

# THE JAPAN SOCIETY

2022

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

Update 13 September 2022

Please note that the venue of the AGM has been changed to:

Daiwa Foundation Japan House  
13/14 Cornwall Terrace (Outer Circle)  
London NW1 4QP

For all references to Embassy of Japan, read Daiwa Foundation Japan House

Notice of the 2022 Annual General Meeting  
at the Embassy of Japan, London on Tuesday 20 September





THE JAPAN SOCIETY (THE "COMPANY")

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held on 20 September 2022 at 6.00pm at the Embassy of Japan, 101-104 Piccadilly, London W1J 7JT. The business of the meeting shall be to record thanks to Sponsors and Benefactors and to consider, and if thought fit, pass the following resolutions:

1. To receive and adopt the audited annual accounts of the Company for the financial year ended 31 December 2021 and the Trustees' Report.
2. To reappoint Richard Place Dobson as auditors and to authorise the Board to approve their remuneration as thought fit.
3. To elect or re-elect Ordinary Trustees of the Japan Society to fill certain vacancies arising.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD



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H C POTTER  
Chief Executive

Dated:

Registered office: 13/14 Cornwall Terrace, London NW1 4QP

**NOTES**

- 1 The full accounts may be seen on the Company's website ([www.japansociety.org.uk](http://www.japansociety.org.uk)) or may be requested in hard copy from the registered office.
- 2 A list of candidates for election or re-election to the vacancies as Ordinary Trustees, together with biographical details of the candidates, are also enclosed.
- 3 A member of the Company is entitled to appoint a proxy to exercise all or any of his or her rights to attend, speak and vote at the meeting. A form of proxy is enclosed with this notice. The proxy must be a member of the Company or, in the case of a corporate member, its authorised representative.
- 4 To be effective, the instrument appointing a proxy and any authority under which it is executed (or a certified copy of such authority) must be deposited (by post or email) not less than 24 hours before the time for holding the meeting. Completion and return of the form of proxy will not preclude members from attending and voting in person at the meeting. If you have appointed a proxy and attend the meeting in person, your proxy appointment will automatically be terminated.
- 5 To comply with security policy at the Embassy of Japan, members are asked to notify the Society in advance of their intention to attend the AGM. Please bring a copy of your booking confirmation, together with some form of photographic ID with you to the meeting. Without such ID admission may be refused.

## **Appendix**

### **Election of Trustees**

The Board of the Company currently consists of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairmen, two appointed Officers (Solicitor and Treasurer), two ex officio Trustees (one additional Vice-Chairman, the deputy head of mission at the Japanese Embassy, and one Ordinary Trustee, a member of the Japanese Embassy) and eleven Ordinary Trustees.

As set out in the Articles of Association, the total number of Trustees on the Board should be no more than twenty, and there should be no fewer than four Ordinary Trustees.

One-third of the Ordinary Trustees is required to retire by rotation each year. Those who have retired by rotation may stand for re-election but no one may serve for longer than six consecutive years as a member of the Board.

The Board has appointed a nominations committee currently comprising Bill Emmott (Chairman), Tim Harding, Martin Hatfull, Sue Hudson, and Heidi Potter (Chief Executive). This committee reviews the skills that are required on the Board from time to time and the succession policy; and it makes recommendations to the Board on possible future appointments.

This year it is expected that, as a result of the requirement to retire by rotation, there will be five vacancies for Ordinary Trustees which may be filled at the annual general meeting (the "AGM").

Five Ordinary Trustees, **Sue Hudson, Tadaharu Iizuka, Yuuichiro Nakajima, Neil Riley** and **Pernille Rudlin**, will retire by rotation and have indicated that they are willing to stand for re-election. The Board warmly recommends their re-appointment. Biographical details of all five Ordinary Trustee candidates are set out in this Appendix.

Overall, there are five candidates for election to fill a possible five Ordinary Trustee vacancies on the Board. Members are therefore asked at the AGM to cast their votes "For" or "Against" each candidate. Members may also select the "vote withheld" option if they do not wish to vote for or against any particular candidate, although a vote withheld in this way is not a "vote" by law and will not be counted in the calculation of the proportion of votes "For" and "Against" a candidate.

We are always looking for new people to be involved with the Japan Society in different capacities, including as committee members and as Trustees and are delighted that so many people are willing to volunteer their skills to the Society. We encourage members to let us know at any time during the year if they would like to be more involved. Suggestions of names of people to be considered for committees or for the Board should be made to any member of the nominations committee or indeed any member of the Board.

Members may vote, as normal, in person at the AGM on 20 September 2022 or by proxy. A proxy form is enclosed in this booklet for this purpose.

## Biographical Details of the Candidates for Ordinary Trustees 2019

### SUE HUDSON

Sue Hudson has spent all her adult life, both in her professional and private capacity, working for greater understanding and closer relations between Britain and Japan. In 2018 she was awarded the Japanese Foreign Minister's Commendation for her contribution to promoting stronger relations between Japan and the UK.

