

# THE JAPAN SOCIETY

2024

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

Notice of the 2024 Annual General Meeting  
at the Embassy of Japan, London on Wednesday 11 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 11 September 2024 at 5.30pm at the Embassy of Japan, 101-104 Piccadilly, London W1J 7J. The business of the meeting shall be to (i) record thanks to Sponsors and Benefactors; (ii) to consider, and if thought fit, pass the following ordinary resolutions; and (iii) to consider, and if thought fit, pass the following special resolution:

**Ordinary Resolutions**

1. To receive and adopt the audited annual accounts of the Company for the financial year ended 31 December 2023 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 appoint Greg Clark as Chair of The Japan Society with effect from 1 January 2025.
4. To appoint Anna Dingley as Ordinary Trustee with effect from the close of the Annual General Meeting.
5. To appoint Tomoko Sasaki as Ordinary Trustee with effect from the close of the Annual General Meeting.
6. To appoint Dr Akiko Yano as Ordinary Trustee with effect from the close of the Annual General Meeting.
7. To re-appoint Stephen Barber as Ordinary Trustee with effect from the close of the Annual General Meeting.
8. To re-appoint of Yoko Dochi as Ordinary Trustee with effect from the close of the Annual General Meeting.
9. To re-appoint of Emma Hickinbotham as Ordinary Trustee with effect from the close of the Annual General Meeting.
10. To re-appoint Helen Macnaughtan as Ordinary Trustee with effect from the close of the Annual General Meeting.

**Special Resolution**

11. To adopt new Articles of Association in the form produced to the meeting and initialled by the Chair for the purposes of identification in substitution for and to the exclusion of the Company's existing Articles of Association.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD



M J RIVERA KING  
Chief Executive

Dated: 22 August 2024

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

## NOTES

1. The full accounts may be seen on [The Japan Society website](http://www.japansociety.org.uk) (www.japansociety.org.uk) or may be requested in hard copy from the registered office.
2. A copy of the proposed revised Articles of Association may be seen on [The Japan Society website](http://www.japansociety.org.uk) or may be requested in hard copy from the registered office
3. A list of candidates for appointment or re-appointment to the vacancies as Ordinary Trustees, together with biographical details of the candidates, are also enclosed.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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 One

## Appointment of Trustees

The Board of the Company currently consists of a Chair, a Vice-Chair, four appointed Officers (Solicitor, Treasurer, and two editors), two observers (the Minister Plenipotentiary at the Embassy of Japan and the Minister in Charge of Public Diplomacy the Japanese Embassy) and eleven Ordinary Trustees.

As set out in the current 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 are required to retire by rotation each year. Those who have retired by rotation may stand for re-appointment but no one may serve for longer than six consecutive years as a member of the Board.

Bill Emmott will stand down as Chair after serving for six years. Following a selection process by the Chair nominations committee, consisting of Bill Emmott (Chair), Martin Hatfull, Emma Hickinbotham, Sue Hudson, and Yuuichiro Nakajima, your Board is most happy to recommend Greg Clark, formerly the Prime Minister's Trade Envoy to Japan. Greg served as a Cabinet minister under three Prime Ministers, including for three years as Secretary of State for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy, in which capacity he frequently visited Japan to meet counterparts in government as well as business leaders.

Bill's term as Chair took effect on 1 January 2019, so his formal term on the Board will end at the end of this year. It is therefore proposed that Greg Clark be appointed as Chair with effect from 1 January 2025. As he approaches the end of his time as Chair, the Board would like to thank Bill for his leadership of the Society, particularly through the challenges posed by the Covid pandemic and its aftermath.

The Board has appointed a Trustees' nominations committee currently comprising Bill Emmott (Chair), Stephen Barber, Emma Hickinbotham, Helen Macnaughtan, Rie Yoshitake, and Michael Rivera King (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.

Four Ordinary Trustees, Stephen Barber, Yoko Dochi, Emma Hickinbotham, and Helen Macnaughtan, will retire by rotation and have indicated that they are willing to stand for re-appointment.. The Board notes their valued contributions and warmly recommends their re-appointment. The board also wishes to thank our Vice-Chair, Martin Hatfull, along with Tim Harding and Julie Rogers for their six-years of service as trustees.

There are three other people standing for appointment to the Board as Ordinary Trustees, Dr Akiko Yano, the Mitsubishi Corporation Curator at The British Museum; Anna Dingley, founder of the UK Ekiden; and Tomoko Sasaki, a senior corporate immigration lawyer at Baker McKenzie and vice-chair of UK Japan Connect. The Board proposes their appointment. Biographical details of the Chair and all seven Ordinary Trustee candidates are set out in this Appendix.

