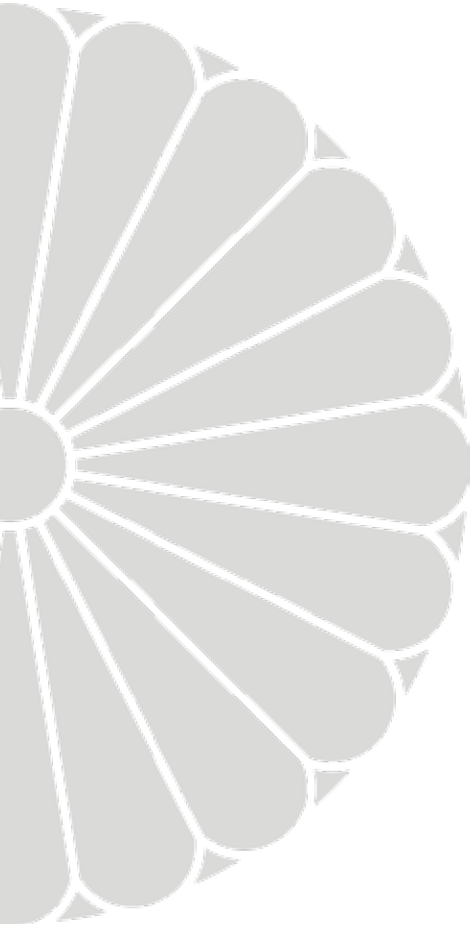




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Events 2013

## Annual & Special Events

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- 10 Jan Looking back on Japan – Sir David Warren, Former Ambassador to Japan (2008 - 2012)
- 18 Feb Book Launch – *Britain & Japan: Biographical Portraits Volume VIII*, Sir Hugh Cortazzi
- 27 Jun Annual General Meeting of the Japan Society at the Embassy of Japan
- 4 Nov Japan Society Annual Dinner at One Great George Street, supported by JTI
- 5 Oct Japan Matsuri 2013 at Trafalgar Square, with JCCI, Japan Association and the Nippon Club
- 5 Dec Japan Society Christmas Party at the Embassy of Japan, supported by the Japan Centre

## Arts & Culture

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- 12 Jan *Threads of Silk and Gold* – Japan Society Tour with Curator Clare Pollard, The Ashmolean Museum
- 28 Jan Special Guest Lecture: Yuichiro Kanai, Set Designer for ANJIN
- 3 Feb *Zero Focus* film screening and reception with director Isshin Inudo
- 17 Mar Visit, Tea and Special Talk at the BADA Antiques and Fine Art Fair
- 23 Mar Curator-led tour of the Fan Museum Archives
- 18 Apr Japanese Fiction in Translation: Michael Emmerich and Stephen Dodd in conversation
- 15 May East Asian Friendship Event 2013: Gala Opera Evening at St Giles' Church
- 11 Jun Britain & Japan – 400 Years: A Voyage Through Words and Music, Japan400 event with the Japan Society
- 14 Sep Private brunch and artist's talk with Miyako Ishiuchi at Michael Hoppen gallery
- 1 Oct Private view of *Creation: An Exhibition of Japanese Armour 'Miyako Yoroi'*
- 15 Oct Artists and their World: The view from contemporary Japan — a discussion with members of the Dandans collective

## Business

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### Lunchtime Lectures *At JETRO*

- 5 Jun A pre-G8 overview – Dr Gerard Lyons, Economic Advisor to the Mayor of London
- 11 Jun The Road to Recovery – Lori Henderson, Executive Director, British Chamber of Commerce in Japan
- 2 Oct Current Developments in North Korea – Aidan Foster-Carter, Honorary Senior Research Fellow at Leeds University
- 21 Nov A Japanese View on World Energy Future: The Impact of the Shale Revolution - Dr Ken Koyama, Managing Director of the Institute of Energy Economics, Japan

