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Local Government House, Smith Square, London

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Schedule of Events

- 13:00** Registration
- 13:30** Welcome by **Michihiro Kayama**, Chairman of the Council of Local Authorities for International Relations
- 13:40** Introduction by Chair **Cllr Richard Kemp**, Chairman of the LGA European and International Strategy Group, Leader of the LGA Liberal Democrats Group, LGA Deputy Chair
- 14:00** First keynote speaker – **Greg Clark** Advisor on City and Regional Development, UK Gov (CLG); Chairman of the OECD Forum of Development Agencies and Investment Strategies; Lead Advisor, British Council OPENCities Programme; Visiting Professor in Cities at Cass Business School, City of London; Senior Fellow, Urban Land Institute, Europe
- 14:30** Second keynote speaker – **Michitaka Nakao**, former Director of Business Development, Japan External Trade Organisation London Office
- 15:00** Third keynote speaker – **Sarah Longlands**, Director of Policy, Centre for Local Economic Strategies
- 15:30** Break
- 15:50** Panel discussion
Cllr Richard Kemp (moderator), **Greg Clark**, **Michitaka Nakao**, **Sarah Longlands**, **Akiyuki Hamagami** (Director General of the European Representative Office of Hyogo Prefectural Government)
- 17:00** Reception
To be opened by **Prof George Jones**, Emeritus Professor of Government, Department of Government, and Public Policy Programme Co-ordinator, LSE Public Policy Group, London School of Economics and Political Science; and **Toshihiko Akamatsu**, Director of the International Affairs Office, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications

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2009 Japan Day Seminar Speaker and Panellist Biographies

Chair and panel discussion moderator

Cllr Richard Kemp

Deputy Chairman of the Local Government Association Executive

Chairman of the European and International Strategy Group

Cllr Richard Kemp is the Leader of the Liberal Democrats at the Local Government Association and is also Chairman of the European and International Strategy Group. He has been a member of Liverpool City Council for 27 years, serving as Chair of Housing, Education & Finance and most recently the Executive Member for Housing, Neighbourhoods & Community Safety. He also serves as Member of the Housing and Communities Advisory Board of the Audit Commission and Deputy Chair of the PLUS Dane Housing Group in Liverpool, the parent organisation of Include - the Country's leading neighbourhood management organisation. As well as housing and international affairs, Richard also has a particular interest in increasing participation in local government and the devolution of power from Whitehall down to neighbourhood level.

First keynote speaker and member of panel discussion

Greg Clark

Advisor on City and Regional Development, UK Gov (CLG); Chairman of the OECD Forum of Development Agencies and Investment Strategies; Lead Advisor, British Council OPENCities Programme; Visiting Professor in Cities at Cass Business School, City of London; Senior Fellow, Urban Land Institute, Europe

Greg Clark is an international authority on city building, economic development, investment, and strategies for globalisation. He has 25 years experience in leadership roles combining executive roles in city agencies in London and many advisory roles with global cities and global companies world-wide. He is currently Visiting Professor in Cities at Cass Business School, City of London; Senior Fellow, Urban Land Institute, Europe; Chairman of the OECD Forum of Development Agencies and Investment Strategies; Lead Advisor, British Council OPENCities Programme; Advisor on City and Regional Development, UK Gov (CLG); and advisor to global cities, global companies, and national governments world-wide. His expertise covers sustainable development of cities and energy efficient urban development; city and regional investment instruments: public/private finance and collaboration; city and regional development agencies and leadership of economic development; city and regional marketing, branding, and the local impact of international events; economic strategies for places and the 'tactics' of metropolitan and urban development; how global firms and global cities can work together for mutual advantage; the competitive advantage of diversity to cities and regions; and the future and leadership of cities and regions in a global era.

Second keynote speaker and member of panel discussion

Michitaka Nakao

Formerly of the Japan External Trade Organisation

Michitaka Nakao joined the Japan External Trade Organisation (JETRO) in 1999. During his ten years at JETRO, his responsibilities included Director of Research and Director of Business Development at JETRO London where he was engaged in market intelligence provision to British and Japanese industries. Also, in 2001, he was seconded to Japanese Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry as Industrial Researcher to investigate industrial clusters in regions. He is a graduate of the University of Tokyo and is currently studying for an MBA at the University of Cambridge.

Third keynote speaker and member of panel discussion

Sarah Longlands

Director of Policy, Centre for Local Economic Strategies

Sarah is Director of Policy at Centre for Local Economic Strategies (CLES), an independent research and membership organisation specialising in economic development and regeneration. Sarah has responsibility for CLES' policy work, including CLES programme of independent research, CLES membership, events and publications. Sarah's previous experience included the development and implementation of business support and economic infrastructure projects in local government in North Yorkshire and Durham. Her professional research interests include unemployment and welfare reform, localisation of economies, the impact of environmental change on the economy, rural development and the governance of economic development.

Member of panel discussion

Akiyuki Hamagami

Director General, European Representative Office of Hyogo Prefectural Government

Akiyuki Hamagami has extensive experience in local government policy in Japan and at an international level. In 1990 he was one of the first members of the newly established Japan Local Government Centre in London, working as an Assistant Director from Hyogo Prefecture. Following this from 1992 to 1998 he worked as a senior officer on international relations and social welfare policies for the Hyogo Prefectural Government. This was followed by two years as Deputy Director of the Singapore office of the Council of Local Authorities for International Relations. Returning to his prefecture in 2002 he worked in various areas of local government policy, heading the international policy division from 2006 to 2008. In 2008 he took up the Director General position at the European Representative Office of Hyogo Prefectural Government in Paris, an office set up to promote and encourage European investment into Hyogo prefecture.