
- 20 May Nostalgia, Soft Power, Intersectionality and the Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Programme, with Sharleen Estampador
- 17 Jun A Comparison on Gender Representation in Higher Education and Economics in Japan and the UK, with Liliana Harding
- 15 Jul Karuwaza, a Risky Business: Japanese Acrobats in Victorian Britain, with Pernille Rudlin
- 18 Aug The Importance of Being an Anesan: Women in the Yakuza, with Martina Baradel
- 9 Sep Creating the Mingei Film Archive Project: Craft, History and Preservation, with Marty Gross
- 21 Oct Court Ladies, Women Warriors and Courtesans. A Hidden History of Japan, with Lesley Downer
- 25 Nov The LGBT Boom: Queerness in the Japanese Media since 2010, with Callum Sarracino
- 16 Dec An Unsettled Future: Life after Prison in Japan's Ageing Society, with Jason Danelly

Japanese Conversation Group (held on the first Tuesday of every month at the Shakespeare's Head and The Red Lion)

The Japanese Conversation Group provides a friendly and informal atmosphere for Japanese speakers of all nationalities to come together and speak Japanese.

The Japan Society Book Club (held alternating online and in-person on the second Monday of each month)

8 Jan	<i>Before the Coffee Gets Cold</i> by Toshikazu Kawaguchi	8 Jul	<i>The Restaurant of Love Regained</i> by Ito Ogawa
12 Feb	<i>Early Light</i> by Osamu Dazai	12 Aug	<i>The Rainbow</i> by Yasunari Kawabata
13 Mar	<i>The Premonition</i> by Banana Yoshimoto	10 Sep	<i>Solo Dance</i> by Li Kotomi
8 Apr	<i>Honeybees and Distant Thunder</i> by Riku Onda	14 Oct	<i>Places</i> by Jakucho Setouchi
13 May	<i>Days at the Morisaki Bookshop</i> by Satoshi Yagisawa	12 Nov	<i>Tokyo Express</i> by Seicho Matsumoto
10 Jun	<i>What You are Looking for is in the Library</i> by Michiko Aoyama	9 Dec	<i>Inheritance from Mother</i> by Minae Mizumura

The Japan Society Film Club (held online on the first Wednesday of each month)

3 Jan	<i>Our Little Sister</i> directed by Hirokazu Koreeda	3 Jul	<i>Kamikaze Girls</i> directed by Tetsuya Nakashima
9 Feb	Special Film Club: Tea & Screening with Director Tetsu Maeda in partnership with Japan Foundation	8 Aug	<i>Black Rain</i> directed by Shohei Imamura
6 Mar	<i>The Boy And The Heron</i> directed by Hayao Miyazaki	4 Sep	<i>Funeral Parade of Roses</i> directed by Toshio Matsumoto
3 Apr	<i>Forever a Woman</i> directed by Kinuyo Tanaka	2 Oct	<i>Plan 75</i> directed by Chie Hayakawa
1 May	<i>Evil Does Not Exist</i> directed by Ryusuke Hamaguchi	5 Nov	<i>A Fugitive from the Past</i> directed by Tomu Uchida
5 Jun	<i>The Flavor of Green Tea over Rice</i> by Yasujiro Ozu	4 Dec	Godzilla Anniversary Special

Education

All Year

Japan in Your Classroom School Visits: In 2024, The Japan Society facilitated volunteer visits to primary and secondary schools across the UK to introduce aspects of Japanese life and culture and share Japan-related knowledge and skills. Notably, almost 44% of participating schools were new to the scheme. Through these visits, 1,710 students learnt about Japan.

Loan Resources: Our free loan scheme, which provides cultural items and artefacts to schools, reached 33 schools and organisations across the UK in 2024. These resources supported teaching and learning about Japan both in classrooms and local communities, reaching approximately 3,680 students.

Downloadable Resources for Teachers: Our free Japan-related online resources and activities, designed to support teaching and learning, were downloaded 1,725 times on TES (Times Education Supplement), reaching an estimated 51,750 students. This is in addition to downloads from The Japan Society website.

New Resource Development: In 2024, the Education Team created six new downloadable resources. The team continued collaborating with professionals and teachers to develop new Japan-related video and digital teaching materials for educators.

Outreach Highlights

January – April

Launched a limited pilot *Subsidised Expert School Visit* scheme to support visits to schools in new and rural regions of the UK where we currently have no volunteers.

Contributed to *Express Yourself 2024*, a North-East Festival of Languages and Culture, by providing online and downloadable Japan-related content.

Hosted *The Japan Society Spring MiniFest*, a free Japanese cultural event for families and young people.

Concluded activities for the *Japan Youth Collective* pilot programme—an initiative involving 16 young people from across Greater London with a passion for Japan. The programme culminated in a youth-led event at Japan House London to promote Japanese culture.

Delivered *soroban workshops* at Reading University with Tomoko Hoult for trainee primary school teachers.

May – August

Announced winners of the *18th JAL Haiku Contest*, themed Family, which saw an increase in entries from both schools and individual participants.

Supported *UK Ekiden* in developing educational materials for their inaugural race and released the *Ekiden Activity Pack* for use in schools and at home.

Launched the *UK-Japan Costume Design Contest* and released the new *Imperial Family Activity Pack* to mark the State Visit by Their Majesties The Emperor and Empress of Japan.

Attended the official reception for HM The Emperor of Japan, where members of the *Japan Youth Collective* had the opportunity to meet and speak with him.

Announced winners of the *UK-Japan Costume Design Contest*, which received nearly 200 entries from children across the UK, from Northern Ireland to the South of England.

Collaborated with St John's Wood Library to offer free cultural activities to local children and families for the *Tanabata* festival.

September – December

Collaborated with Marylebone Library and Hornsey Library to offer free cultural activities to schools and children in celebration of *East and South East Asian Heritage Month*.

Hosted our annual *Sixth Form Japan Day* event at Birkbeck, University of London, attended by representatives from 15 universities and organisations, along with over 100 students and teachers.

Partnered with Japan House London to deliver workshops at a school in North Kensington, featuring festival musicians from Otsu, Shiga Prefecture.

Relaunched the *Subsidised Expert School Visit* scheme to continue expanding our reach into new and rural areas of the UK.

