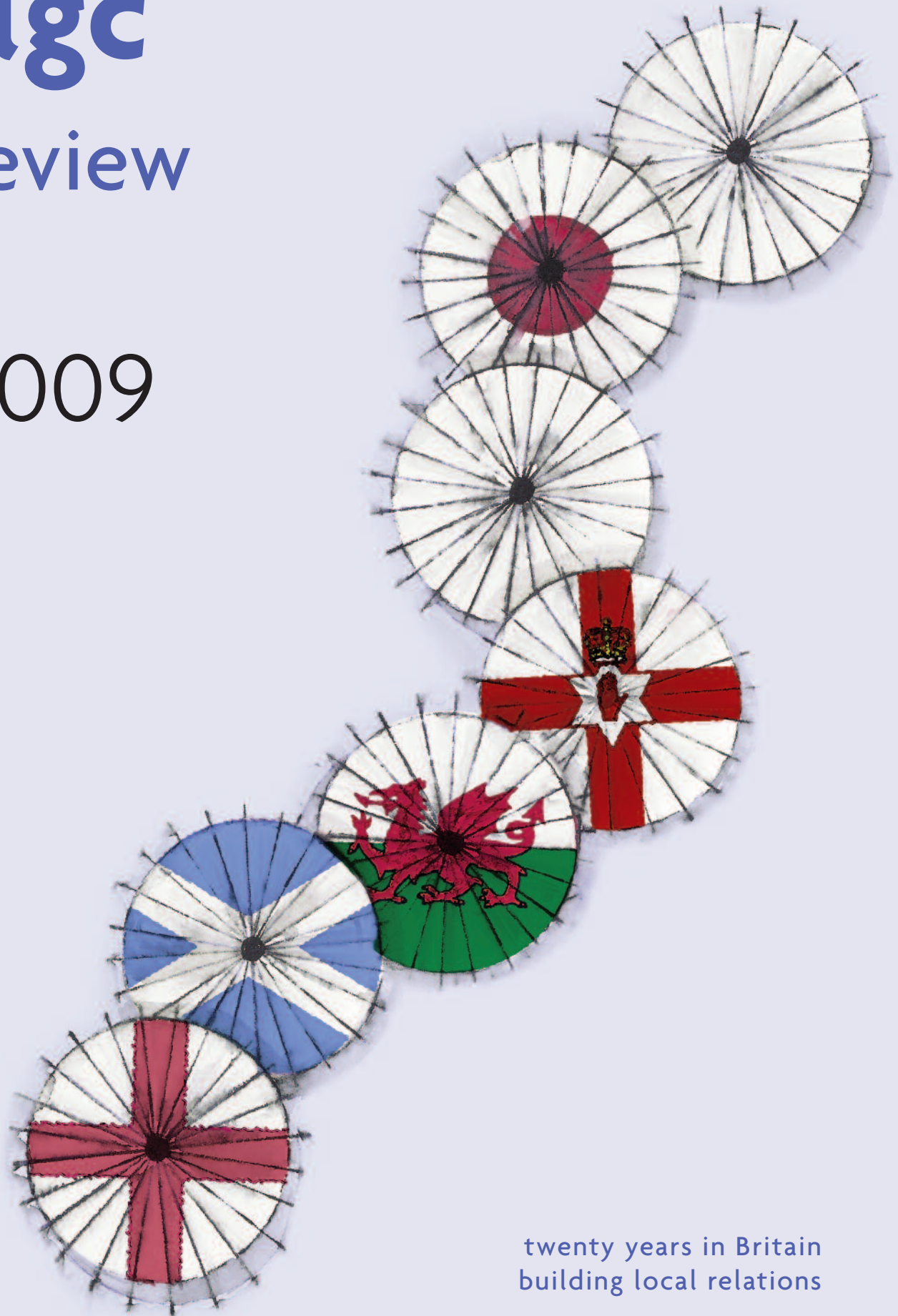


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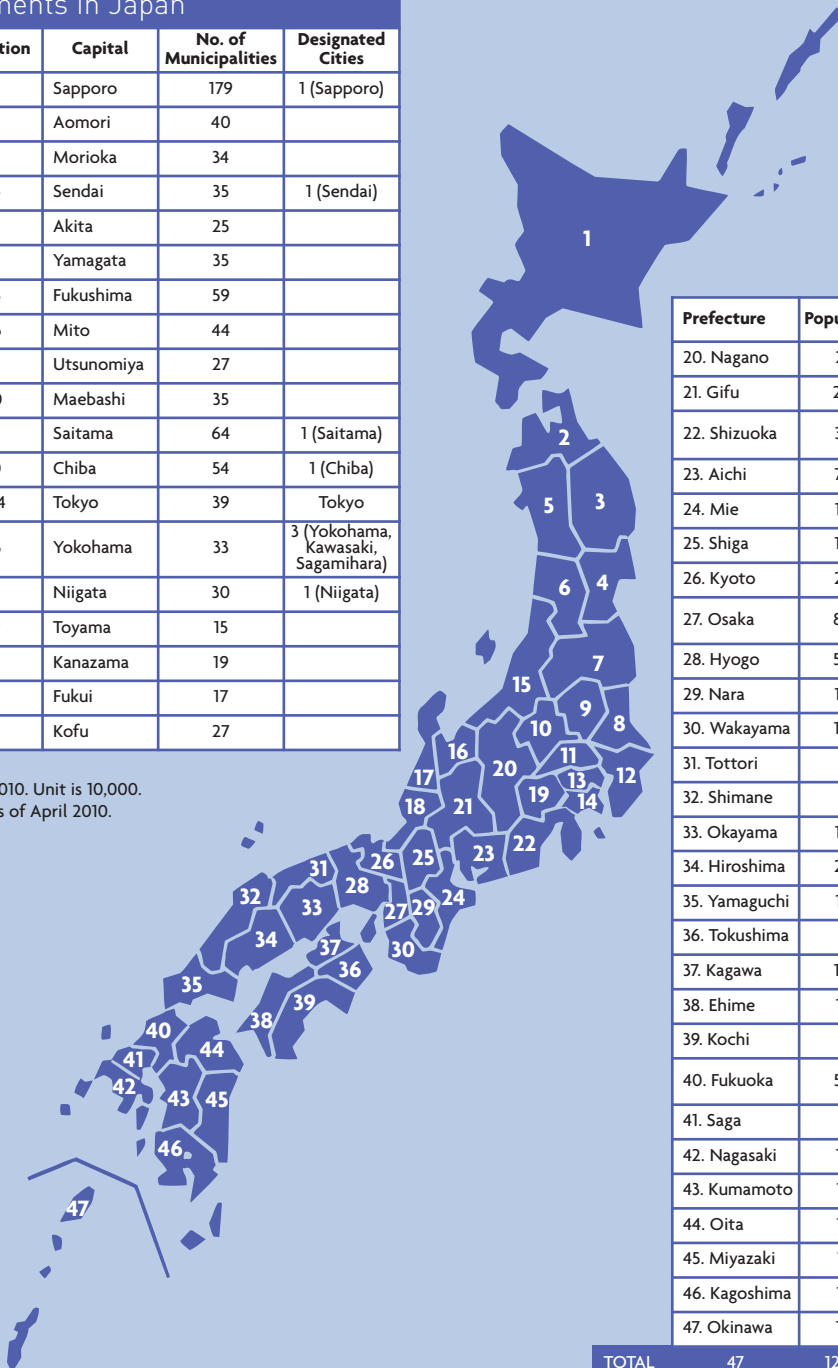
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Local Governments in Japan

Prefecture	Population	Capital	No. of Municipalities	Designated Cities
1. Hokkaido	552	Sapporo	179	1 (Sapporo)
2. Aomori	137	Aomori	40	
3. Iwate	133	Morioka	34	
4. Miyagi	224	Sendai	35	1 (Sendai)
5. Akita	109	Akita	25	
6. Yamagata	117	Yamagata	35	
7. Fukushima	203	Fukushima	59	
8. Ibaraki	296	Mito	44	
9. Tochigi	201	Utsunomiya	27	
10. Gunma	200	Maebashi	35	
11. Saitama	719	Saitama	64	1 (Saitama)
12. Chiba	620	Chiba	54	1 (Chiba)
13. Tokyo	1,304	Tokyo	39	Tokyo
14. Kanagawa	903	Yokohama	33	3 (Yokohama, Kawasaki, Sagami-hara)
15. Niigata	237	Niigata	30	1 (Niigata)
16. Toyama	109	Toyama	15	
17. Ishikawa	117	Kanazama	19	
18. Fukui	81	Fukui	17	
19. Yamanashi	87	Kofu	27	

Population is as of May 2010. Unit is 10,000.
No. of Municipalities is as of April 2010.