Overall, there are seven candidates for appointment. 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 11 September 2024 or by proxy. A proxy form is enclosed in this booklet for this purpose.

# Biographical Details of the Candidates for Chairman and Ordinary Trustees 2024

## GREG CLARK

Greg Clark served as a Cabinet minister under three Prime Ministers, including for three years as Secretary of State for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy. He was a senior minister for nearly a decade, including as Minister for Science and Universities, Financial Secretary to the Treasury and Minister of State at the Cabinet Office.

During his time as Secretary of State for Business, Greg made many visits to Japan to meet his counterparts in government as well as leading Japanese companies to further trade and investment links between the UK and Japan.

Until the recent General Election Greg served as the Prime Minister's Trade Envoy to Japan.

Greg was elected Chair of the British-Japanese All Party Parliamentary Group, which brings together all MPs and Peers with an interest in Japan. During his tenure as Chair, Greg reached an agreement with the Japan Society that the Society would act as the secretariat of the Parliamentary Group.

Greg was Member of Parliament for Tunbridge Wells from 2005 to 2024. In the last Parliament he was Chair of the Science, Innovation and Technology Select Committee.

Greg has had a longstanding focus on science and technology and from 1 October 2024 will be taking up an appointment as Executive Chair of Warwick Innovation, a new venture by the University of Warwick to accelerate its innovation and scientific discovery and to extend and deepen its relationships with UK and global industrial partners.

Born in Middlesbrough in 1967, Greg was educated in Economics at the University of Cambridge and was awarded his PhD at the London School of Economics. He is an Honorary Fellow of Nuffield College, Oxford. Greg began his career at the Boston Consulting Group and was Controller, Commercial Policy at the BBC before entering Parliament. Greg lives in Tunbridge Wells and London with his wife and three children.

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## STEPHEN BARBER

Stephen Barber became fascinated with Japanese culture, society and business after his first trip in 1980 as a young investment manager. Visits to temples and museums were as frequent as those to steel furnaces, car plants and Ginza bars. The following year he was a British winner of the Japan Foreign Ministry Essay Prize on Japan-EU relations and has never looked back.

In 1987 at the height of the financial bubble he was posted to Tokyo as head of the tiny subsidiary of a foreign asset manager with a mandate to gain an investment trust licence from the Ministry of Finance. He then began to learn to read and write Japanese in earnest.

Five years later, mission accomplished, Stephen returned to London to take up a senior role at Pictet & Cie, the Geneva wealth and asset manager. Part of his mission was to turn around the company's struggling Japanese business. Eventually, Pictet became one of the top three foreign asset managers in Japan.

At Pictet he was an equity partner and head of group communications. In this role he honed his skills as an experienced editor and writer in finance, culture and fiction, an accomplished public speaker and chair of boards and advisory committees.

Stephen founded and built the Prix Pictet, now the world's leading photographic prize (whose subject is sustainability), of which he is chairman. The prize has exhibited several times at the prestigious TOP photography museum in Tokyo.

He is a trustee of the International Tree Foundation, a Visitor at the History of Science Museum in Oxford, a Trustee (elect) of the Ofenheim Charitable Trust and a member of the advisory board of the Royal Fine Art Commission Trust. He holds an MA in Mathematics and Philosophy from St John's College, Oxford,

He is married to Kimiko, author of nine English language books on Japanese cuisine. With three adult sons, they divide time between London and Oxfordshire, where she keeps bees and cultivates vegetables, while he tends his arboretum and restores an ancient meadow.

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## ANNA DINGLEY

Anna’s links between Japan and the UK extend over 30 years. Her connections started with a degree in Japanese and Business at the University of Sheffield in the 90s, and she has since worked in a wide range of roles in government, finance and for individual companies. She has lived in Japan for eight years, in Kagoshima ken on the JET programme, then Kyoto city for Kyoto Research Park, and then in Nagoya where she managed the UK Pavilion at the Aichi Expo in 2005. In Tokyo she worked as a Director for the London Stock Exchange and then JPMorgan.

Anna has served as a non-executive board member for Japanese and British companies. She previously served as a trustee for the Japan Society but had to leave her term early as she moved to America. She is currently on the Creative Steering Committee for the UK Pavilion at the Osaka Expo 2025, and on the board of the JPMorgan Japanese Equity Trust.