### Joint Lunches with JCCI - Guests of Honour

*At the National Liberal Club unless otherwise stated.*

- 22 Feb UK-Japan Nuclear Cooperation – Sir John Beddington, Government Chief Scientific Adviser
- 2 May Special lunch to coincide with the UK-Japan 21st Century Group's 30th Annual Meeting, supported by Nikko AM (at the Cavalry and Guards Club)
- 30 Jul Can the UK remain part of the EU? – Charles Grant, Centre for European Reform
- 16 Dec Why the UK's relationship with Japan matters – Sir Simon Fraser, Permanent Under-Secretary of the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office

### Other

- 5 Feb 2013 Japanese Securities Summit with the Japanese Securities Dealers Association
- 24 Oct The Potential of the Japanese Pharmaceutical and Healthcare Market with UKTI & JETRO
- 12 Nov Charles Beazley, President of Nikko AM, at the House of Commons

### Chairman's Events - *Private, off the record meetings with an informal talk by the guest of honour*

- 10 Jan Dinner with Sir David Warren, Former Ambassador to Japan (2008 - 2012)
- 9 May Working Breakfast - Lord Mayor of London, Alderman Roger Gifford at The Mansion House
- 9 Jul The UK-Japan Relationship - The Rt Hon Hugo Swire at PricewaterhouseCoopers
- 10 Sept UK-EU relations - The Rt Hon David Lidington at Nomura International plc
- 22 Oct Overview of the NHS and global pharmaceuticals - The Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt at SJ Berwin

# Lectures

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## Japan Society Lectures

*At the Swedenborg Society.*

21 Jan	Curating Mariko Mori's 'Rebirth', Kathleen Soriano
20 Feb	Into the Mountain Greenery: Early Western climbers in the Japanese Alps, Hamish Ion
18 Mar	Sir Alfred East (1844-1913): A Centenary Talk, Paul Johnson
15 Apr	The Tokaido Road, Nigel Caple
22 May	Jomon Revelations: What the prehistoric Japanese did for us, Simon Kaner
17 Jun	400 years ago: The English mission to Japan and its legacy, Timon Screech
15 & 18 Jul	Carmen Blacker Lecture 2013 – A Glimpse of the Modestly Literate Picnic Lovers of Old Japan, Toshio Yokoyama (18 July at SISJAC, Norwich)
19 Aug	Kimigayo to Japanoise: 160 years of Japan-UK relations in popular music, Akira Imamura
16 Sep	The youth of things: an exploration of 1920s Japanese culture through the literature of Kajii Motojiro, Stephen Dodd
21 Oct	Ginkgo: An Evolutionary and Cultural Biography, Peter Crane
18 Nov	Love Statues, Shell Fish and Communist Treachery: Japan's early postwar responses to the War Crimes Issue, Barak Kushner
16 Dec	Japan's Family Planning for the Global War on Population, Aya Homei

## With the Japan Foundation

10 Oct A Short Introduction to R. H. Blyth, Kuniyoshi Ueda

## With Japan Room

29 Oct The Medieval Fan Game -Tosenkyo

# Lifestyle

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24 Apr	Special Tour of the Bonsai Collection – Kew Gardens
30 Apr	Japan Society Pub Quiz at the Prince of Wales
16 May	The Power of the Vegetable – A cooking demonstration with Toshio Tanahashi
1 Jun	Trooping the Colour – Special seats at the Major General's Review on Horse Guards Parade
12 Jun	The Japan Society Golf Tournament 2013, supported by BDO LLP
4 Jul	<i>Strains of Odyssey</i> (天心の譜) – Oguri Ken'ichi: Special Talk & Film Screening
26 Jul	Japanese Whisky Tasting at Tsuru
9 Aug	Dinner Party Sushi – Special Class at Sozai Cooking School
15 Sep	Two Cultures United by Tea, Japan400 event with the Japan Society
21 Sept	Collar Cup Golf Tournament against JCCI, at Buckinghamshire Golf Club, supported by BDO LLP
29 Sep	Japan Society Family Day at the Golden Hinde with the Embassy of Japan

Japanese Conversation Group - held on the first Tuesday of every month at The Old Explorer. An opportunity for Japanese speakers of all nationalities to come together and speak Japanese.