Prefecture	Population	Capital	No. of Municipalities	Designated Cities
20. Nagano	215	Nagano	77	
21. Gifu	208	Gifu	42	
22. Shizuoka	378	Shizuoka	35	2 (Shizuoka, Hamamatsu)
23. Aichi	742	Nagoya	57	1 (Nagoya)
24. Mie	186	Tsu	29	
25. Shiga	140	Otsu	19	
26. Kyoto	263	Kyoto	26	1 (Kyoto)
27. Osaka	884	Osaka	43	2 (Osaka, Sakai)
28. Hyogo	560	Kobe	41	1 (Kobe)
29. Nara	140	Nara	39	
30. Wakayama	100	Wakayama	30	
31. Tottori	59	Tottori	19	
32. Shimane	72	Matsue	21	
33. Okayama	194	Okayama	27	1 (Okayama)
34. Hiroshima	283	Hiroshima	23	1 (Hiroshima)
35. Yamaguchi	145	Yamaguchi	19	
36. Tokushima	79	Tokushima	24	
37. Kagawa	100	Takamatsu	17	
38. Ehime	143	Matsuyama	20	
39. Kochi	77	Kochi	34	
40. Fukuoka	507	Fukuoka	60	2 (Fukuoka, Kitakyushu)
41. Saga	85	Saga	20	
42. Nagasaki	143	Nagasaki	21	
43. Kumamoto	181	Kumamoto	45	
44. Oita	119	Oita	18	
45. Miyazaki	113	Miyazaki	26	
46. Kagoshima	171	Kagoshima	43	
47. Okinawa	139	Naha	41	
TOTAL	47	12,775	1,727	19



I am very happy to present to you JLGC's Annual Review for 2009.

Following on from the 150th anniversary of Japan-UK relations in 2008, in 2009 JLGC celebrated its 20th anniversary of opening the London office. This is a significant milestone in our history and one that we warmly welcome.

JLGC has received a great welcome from many different local authorities, and been able to carry out our work in supporting Japanese organisations and research in Europe. One of the effects of the economic climate of last year has resulted in voices of doubt being raised against local authorities and their international exchange activities. However, the financial crisis is an issue that local authorities must engage with regardless of country or culture. Therefore, studying the many different initiatives of other comparable organisations is an important aspect in enabling us to see clues when looking for resolutions to problems, in making our own solutions.

The theme of Japan Day Seminar 2009 was "The Recession One Year On, Strategies and Solutions for Local Communities". The economic crisis really was a problem for local government finances but it did not change the objectives of local authorities in dealing with the welfare of citizens. Indeed at a time like this it is deeply important to have mutual cooperation through the exchange of information.

JLGC hopes to contribute where it can to the development of Japanese local authorities, but also of course to those in the UK, and further to try and make a useful contribution through disseminating our information. We look forward to working with our partners in the coming year and thank them for their continued support.

Noboru Fujishima
Director

about us

The JLGC celebrates its 20th anniversary in 2009

The Japan Local Government Centre is the UK office of CLAIR - the Council of Local Authorities for International Relations. It was founded in 1989 with the support of Japan's Ministry of Home Affairs (Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications). CLAIR is a joint organisation of local authorities working to promote and provide support for localised international exchange activities.

With its head office in Tokyo, CLAIR has branch offices in each of Japan's 47 prefectures and 19 designated cities, and also has 7 overseas offices- in Beijing, New York, Paris, Singapore, Seoul, Sydney and London. Each overseas office is responsible for a specific area; the London office covers the United Kingdom, Austria, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Ireland, the Netherlands, Norway and Sweden.