Alongside her work she has taken part in many sporting challenges around the world. She was inspired by the Hakone Ekiden celebrating its 100th event to launch an Ekiden in the UK to further strengthen the links between the UK and Japan. The inaugural UK Ekiden was launched in June 2024, with 18 teams from Oxford to Windsor along the Thames Path. Anna’s focus is now on developing the UK Ekiden with university and corporate partners to ensure the UK Ekiden can also continue for 100 years.

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## YOKO DOCHI

Yoko Dochi is a Japanese businesswoman with over 35 years of experience working as a senior executive at some of Japan’s leading multinational companies.

She now serves on the board of Kirin Holdings Company, Rinnai Corporation and Nippo Ltd., bringing in her expertise in stakeholder communications, ESG and global organization management across three industries - automobile, technology and financial services – to her role as non-executive independent director.

Until 2023, Yoko was Managing Partner at SoftBank Group International in London and Managing Director at SoftBank Group Corp in Tokyo leading investor relations globally. Previously, from 2001 to 2018, Yoko was the EMEA head of investor relations for Toyota Motor Corporation. She held offices as General Manager of Global Treasury & Investor Relations at Toyota Motor Europe in London and as Principal Investor Relations Officer at the global headquarters in Toyota City.

Yoko started her career in investment banking, with 13 years at the World Bank in Washington D.C. and the Bank of Tokyo (now MUFJ Financial Group) in Tokyo. Thanks to a scholarship awarded by the Bank of Tokyo, she first came to the UK in 1990 to read for an MPhil in Management Studies at Magdalen College at the University of Oxford. Yoko originally graduated from the University of Tokyo in 1987 just as Japan’s Equal Employment Opportunity Law was enacted. Yet, she was one of the only five women hired on the graduate trainee programme along with 95 men (!). Unsurprisingly, Yoko has since championed gender diversity at corporate Japan both as an executive and in the board room.

Having dedicated two-thirds of her career to building trust between corporate Japan and the UK investment community, while raising her two half-Japanese half-English daughters in London (which she now calls her home), Yoko is passionate about promoting meaningful and long-lasting relations between the UK and Japan. She therefore enthusiastically serves as Trustee of The Japan Society, Daiwa Anglo-Japanese Foundation and Magdalen College Development Trust and as Governor of the Ditchley Foundation in the UK. She also leads the ‘Women in Work’ initiative for The Japan Society.

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## EMMA HICKINBOTHAM

Emma Hickinbotham (Nash) first visited Japan in 1997 as a Monbusho scholar, spending a year at Kanazawa University as part of her degree in Japanese at Liverpool John Moores University. After graduating, she worked as a Co-ordinator of International Relations (CIR) on the JET Programme on a small fishing island in Oita prefecture promoting the UK in the local community and developing a repertoire of karaoke numbers.

On returning to London Emma started her career in finance at Bank of Tokyo Mitsubishi, then RBS, working in front and middle office roles. Emma moved from the City into events and marketing, working with private and corporate clients, and in 2014 moved to Tokyo with her family where they spent six years. She initially worked as a marketing consultant for overseas brands, then took over running the British Chamber of Commerce in Japan before moving to the British Embassy where she was Head of Media, Communications and Marketing. Since returning to the UK, Emma returned to the world of financial services and is currently Head of Communications and CSR at SMBC.

Emma is a keen cyclist and has spent many happy weekends in the Surrey Hills or the mountains west of Tokyo and has twice competed in the Mount Fuji Hill Climb race. She enjoys all sport, particularly rugby and cricket, and has held volunteer roles with youth rugby and cricket clubs. She is also a trustee for a charity, Alopecia UK. Emma lives in London with her husband and three children.

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## HELEN MACNAUGHTAN

Helen Macnaughtan was born and raised in New Zealand. She first went to Japan on a high school trip in 1982 and thereafter decided to pursue a BA in Japanese at the University of Waikato, NZ. She was subsequently awarded a Japanese Ministry of Education Scholarship to study in Osaka 1988-90 and after completing her studies and a year of teaching English in Japan she arrived in London in 1991. She spent several years working for Kubota in their London office and thereafter pursued her MA in Japanese Studies at SOAS and her PhD in Economic History at the London School of Economics. She spent another year in Osaka in 1998/9 for her PhD fieldwork conducting research on the role of female employment in the Japanese textile industry 1955-1975.