She moved to Japan after graduating from Sheffield University in History and taught English for almost four years in Mishima High School, Shizuoka Ken, on a Japanese Government programme. This was followed by a year in Miki Travel, London, a period working as a freelance Anglo-Japanese media coordinator before joining the London office of the Japanese media company, Fujisankei, where she currently works as Senior Director for Projects and Business Development.

Over the years at Fujisankei, Sue has worked on many hugely diverse projects; ranging from children's programming, such as Thomas the Tank Engine, to Formula One, to working with a leading Japanese cookery writer on creating Japanese cookery books in English, to the Praemium Imperiale Arts Awards, to promoting and filming Japanese musical talent in the UK – to mention but a few.

Sue has also been actively involved with the Anglo-Japanese community in a private capacity. On her return from teaching in Japan, she joined the Miura Anjinkai – a society created for the young people returning from Japan having been on the same Government programme and became its chairman. An interest in 'grass-roots' events led her, with other members of Anjinkai and the local Japanese community, to instigate the Natsu Matsuri that ran for a number of years from 1985 in London's Battersea Park. As chairman of Anjinkai, she also sat on the Japan Society Council and worked with the Society to try to attract more young members.

More recently, Sue was involved, as a member of the executive committee for Japan400 – established to mark and celebrate the arrival of the first British ship to Japan in 1613 and worked on the overall production of the major events during the year.

She is passionate about exploring ideas for projects that bring the two countries closer – whether it be through food, music, art, business or sport and greatly enjoys the challenge of finding stimulating ways of bringing people together.

### TADAHARU IIZUKA

Tadaharu Iizuka has been living in the UK since 1981. He made the decision to come to the UK after working for seven years as a sales representative with a foreign-owned pharmaceutical company.

Tadaharu was born in Niigata Prefecture and raised there until the age of 15. He attended high school in Kanagawa Prefecture and studied politics at Hosei University in Tokyo. After arriving in the UK in 1981, Tadaharu joined the Tazaki Group, working for 16 years across various business sectors, including the import of Japanese food, residential property and recruitment, and being appointed in turn as manager, general manager, and director. During his last three years with the Group he served as its Deputy Managing Director.

In 1998, Tadaharu took up the position of Managing Director for Centre People Appointments Ltd in London and has worked with the company to the present day. Centre People Appointments Ltd was a subsidiary company of Japan Centre until September 2017, before recently being taken over by Quick Co. in Japan.

Outside his work, Tadaharu has served as a committee member of the Japan Association in the UK and the Chairperson of Niigata Kenjin Kai.

He belongs to a Japanese Working Group which aims to establish a Japanese care home for Japanese elderly residents in the UK, as well as serving on the Sakura Cherry Tree Project committee.

Tadaharu enjoys playing golf and reading.

### YUUCHIRO NAKAJIMA

Yuuichiro Nakajima first came to the UK as a four-year old boy when his father was posted to his Japanese company's London office. Over the next four years Yuuichiro lived in London and the experience led him to return to the UK as a graduate student and then to work in the City; to date his working life has been spent almost equally between London and Tokyo.

Having studied economics at Keio University, Yuuichiro started his career with the Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund in Tokyo. In 1985, he enrolled in the MBA course at the London Business School as a British Council scholar and in 1987 joined S.G. Warburg's corporate finance department in London. After 16 years of working for City firms, in

2003 Yuuichiro established his own advisory boutique Crimson Phoenix in Tokyo to advise corporate clients on cross-border M&A (mergers, acquisitions, joint ventures, partnerships, etc.) and corporate finance transactions involving Japanese companies. Crimson Phoenix opened its London office in 2012 where Yuuichiro is now based.

Yuuichiro was an active member of the Japan-British Society when he lived in Tokyo, serving as a board member and chairing its Younger Members' Group and later Centenary Awards Committee. He joined the Japan Society in 1985 and was soon thereafter elected to its Council, later serving on the Centenary Review Committee, which sought to modernise the Society's constitution, and the Awards Committee.

Yuuichiro is non-executive chairman of Japan H.L. Limited, which operates Japan House London. He was formerly on the Executive Committee of the British Chamber of Commerce in Japan and is a member of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry in the UK, serving on the latter's Council as a Director in 2019-20. Yuuichiro is a non-executive director of J.P.Morgan Japan Small Cap Growth & Income plc. In addition, he was a member of the Audit and Compliance Committee of FIFA from 2017 until 2021 and serves as a Finance Committee member at the Asian Football Confederation.

He shares his interest in choral singing with his wife Wendela.

## **NEIL RILEY**

Neil Riley is a banking and finance professional who specialises in dealing with the Japanese market. He has spent most of the past 25 years either living in Japan, or working in Japan-related roles.

Neil is Senior Director at Mizuho Bank Ltd, London Branch, where he builds and maintains relationships with Japan-parented corporate client groups. He previously ran the EMEA Japan Desk at Barclays, and has also spent time in previous roles at the Bank of Tokyo Mitsubishi Ltd (London), Deutsche Bank AG (London and Tokyo), and HSBC (Tokyo and Moscow).