The main functions of the JLGC in London are to conduct research on local government and public policy in the UK and northern Europe, and to promote exchanges between individuals, including government officers and local government representatives, in the UK and Japan. We are also involved in implementing the Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Programme, which employs UK graduates in the fields of international exchange and English language education in Japan.

jlgc London Activities 2009

MARCH 2010

- Local Links Conference with the Embassy of Japan in London
 - Research trip to Birmingham and the Institute of Local Government Studies University of Birmingham
 - Research trip to the Association of Netherlands Municipalities, the City of the Hague, the Netherlands
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FEBRUARY 2010

- JET Programme Alumni Association UK AGM, Cardiff
 - Research trip to Germany, visiting Hamburg city and opinion exchange with Potsdam University and German Institute for Urban Affairs and Japan Embassy in Germany
 - Attendance at the European Summit of Local Governments in Barcelona, Spain
 - Opinion Exchange with JETAA Ireland, Dublin
 - Attendance at COTYLAB on Metropolitan Governance in Lille, France.
 - JET Programme Interviews for Coordinator of International Relations and Assistant Language Assistant positions, Embassy of Japan, London
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JANUARY 2010

- Research trip to Middlesbrough Council
 - Japan-UK 150 Committee reception in Edinburgh
 - Visit Canterbury Council
 - Japan Study Tour Feedback and Alumni Meeting, Japan Foundation, Russell Square, London
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DECEMBER 2009

- Attendance at COP15 in Copenhagen, Denmark
 - Research trip to Buckinghamshire County Council
 - Research trip to Bedford Borough Council
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NOVEMBER 2009

- Japan Day Seminar, London
 - Attendance at Salon des Maires et des Collectivités Locales in Paris, France
 - Research Trip to Buckinghamshire County Council
 - Japan Study Tour, Hokkaido Japan
 - JET Programme recruitment presentations at UK universities
 - Japan-UK 150 planning meeting, Edinburgh
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OCTOBER 2009

- Dinner to commemorate the unveiling of the William Adams Clock Tower Memorial in Gillingham
 - Attendance at Council of Europe Congress of Local and Regional Authorities in Strasbourg, France
 - Attendance at the SOLACE Conference, Brighton
 - JET Programme Recruitment Presentations at UK universities
 - Visit to the University of Birmingham
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SEPTEMBER 2009

- Attendance at IOC Session and Olympic Congress in Copenhagen 2009
 - Attendance at Komatsu Friendship Garden Tree Planting Ceremony at Saltwell Park, Gateshead Metropolitan Borough Council
 - JET Programme Returnee Reception, Dublin
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AUGUST 2009

- Åland-Okinawa Exchange Seminar – “Transforming the Relationship with Central Government”
 - Japan-UK 150 planning meeting, Edinburgh
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JULY 2009

- Attendance at Sister Cities International Annual Conference in Belfast
 - Start of the Short-Term Trainee Programme
 - JET Programme pre-departure orientation, London
 - Visit to the University of Birmingham
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JUNE 2009

- Work placement in Cumbria County Council
 - LGA Group Annual Conference & Exhibition 2009 in Harrogate
 - Attendance at Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism 2009 in the Hague, the Netherlands
 - Work placement in Peterborough County Council
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MAY 2009

- CLAIR Overseas Office Directors Meeting, Tokyo
 - Work Placement in Tandridge Council
 - Japan Day in the University of Glasgow
 - Japan-UK 150 planning meeting, Edinburgh
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APRIL 2009

- NALC National Conference, Barnstaple
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JLGC Seminars

The Japan Day Seminar is an annual event hosted by the Japan Local Government Centre in partnership with a host UK local authority to raise awareness of Japan and Japanese local government, and provide an opportunity for participants to exchange ideas.

20th Anniversary Japan Day Seminar

Japan Day Seminar 2009 was held in London on the 23rd of November in partnership with the Local Government Association. The theme of this commemorative seminar was "The Recession One Year On: Strategies and Solutions for Local Communities", and examined the different policies that local authorities in Japan and the UK have adopted to deal with issues brought on by the recession. The seminar also marked the 20th anniversary of the Japan Local Government Centre setting up the London office.