She joined SOAS as a postdoctoral candidate in 2002 and is now Senior Lecturer in International Business & Management (Japan) at SOAS. During her time at SOAS she has taught undergraduate and postgraduate modules on Japanese business and employment as well as modules on International Human Resource Management and Organisational Behaviour. Her research and publications have focused on a range of topics relating to gender, employment and sport in Japan - including research on women and employment in Japan, the history of the rice-cooker appliance in Japan, the history of the 'Oriental Witches' volleyball team at the Tokyo 1964 Olympics and more recently the history of corporate rugby teams in Japan.

She has been a member of the British Association for Japanese Studies (BAJS) for over two decades and has served on the BAJS Council in a variety of roles. She co-edited the BAJS academic journal 'Japan Forum' from 2014-2021. She recently completed six years tenure (2015-2021) as Chair of the SOAS Japan Research Centre (JRC) and continues as Convenor of the SOAS Japan Sports Symposia Series which she established in 2017.

In May 2023 Helen was honoured to be awarded the Ambassador's Commendation for her contribution to Japanese Studies and UK-Japan relations.

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## TOMOKO SASAKI

Tomoko is an England and Wales qualified lawyer of 12 years PQE who has spent the last decade assisting large Japanese corporates, most notably Hitachi Rail, Sony Europe and Daiwa and continues to assist major Japanese multinationals through her current role as a Senior Immigration Specialist at Baker McKenzie London, covering a wide variety of industry sectors, from aviation, car manufacturers, marine and heavy industries, financial services, media, fashion and restaurants. She also advises Baker McKenzie's non-Japanese IKCs and leads the Japan Practice within the Firm's Global Immigration & Mobility Team.

Earlier this year, Tomoko became the Vice Chair of Baker McKenzie's UK Japan Connect, which aims to become the leading hub for UK and Japanese businesses, people and culture; this is of considerable personal interest to Tomoko, as she is passionate about promoting Japanese culture to young people in particular, and she volunteers at her children's schools to talk about this topic.

Tomoko was an individual member of The Japan Society for a number of years and particularly enjoyed attending the book club. Her other interests include coaching young people from diverse ethnic and socioeconomical backgrounds, taking part in pro-bono work acting as a lawyer for children filing applications for their citizenship rights and advocating for working parents' wellbeing at work.

Tomoko is originally from Kanagawa, Japan and she attended a boarding school in Harrogate, North Yorkshire before attending Lancaster University to study her first degree which was in Psychology and rather considers herself as someone from "up North".

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## AKIKO YANO

Dr Akiko Yano is the Mitsubishi Corporation Curator (Japanese Collections) in the Department of Asia of the British Museum (BM). Born and educated in Japan, she completed her BA (International Relations) at Tsuda College, Tokyo, and MA and PhD (Japanese Art History) at Keio University, Tokyo, with a thesis on 16th-century Kano school screen paintings.

As a PhD candidate, she received a Handa Fellowship for one year at the Sainsbury Institute for the Study of Japanese Arts and Cultures, which was followed by an AHRB research assistant position at SOAS University of London in the SOAS-BM co-project for the special exhibition at the BM 'Kabuki Heroes on the Osaka Stage: 1780-1830' (2005). After completing her PhD in 2008, she worked for another SOAS-BM special exhibition project for 'Shunga: Sex and Pleasure in Japanese Art' (2013) as a Leverhulme Research Fellow.

Having joined the BM in 2015, she was a member of the curatorial team for the special exhibition 'Hokusai: Beyond the Great Wave' (2017), the renewal of the Mitsubishi Corporation Japanese Galleries (2018) and a display 'Nara: Sacred Images from Early Japan' (2019). She is leading a major three-year international research project between the UK and Japan, co-funded by UKRI and JSPS, about 'salon culture' in Kyoto and Osaka in the 19th century. The project so far has produced a special display 'City Life and Salon Culture in Kyoto and Osaka, 1770-1900' (2024-25) at the BM and an accompanying book (editor and co-author) *Salon Culture in Japan: Making Art, 1750-1900* (British Museum Press, 2024).

She has published articles in academic journals and co-authored books and catalogues as part of the exhibition projects named above, as well as writes a bi-monthly column in a Japanese antique magazine *Me no me* (Me no me Co. Ltd.), and gives lectures in the SOAS Asian Art diploma course.