In the mid-2000s Neil established and ran a business in Japan: a winter sports themed travel agency and property fund aimed at international 'inbound' visitors. Through this role he spent three years living in Echigo Yuzawa, Niigata Prefecture, and was appointed as 'Tourism Spokesperson for Niigata Prefecture' (Niigata-ken Kankou Karisuma) by the local government. As a means of enhancing PR for the Niigata region, Neil once achieved the Guinness World Record for "Most Different Ski Lifts Ridden in

24 Hours" (42).

Neil read Politics and East Asian Studies (Japanese Language) at the University of Newcastle Upon Tyne. This course took him to Japan for the first time in 1994, taking one year of exchange study at Fukuoka University, Kyushu. He took his MBA at the University of Nottingham, specialising in Corporate Finance and Business Ethics and graduating with Distinction in 2012.

Neil is married with two daughters, who have joint British-Japanese citizenship.

## **PERNILLE RUDLIN**

Pernille Rudlin was partly brought up in Japan and spent one year as a student at Hiroshima University. After graduating in Modern History & Economics from Oxford University, she was one of the first graduate trainees at the American PR firm Burson Marsteller.

She then worked for Mitsubishi Corporation for 9 years in sales in London and Tokyo, and also in HR and corporate planning. After taking an MBA at INSEAD, she worked for a British IT company, running a team of artificial intelligence programmers and was also Director of External Relations for the global marketing unit at Fujitsu.

She has been running her own business for the past 15 years, primarily representing the American firm Japan Intercultural Consulting, which provides training and consulting to hundreds of Japanese firms and their partners across Europe, Middle East and Africa.

Her interest in bridging cultures through communication, business and education has led to her becoming a trustee of New Routes Integration, which helps refugees and asylum seekers integrate into British society, a non-executive director of Japan H.L. Limited, which operates Japan House London, and an Associate of the Centre for Japanese Studies at the University of East Anglia.

She is a columnist for various Japanese publications and the author of several books and articles on cross cultural communications and business.

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PROXY FORM for the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2022

I/We, being a member of The Japan Society, hereby appoint the Chairman of the meeting (see note 3)/
..... as my/our proxy to vote for me/us at the Annual General Meeting of The Japan Society to be held on Tuesday 20 September 2022 and at every adjournment thereof.

Name (please print) .....

Category of membership [ ] Individual [ ] Family [ ] Corporate

Name of corporate member (if applicable) .....

Signature .....

Dated ..... 2022

Instructions to Proxy

Please indicate with an "X" in the boxes below and overleaf how you wish the proxy to vote. The Proxy will vote or withhold their vote, at his or her discretion, on (a) any resolution listed below if no instruction is given regarding that resolution and (b) on any other business transacted at the meeting.

Table with 4 columns: Resolution, For, Against, Vote withheld. Rows include: Receiving the Accounts and the Trustees' Report, Re-appointment of the Auditors, Re-appointment of Sue Hudson as Ordinary Trustee, Re-appointment of Tadaharu Iizuka as Ordinary Trustee, Re-appointment of Yuuichiro Nakajima as Ordinary Trustee, Re-appointment of Neil Riley as Ordinary Trustee, Re-appointment of Pernille Rudlin as Ordinary Trustee.

Notes

- 1 A member of The Japan Society is entitled to appoint a proxy to exercise all or any of his or her rights to attend, speak and vote at a general meeting of The Japan Society.
2 Appointment of a proxy does not preclude you from attending the meeting and voting in person. If you have appointed a proxy and attend the meeting in person, your proxy appointment will automatically be

terminated.

- 3 If you wish, you may delete the words “the Chairman of the meeting” and insert the name of a proxy of your choice. The proxy must be a member of the Japan Society or, in the case of a member which is a corporation, its authorised representative. Please initial any alteration. A proxy must attend the meeting to represent you.
- 4 The completed and signed proxy form (and, if relevant, the power of attorney or other authority under which it is signed, or a certified copy of that power or authority) must be received at 13/14 Cornwall Terrace, London NW1 4QP or by email to [heidi.potter@japansociety.org.uk](mailto:heidi.potter@japansociety.org.uk) not less than 24 hours before the meeting or the adjourned meeting.
- 5 To direct your proxy how to vote on the resolutions mark the appropriate box with an ‘X’. If no voting indication is given, your proxy will vote or withhold their vote at his or her discretion. Your proxy will vote (or withhold a vote) as he or she thinks fit in relation to any other matter which is put before the meeting.
- 6 The vote withheld option is provided to enable you to instruct the proxy not to vote on any particular resolution. However, it should be noted that a vote withheld in this way is not a “vote” by law and will not be counted in the calculation of the proportion of votes “For” and “Against” a resolution.
7. Any power of attorney or any other authority under which this proxy form is signed (or a duly certified copy of such power of authority) must be included with the proxy form.
8. If you submit more than one valid proxy appointment, the appointment received last before the latest time for the receipt of proxies will take precedence.

Please return this form to the following address:

The Japan Society, 13/14 Cornwall Terrace, London NW1 4QP  
or by email to: [heidi.potter@japansociety.org.uk](mailto:heidi.potter@japansociety.org.uk)