It featured talks by Cllr Richard Kemp, Chairman of the LGA European and International Strategy Group, Leader of the LGA Liberal Democrats Group, and LGA Deputy Chair; Greg Clark, Adviser on City and Regional Development, UK Government; Sarah Longlands, Director of Policy at the Centre for Local Economic Strategies; and Michitaka Nakao, former Director of Business Development, Japan External Trade Organisation London Office. The talks were followed by an interactive panel discussion featuring the above speakers plus Akiyuki Hamagami, Director General of the European Representative Office of Hyogo Prefectural Government.



Michihiro Kayama, Chairman of the Council of Local Authorities for International Relations of Japan (CLAIR) expressed thanks to the LGA for co-hosting this year's Japan Day Seminar on account of its being the 20th anniversary of CLAIR's London office, the Japan Local Government Centre (JLGC), in London. The chairman highlighted the work undertaken by CLAIR between the UK and Japan; in particular the contribution of the JET Programme, commenting that the children of first wave JET participants from 20 years ago are now taking part as second generation JETs. He hoped that this experience would be taken into account by the new government of Japan, which had been elected on account of the people's desire for change and as

such CLAIR's existence could be under pressure. However, he stressed, it was important to take a long term perspective in order to deepen international bonds at the local level and hoped that this would be taken into account in any future discussions.

After the greeting from Mr. Kayama finished, Cllr Kemp, Mr. Clark, Ms. Longlands and Mr. Nakao gave their presentations. A Panel discussion with questions and answers followed. It was felt that even though the economic situation is changing dramatically, the role and purpose of the local governance has not changed. The importance of intelligence sharing among local governments is important and should be kept doing steadily.



Åland Seminar

On the 1st and 2nd of September 2009 the Åland Islands Peace Institute, together with the Japan Local Government Centre, organised a seminar on the theme of "Transforming the relationship with Central Government", with participants from Okinawa Prefecture in Mariehamn, Åland, the autonomous Swedish speaking region of Finland. The Åland Islands Peace Institute and JLGC have

written a report of the event that can be downloaded from their website.

(<http://www.peace.ax/en/news-archive/477-rapport-fran-seminariet-aland-okinawa>)



Japan Day in Glasgow

In May 2009, Japan Day in Glasgow was held at the University of Glasgow with the aim of giving small-medium sized companies in Scotland, interested in the Japanese market, the opportunity to find out what kind of support is on offer from the Japanese authorities. This event was organised by Professor Yushin Toda from the Research and Enterprise Centre at the University of Glasgow, and was co-sponsored by JETRO London and the JLGC.

Before starting the event, JETRO London hosted an initial gathering for Japanese local governments' representatives in Europe to share their knowhow and experiences which JLGC also took part in. Participating companies were also offered continuing support after the event to help with any plans for investment.



Japan Local Government Centre

Council of Local Authorities for International Relations (CLAIR), London
www.jlgc.org.uk

Japan Study Tour & Japan-UK Local Links Conference

The Japan Study Tour is an annual programme which aims principally to promote mutual understanding between Japanese and UK local government. JLGC invites applications from senior level staff of British local authorities and associated bodies, to join this ten day study tour to study the current conditions and issues related to Japanese local government. Each year's study tour focuses on the following:

- Observing Japanese public management systems in action.
- Studying and discussing specific services in small group sessions.
- Experiencing daily family life with a short home stay.

Eleven representatives from local government related organisations in the UK spent almost two weeks in November 2009 touring Tokyo and Hokkaido for the 2009 Japan Study Tour. Under the theme of regional regeneration through hosting international events, participants examined and discussed strategies to maximise the potential of international events to encourage business and tourism in a region.

Beginning with a visit to the Council of Local Authorities for International Relations (CLAIR) in Tokyo, participants learnt about the relationship between central and local government in Japan. This was followed by a trip to Hokkaido prefecture, the northernmost island of Japan with a population of 5.5 million and known for its natural beauty. Here participants learnt about Japanese local government, and participated in visits and meetings, including a trip to T_yako, the host town of the 2008 G8 summit. In Hokkaido participants also had the opportunity to experience a short home stay with a Japanese family and visit a number of famous local sites.