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## Appendix Two

### Principal Changes introduced in the New Articles of Association

The Board, with the expert input of the Honorary Solicitor, Nigel Wellings of Clifford Chance, conducted a review of the Articles of Association for three main reasons: a) to bring the Articles in line with changes in company law since the previous revision in 2009; b) to adapt the Articles in response to changes in compliance practice at financial institutions which have made the role of trustees (formally, company directors) more onerous in some technical respects, causing difficulties for those with diplomatic status; and c) to further align the Japan Society with best practice for charity governance.

This note sets out a summary of the changes proposed in the new Articles of Association of The Japan Society (the “**New Articles**”).

#### 1. Objects

The objects of The Japan Society were previously housed in the memorandum of association. As there is no longer a legal requirement to have a memorandum of association, these have been moved to the New Articles and updated to reflect the current work of The Japan Society. The Board proposes to use this opportunity to amend the objects slightly to make it clearer that as well as education, study and publication, the Society is also dedicated to strengthening “connections and understanding” between the peoples of the UK and Japan.

#### 2. Board of Trustees

##### a. *Observer Roles*

The New Articles expressly allow for the appointment of observers and for certain of the current Trustee roles to be redesignated as having observer status, rather than being (in legal terms) company directors. Observers will be entitled to attend and speak at meetings, but not to vote.

This change enables the two representatives of the Japanese Embassy now to sit as observers on the board rather than Trustees. Their roles and contributions will not change, but this means that difficulties arising from their diplomatic status for some obligations as company directors can now be avoided.

Under the current Articles, the Officer roles (previously being the Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Solicitor, Honorary Librarian and Honorary Editor) were designated as Trustees. Under the New Articles, the Honorary Treasurer shall normally remain an Ordinary Trustee given that the role involves such duties as signing the annual accounts whereas the Honorary Solicitor and the Honorary Editor will normally be designated as observers. The role of Honorary Librarian is no longer provided for in the New Articles, following the sale by the Society of the library.

##### b. *Number of Trustees and Term Limits*

Given the redesignation of some Trustee positions as observers, under the New Articles, the maximum number of Trustees serving on the board at any one time has accordingly been reduced from 20 to 15. As before, Trustees will be appointed for three-year terms and will not be permitted to hold office for any consecutive period greater than six years.

The New Articles introduces one new exception to this: the term of the Honorary Treasurer, which previously was not subject to the six-year limit as it is an Officer role, will now be subject to a maximum consecutive term of nine years. This is to provide greater continuity for what is an important financial role, but will still ensure rotation, in line with good governance practice.

##### c. *Retirement by Rotation*

The New Articles have removed the obligation for a fixed number of Trustees to retire by rotation prior to the end of their fixed term and stand for re-appointment. In the past, this requirement ensured rotation during a period in which many trustees had been appointed at the same time. Now, however, rotation is ensured by the normal cycle of appointments and retirements so this unusual and somewhat artificial requirement can be removed.

### **3. Corporate Members and their Representatives**

The old articles were unclear about the how corporate members' rights were to be exercised and by whom. Under the New Articles, a corporate member may appoint a representative using any means permitted by that corporate member. That duly authorised representative shall exercise the powers of that corporate member, including voting by show of hands.

### **4. Model Articles of the Charity Commission**

The New Articles include amendments to reflect the Charities Act 2011 and Charity Commission recommendations.

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THE JAPAN SOCIETY

PROXY FORM for the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2024

I/We, being a member of The Japan Society, hereby appoint the Chair 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 Wednesday 11 September 2024 and at every adjournment thereof.

Name (please print) .....

Category of membership  Individual  Family  Corporate

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

Signature .....

Dated ..... 2024

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.

Ordinary Resolutions

	For	Against	Vote withheld
1. To receive and adopt the audited annual accounts of the Company for the financial year ended 31 December 2023 and the Trustees' Report.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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6. To appoint Dr Akiko Yano as Ordinary Trustee with effect from the close of the Annual General Meeting.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. To re-appoint Stephen Barber as Ordinary Trustee with effect from the close of the Annual General Meeting.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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| 8.  | To re-appoint of Yoko Dochi as Ordinary Trustee with effect from the close of the Annual General Meeting.        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9.  | To re-appoint of Emma Hickinbotham as Ordinary Trustee with effect from the close of the Annual General Meeting. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10. | To re-appoint Helen Macnaughtan as Ordinary Trustee with effect from the close of the Annual General Meeting.    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**Special Resolution**

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3. If you wish, you may delete the words "the Chair 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 michael@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:

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 or by email to: michael@japansociety.org.uk