



**THE
JAPAN
SOCIETY**



Events 2011

Annual Events

- 25 Jan Lecture by the British Ambassador in Tokyo, David Warren at The Cavalry and Guards Club
- 15 Jun Annual General Meeting of the Japan Society at the Embassy of Japan
- 18 Sep Japan Matsuri 2011 at County Hall
- 1 Oct Collar Cup Golf Tournament against JCCI at The Buckinghamshire Golf Club
- 6 Dec Japan Society Annual Dinner - featuring Motoki Hirai's Picture Book Suite at the Hotel Russell

Arts & Culture

- 28 Mar Visit, Reception and Talk at the BADA Antiques and Fine Art Fair at the Duke of York Square
- 21 May English Green / Japanese Green: Private View and Talk with the artist Ryutaro Ikeda
- 16 Aug Twice Bombed: special film screening at Khalili Lecture Theatre, SOAS
- 3 Sep Japanese Cultural Experience Day at the Nippon Club
- 8 Sep IWC award winning Sake tasting at The Japanese Embassy
- 4 Oct 2nd East Asian Friendship Charity Event - a concert featuring young musicians at St Lawrence Jewry
- 14 Oct Japanese Enamels: The Seven Treasures Gallery Talk at the Victoria and Albert Museum with Gregory Irvine
- 10 Nov An Evening of Japanese Vaudeville: Rakugo and Papercutting at the Nippon Club

Business

Lunchtime Lectures *(At JETRO unless otherwise stated.)*

- 2 Feb 'To Whom Does a Company Belong?', Scott Hopkins, Co-Chair of The British-Japanese Law Association
- 28 Feb 'Keeping Pace with Technology- the Nissan Experience', Professor Andy Palmer, Senior Vice President, The Nissan Motor Co.
- 20 Jul 'Maritime Piracy', Richard Neylon, Holman Fenwick Willan LLP
- 4 Oct 'The Future for UK and Japanese Defense Industries', Professor Trevor Taylor and Sir Graham Fry, Chaired by Lord West at RUSI
- 9 Nov 'Prospects for Pharmaceuticals: A forum with UK Trade and Investment (UKTI)', Jun Arima of JETRO, Jon Mowles of UKTI, Nigel Whittle of UKTI, Chaired by Anil Vaidya of UKTI

Joint Lunches with JCCI - Guests of Honour *(At The National Liberal Club unless otherwise stated.)*

- 24 Mar Bill Emmott, International Author and Advisor - 'The Fate of the Euro'
- 19 Apr Chris Aylett, CEO Motorsport Industry Association (MIA) - 'The UK's World Leadership in the Business of Motorsport'
- 25 Nov The Rt Hon The Lord Malloch-Brown, former Minister of State in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office - 'Economics of the Arab Spring'

Other

- 14 Mar 'Japanese Foreign Policy in the Asian Theatre' by Mitoji Yabunaka, Adviser to Nomura Research Institute and Former Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs at Nomura
- 27 Jun 'Working in a Multinational Corporation': a lecture and discussion session for future leaders by Eiji Wakiwaka, former President of BP Japan, at Crane & Tortoise
- 28 Sep Lunchtime Discussion with Lord Green, Minister of Trade at The Department of Enterprise and Trade at Linklaters
- 14 Nov Reimagining Japan Panel Discussion & Book Launch (with Asia House and McKinsey & Co) at McKinsey & Co
- 12 Dec 'The Euro' by Andrew Smithers at Aberdeen Asset Management

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

- 7 Jun Barbara Woodward, International Director of the UK Border Agency at HSBC
- 28 Jun Glen S. Fukushima, Senior Vice President, Airbus SAS, Chairman & Director, Airbus KK at SJ Berwin
- 29 Nov Sir Peter Bonfield, Director, Sony Corporation, Member, Sony Corporation Advisory Board at UBS

Lectures

Japan Society Lectures

- 17 Jan 'Definitely in My Back Yard: Nuclear Power and Hometown Identity in Late-Twentieth Century Japan' by Dr Martin Dusinberre, Lecturer in Modern Japanese History, Newcastle University, at the Oriental Club

