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JAPAN  
SOCIETY



Events 2023

## Annual & Special Events

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- 27 Mar Lecture by Julia Longbottom CMG, British Ambassador to Japan, *at Nomura International*
- 8 Sep The Japan Society Annual General Meeting 2023
- 1 Oct Japan Matsuri 2023
- 7 Dec The Japan Society Christmas Party, *at the Embassy of Japan*

## Arts & Culture Events

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- 8 Jan New Year's Calligraphy Workshop with calligrapher Yoko Takenami
- 3 Mar Enso: Coming Full Circle - Private View with Elena Gileva, *at White Conduit Project*
- 22 Jul Calligraphy Workshop: Summer Greetings with calligrapher Yoko Takenami
- 12 Aug Private Tour - Circles of Stone: Stonehenge and Prehistoric Japan, *at Stonehenge, Avebury and Salisbury*
- 26 Aug Contemporary Ainu Life and Music: Pre-performance Talk with OKI, *at St Marys Music Hall*
- 18 Nov Woodblock Printing Workshop with artist Hiroko Imada
- 23 Nov Talk and Exhibition Tour - Entering the Halls of the Chiyoda Palace, *at Japanese Gallery*
- 23 Nov Japanese Photography since 1945, with Dr Lena Fritsch (*online lecture*)
- 30 Nov Hiroshi Sugimoto Exhibition - Guided Tour, *at Hayward Gallery*

## Business Events

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

- 10 Jan Japan Macro Salon with Jesper Koll, in association with Asia Society Japan
- 7 Feb Operating in a Time of Global Discord: A Conversation with Sir Paul Tucker
- 6 Apr Japan Macro Salon - with Jesper Koll and Nobukatsu Kanehara, in association with Asia Society Japan
- 29 Jun Addressing the Challenges for the Japanese Economy: A Conversation with Hiromi Yamaji
- 5 Jul Japan Macro Salon - with Jesper Koll and Takako Hikotani, in association with Asia Society Japan
- 2 Oct Japan Macro Salon - with Jesper Koll and Oki Matsumoto, in association with Asia Society Japan

## In Partnership with Other Organisations

- 12 Jan Lunch on the Occasion of the UK-Japan 21st Century Group's 39th Annual Meeting
- 3 Feb Yuriko Koike, Governor of Tokyo: The City of Tokyo as a Financial and Tourist Centre - in association with WTW
- 24 Apr Japan-UK Symposium: Celebrating the 150 years of Iwakura Mission - in association the Institute of Directors
- 20 Oct JCCI Joint Lunch with Professor Michael Mainelli, upcoming Lord Mayor of London - in association with the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry in the UK
- 15 Nov Fireside Chat with Dr. Tomohiko Taniguchi: Japan in the World Today and Tomorrow - in association with the London Business School

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

- 28 Jun John Noble, CBE, Former Director of the National Cyber Security Centre, *at the The Reform Club*

### Bilingual Public Speaking Club (*held online on the last Wednesday of each month until June 2023*)

The first bilingual Japanese-English public speaking club in the UK, open to all people who would like to improve their skills at speaking in public in Japanese and English. Sessions were hosted by Deloitte.

## Lectures

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- 28 Sep The Last Ring Home. Film Screening, Talk and Book Signing, at *Japan Room, The Freemasons' Hall*
- 30 Oct Education in Japan: Still on Top of the World? - with Peter Cave, at *the Swedenborg Society*
- 20 Nov Paragons in Print: Exemplary Women in Edo Japan - with Mary Redfern, at *the Swedenborg Society*
- 12 Dec The Double Twelfth Conference: The First Period of Japan-British Partnership 1600-1623 - in association with Japan400, at *the Embassy of Japan*

## Lifestyle Events

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- 30 Mar Akatoki Supper Club, at *The Prince Akatori London*
- 21 Jun The Japan Society Golf Tournament 2023, at *Maidenhead Golf Club*
- 6 Aug Japanese Garden Community Day, at *Hammersmith Park*
- 8 Oct Collar Cup Golf Match 2023, at *Brocket Hall*