Book Club (Held on the second Monday of each month)

7 Jan	<i>Back Roads to Far Towns</i> by Matsuo Basho
11 Feb	<i>The Box Man</i> by Kobo Abe
11 Mar	<i>Some Prefer Nettles</i> by Jun'ichiro Tanizaki
8 Apr	<i>Rashomon and Seventeen Other Stories</i> by Ryunosuke Akutagawa
13 May	<i>Crackling Mountain and Other Stories</i> by Osamu Dazai
10 Jun	<i>The Briefcase</i> by Hiromi Kawakami

8 Jul	<i>The Sound of Waves</i> by Yukio Mishima
12 Aug	<i>Evening Clouds</i> by Junzo Shon
9 Sep	<i>One Hundred Poets</i> with translator Peter MacMillan
14 Oct	<i>Milky Way Railroad</i> by Kenji Miyazawa
11 Nov	<i>Masks</i> by Fumiko Enchi
9 Dec	<i>Tales from a Mountain Cave</i> by Inoue Hisashi with translator Angus Turvill

## Earthquake-Related Events

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As at 20 November 2013 the Japan Society Tohoku Earthquake Relief Fund (Rose Fund) has raised £755,000 from 1715 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. In 2013 these included:

6 March	Connecting the Last Mile: The Role of Communications in the Great East Japan Earthquake
14 March	Earthquake Charity Live: Revive Concert
16 April	Informal meeting & discussion with Ryo Ijichi, Director, On the Road
17 Nov	HOPE Charity Concert for the victims of the earthquake and tsunami in Japan

## Schools Education

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### Reaching over 7,000 school children annually

All Year	<p><i>Japan in Your Classroom</i> School visits. During 2013, 80 visits were made to schools throughout the UK including visits by Kimie Markarian who taught both students and teachers how to use soroban.</p> <p>School links. Establishing new partnerships and strengthening existing links through UK-Japan exchange trips. During 2013 Kobe University Fuzoku Junior High School brought 150 students to their new partner school, Cirencester Deer Park School, and Cropwell Bishop Primary School in Nottingham had another successful visit from their partner school, Komaki Elementary School in Nagano.</p> <p><i>Japan UK LIVE!</i> Encouraging exchange between young people in Japan and the UK. A bilingual website that removes the language barrier, allowing participants to concentrate on what they want to say, rather than what they know how to say.</p> <p>Loan Resources: Artefacts and materials for use in the classroom are on loan to schools throughout the year including; the Japan Activity Chest, calligraphy brushes and soroban.</p> <p><i>Ready Steady NihonGo!</i> A KS2 language resource for primary schools, accessed via the Japan Society website and also available on CD.</p>
8 March	<p><i>Japan Conference for Schools Day</i> with the Japan Foundation at the Embassy of Japan, London. An annual event, this year involved over fifty schools. The day encompassed a series of primary and secondary language and school linking workshops, along with a key note speech by Bernadette Holmes, from <i>Languages First</i> at the University of Cambridge, on the new National Curriculum.</p>
19 April	<p><i>Discover Japan</i> at Havering Learning and Development Centre: a free one day course for teachers looking at Japan in Secondary Art and in the Primary Classroom.</p>
8 Nov	<p><i>Sixth Form Japan Day at SOAS: a global perspective, a door to new opportunities</i>, giving sixth form students throughout the UK an opportunity to experience Japanese culture and learn more about Japanese university courses. The event was attended by representatives from both British and Japanese institutions; including Ritsumeikan, Tsukuba, Dōshisha, Cambridge and Leeds University.</p>

## Small Grants

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During 2013, £16,890 worth of funds were awarded to thirty grass roots level projects throughout the UK, introducing Japan, its language and culture to a wide audience including schools and universities students. The Japan Society Grants Committee continued to support education projects, which this year included; school linking activities to commemorate the 15th Anniversary of the Derbyshire and Toyota City twinning agreement, the establishment of Japanese language teaching at Great Malvern Primary School in Worcestershire, and a Japan Day at Slater Primary School in Leicestershire, involving workshops on soroban and on haiku by British haiku poet Paul Conneally.