- 21 Feb 'Japanese Homeless Men in International Comparative Perspective' by Dr Tom Gill, Professor of Social Anthropology, Faculty of International Studies, Meiji Gakuin University, Yokohama at the Oriental Club
- 10 Mar Enough to Surprise Hiroshige, 'One Hundred Famous Views of the City' by Kenji Sakatsugi at the Oriental Club
- 21 Mar 'Images and Openings of Japan: An Exploration of some Major Themes and Myths in Japanese International History from Kamikaze and Kurofune, to Sakoku and Rangaku' by William McOmie, Professor, Faculty of Foreign Languages, Kanagawa University, Yokohama at the Oriental Club
- 18 Apr 'Art Historicism' and Contemporary Japanese Art by Dr John Zostak, Assistant Professor of Japanese Art History, University of Hawaii, Honolulu at SOAS
- 20 Jun 'Midwife and Manga Heroine: Oine Siebold, Nagasaki and the Birth of Modern Japan' by Dr Ulrich Heinze, Sasakawa Lecturer in Contemporary Japanese Media, Sainsbury Institute for the Study of Japanese Arts and Cultures and Centre for Japanese Studies at University of East Anglia at SOAS
- 18 Jul Carmen Blacker Lecture: 'Initiatic landscape' and Shugendo's Mountain-Entry by Professor Anne Bouchy, Director of Studies of the Ecole française d'Extreme-Orient, Paris and Université de Toulouse-Le Mirail at SOAS, co-organised with the Sainsbury Institute for the Study of Japanese Arts and Cultures
- 15 Aug 'Japanese Enamels: The Seven Treasures' by Gregory Irvine, Senior Curator, Asian Department of the Victoria and Albert Museum at SOAS
- 19 Sep 'Then and Now: Japanese Investment in the UK' by Dr Sierk Horn, Senior Lecturer in Japanese Studies, University of Leeds at SOAS
- 17 Oct 'Creating Impressions of Colonial Korea: The Role Played by the Japan Society and its Membership, 1910-1939' by Dr Susan House-Wade at the Oriental Club
- 24 Oct 'The Dream of Lafcadio Hearn: How did this Greek-Irishman Conquer Japan?' by Roger Pulvers at the Oriental Club
- 2 Nov 'Beyond Our Means: Why America Spends While the World Saves' by Sheldon Garon, Nissan Professor of History and East Asian Studies, Princeton University, at SOAS co-organised with the Japan Research Centre
- 7 Nov 'Geeky-Girly Innovation: A Japanese Subculturist's Guide to Technology and Design' by Morinosuke Kawaguchi, Principal Associate Director at Arthur D. Little (Japan) Inc. and lecturer at the Tokyo Institute of Technology at the Chelsea College of Art and Design
- 9 Nov 'Facts of Life, and More: Exhibiting Japanese Art in the UK since 2000' by Jonathan Watkins, Director of Ikon Gallery at the Oriental Club
- 21 Nov 'Meiji Nostalgia: Prints by Kawakami Sumio (1895-1972)' by Monika Hinkel, Research Associate, Japan Research Centre, SOAS, at the Oriental Club

in Association with Other Organizations

- 27 Jan 'Uncertain Futures: The Individual, Society and the State in the UK and Japan. Managing Public Debt and Social Challenges' with the Daiwa Anglo Japanese Foundation at Daiwa Foundation Japan House
- 18 Nov 'Keeping Japan on the Map', Great Britain Sasakawa Foundation Sasakawa Lectureship Programme Conference at Birkbeck College
- 30 Nov 'Tama the Cat: The Book and its Author', Lecture by Robert Ogden on the Maneki Neko (welcoming cat) with the Japan Room at Freemasons' Hall

Lifestyle

- 20 Jan Koshu Wine Tasting at the Imagination Gallery
- 10 Feb Night of Rock with Japanese Metallica Tribute Band – Hattallica! at the Pipeline Bar
- 1 Mar Niigata Sake Brewers Association Sushi & Sake Tasting at the Saki Bar & Food Emporium
- 26 May Tea Tasting with the East India Company at the East India Company
- 28 May Trooping the Colour, The Major General's Review, special seats for Japan Society Members
- 2 Jun Japan Society Golf Tournament at the Old Thorns Golf & Country Estate
- 8 Jun Organic Wine, Food Tasting and Talk at Tsuru Restaurant