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

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| 9 Jan  | <i>Diary of a Void</i> by Emi Yagi                    | 7 Jul  | <i>Woman Running in the Mountains</i> by Yuko Tsushima |
| 13 Feb | <i>Ten Nights' Dreams</i> by Soseki Natsume           | 14 Aug | <i>The Cake Tree in the Ruins</i> by Akiyuki Nosaka    |
| 13 Mar | <i>Fish Swimming in Dappled Sunlight</i> by Riku Onda | 11 Sep | <i>The Diary of Lady Murasaki</i>                      |
| 3 Apr  | <i>The Easy Life in Kamusari</i> by Shion Miura       | 9 Oct  | <i>Lion Cross Point</i> by Masatsugu Ono               |
| 9 May  | <i>The Woman in the Dunes</i> by Kobo Abe             | 13 Nov | <i>Life for Sale</i> by Yukio Mishima                  |
| 12 Jun | <i>Japan Sinks</i> by Sakyo Komatsu                   | 11 Dec | <i>Idol, Burning</i> by Rin Usami                      |

### Film Club (held online on the first Wednesday of each month)

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| 4 Jan | <i>The Funeral</i> directed by Juzo Itami                  | 5 Jul | <i>A Page of Madness</i> directed by Teinosuke Kinugasa   |
| 1 Feb | <i>No Regrets for Our Youth</i> directed by Akira Kurosawa | 2 Aug | <i>Twenty-Four Eyes</i> directed by Keisuke Kinoshita     |
| 1 Mar | <i>Tony Takitani</i> directed by Jun Ichikawa              | 6 Sep | <i>Of Love and Law</i> directed by Hikaru Toda            |
| 5 Apr | <i>Your Name</i> directed by Makoto Shinkai                | 4 Oct | <i>Woman of the Dunes</i> directed by Hiroshi Teshigahara |
| 3 May | <i>Late Spring</i> directed by Yasujiro Ozu                | 1 Nov | <i>Perfect Blue</i> directed by Satoshi Kon               |
| 7 Jun | <i>Sweet Bean</i> directed by Naomi Kawase                 | 6 Dec | <i>Love Life</i> directed by Koji Fukada                  |

### Japanese Conversation Group (held on the first Tuesday of every month at the Shakespeare's Head)

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

**All Year Japan in Your Classroom School Visits:** In 2023, The Japan Society facilitated volunteer visits to schools across the UK, almost 50% of which were new to the scheme. Through these visits, 1,350 students learnt about Japan.

**Loan Resources:** 28 schools and organisations across the UK borrowed our materials and cultural artefacts representing traditional and modern aspects of Japan in 2023. The resources reached approximately 4000 students.

**New Resource Development:** the Education Team continued to work with professionals and teachers to develop new Japan-related video and digital teaching resources for educators.

## Outreach Highlights

January – April

Contributed to **Express Yourself 2023**, a North-East Festival of Languages and Culture by providing online and downloadable content related to Japan.

Attended Reading University with Tomoko Hoult to deliver **soroban workshops to trainee primary school teachers**.

May – August

Provided loans of yukata for a National Costumes activity at the Great Exhibition Road Festival.

**Launched The Japan Youth Collective** pilot, inviting sixteen young people from across the Greater London area with a passion for Japan to take part in a regular programme of Japan-related activities.

September – December

Hosted a **six-week soroban training course for UK teachers** to learn how to use the Japanese abacus in the classroom.

Held two events each month for the Japan Youth Collective to learn more about Japan, including a visit to the Japanese Embassy, working with musicians, academics, artists and other Japan related professionals.

Launched **JAL Foundation's 18th World Children's Haiku Contest** on the theme of Family.

Hosted our **annual Sixth Form Day Japan Day** event at SOAS, University of London, attended by representatives from 15 universities and organisations and over 120 from 28 different schools.