Book Club *(Held on the second Monday of each month at Waterstones 5th View, unless otherwise stated.)*

- 13 Jan Harp of Burma by Takeyama Michio
- 14 Feb The Housekeeper and the Professor by Ogawa Yoko
- 7 Mar Silence by Endo Shusaku
- 11 Apr Norwegian Wood by Murakami Haruki
- 9 May Geisha in Rivalry by Nagai Kafu
- 11 Jun Kitchen by Banana Yoshimoto

- 11 Jul Who is Mr Satoshi Special Discussion and Reading with author Jonathan Lee at the Oriental Club
- 8 Aug Town of Evening Calm, Country of Cherry Blossoms by Kouno Fumiyo
- 12 Sep The Devotion of Suspect X by Higashino Keigo
- 10 Oct The Waiting Years by Enchi Fumiko
- 14 Nov The Devil's Whisper by Miyabe Miyuki
- 12 Dec '1Q84' (Book 1) by Murakami Haruki

Japanese Conversation Group

Held on the first Tuesday of every month at The Old Explorer Pub

- 16 Apr Japanese Conversation Group Hanami Picnic at the Kensington Gardens

Schools Education

Language Classes for Pre-Intermediate Level Students

At Toray Industries, Inc.

Three ten week courses: 2 Feb - 6 Apr; 18 Apr - 20 Jul; 28 Sep - 30 Nov

Schools

- All Year Japan in Your Classroom school visits. During 2011, 70 visits were made to schools throughout the UK.
- All Year School Links. Approximately 11 new links have been created in the year, with over 70 school partnerships now using the Japan UK LIVE! website and related services to develop their links.
- All Year 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 are available on CD or via the Japan Society website.
- 14 Oct Japan Conference for Schools in partnership with the Japan Foundation and Embassy of Japan
- 10 Nov Imamaru Hayashiya: Paper Cutting Workshop
- 11 Nov 6th Form Day: A Global Perspective, A Door to New Opportunities. Day of activities for 150 sixth form students and teachers, in association with Ritsumeikan University
- 15 Nov School Study Visit and International Partnership Seminar for a delegation of teachers and local authority representatives from Ehime Prefecture

Small Grants

- All Year As at 27th October 2011, grants totalling some £12,423 have been awarded through the Japan Society. Small Grants programme in support of grass roots activities throughout the UK..

Earthquake Events

Following the Great East Japan Earthquake on 11 March, the Society established the Tohoku Earthquake Relief Fund to deliver medium and long-term support for the recovery. While the Society organized few fundraising events itself, it provided advice and support to others. As of 31 October 2011, some £640,000 had been raised and was being distributed in partnership with the Sanaburi Foundation, Sendai, to local NPOs and voluntary organizations.

Through the 'Messages to Japan' project, some 6,000 letters and cards from pupils at over 100 British schools were sent to schools in Iwate, Miyagi and Fukushima prefectures.

- 16 May 'After the Shock: Prospects for Recovery and Reconstruction in Post-quake Japan', with Peter Sammonds, Phillida Purvis, Malcolm C Grimston and Martin Dusinberre, moderated by Christopher Gerteis, at SOAS in collaboration with the Japan Research Centre
- 4 Jun Fund-raising Luncheon and charity auction at Umu Restaurant
- 17 Jun NICHI-EI NO KIZUNA - Japan-UK Bonds of Friendship: Episodes From a Life in Theatre, An Evening with Simon McBurney at the Embassy of Japan
- 15 July Cello Recital by Steven Isserlis at the Residence of the Japanese Ambassador
- 5-30 Sep 'Beyond Words - Beyond Borders: Messages to Tohoku' An exhibition of the Japan Society Schools Partnerships Programme and the Earthquake Letter Project at the Embassy of Japan
- 10-11 Sep Akari Project: Workshops and Night Carnival Procession at the Mayor's Thames Festival
- 11 Oct Report from Tohoku: Christopher & Phillida Purvis at the London Institute for Contemporary Christianity