Japan Study Tour Feedback

On January 28th JLGC held the JST Feedback Meeting at the Japan Foundation offices in Russell Square.

Attending this year's meeting were 7 previous participants including councillors and managers at UK local authorities and related organisations. Also present were representatives from the Embassy of Japan and Japan Foundation who gave presentations to the study tour participants and joined in the discussion after explaining the role of each organization and how they also could be involved with the programme in the future.

Japan-UK Local Links Conference

On the 16th of March 2010 the Embassy of Japan in the UK and the Japan Local Government Centre hosted the second Japan-UK Local Links Conference.

The conference provided the opportunity for local authorities in the UK who have ties with a counterpart in Japan, either as official sister-cities or more informally, to come together and talk about their past exchanges, their plans for the future and discuss important issues relating to these activities such as funding in the current economic climate and ways to emphasise the benefits of international links to local authorities looking to cut down on non-essential projects.

There were also Japan-related organisations in attendance, such as the Japan Society and the Japan External Trade Organisation, who were able to answer many queries during the conference about their work and what they can potentially offer to help support local links in the UK.

Many in attendance were there for the second time but we were also pleased to welcome some new participants as well, including the British Council and representatives of the JET Alumni Association. The fact that enthusiasm and motivation to promote local links as something beneficial to a community when funding is short and economic issues take prevalence was one of the topics taken up during the conference. It was suggested that having a dynamic strategy which uses international relations between local authorities to bring an area out of recession could be one way to develop local links in future.

Overall, the meeting was felt by those in attendance to be beneficial and was both a source of new ideas and an evaluation of the past.



Local Authorities in Attendance:

Buckley Town Council
Medway Council
Gateshead Council
Edinburgh City Council
Derbyshire County Council
Peterborough City Council

Other UK Organisations in Attendance:

Local Government Association (LGA)
British Council
University of Oxford
University of Sheffield

Japan-related Organisations in Attendance:

Embassy of Japan in the UK
Japan Local Government Centre
Japan Society
The Japan External Trade Organisation (JETRO)
Japan Foundation London
Daiwa Anglo-Japanese Foundation
Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS)
JET Alumni Association

The JET (Japan Exchange and Teaching) Programme was established in 1987 with the purpose of increasing mutual understanding between the people of Japan and the people of other nations. The JET Programme is one of the largest exchange programmes in the world. It aims to promote international grass roots activities in Japan's local communities by helping to improve foreign language education and developing international exchange at a local level.

JET participants are selected from 36 countries to fill the post of ALT (Assistant Language Teacher), SEA (Sports Exchange Advisor) or CIR (Coordinators for International Relations). The ALT and SEA posts are usually based in local schools; the ALTs provide language instruction (predominantly English) in schools; the SEAs promote international exchange through sport whilst the CIRs are based in town or city halls and work in the community on international exchange activities.

The recruitment of the JET Participants is conducted by the Japanese Embassies and Consulates in each respective country, and each potential applicant (after screening) is interviewed. Once the successful candidates have been announced, a series of seminars is organised to induct the applicants into what is required of them whilst they work in Japan, and ex-participants are invited to give advice based on their experiences. Each contract is valid for one year, although the opportunity to extend is available. All JET applicants must be graduates, and if they have dual Japanese citizenship, this must be renounced before they can complete the application process. Japanese language skills are not required, unless the applicant wishes to apply for a post as a CIR, but participants are given text books and the local authorities may hold Japanese language classes once the participants arrive in Japan.

Once in Japan, the affiliates meet their host local authorities and are given training in preparation for filling their posts. Compared with other programmes for foreigners wishing to work in Japan, it is by far the most comfortable in terms of living, working and benefits, in contrast to employees who go to Japan and find work in the private sector.

A number of associations exist to help the participants to adjust to the living in the country, and AJET (Association for Japan Exchange and Teaching) is administered by current participants who hold bi-annual talks with the sponsors to exchange opinions on how the programme might be improved for the participants, whilst the JET Alumni Association (JETAA) is made up of ex-JETs who have returned to their own countries.

The programme is jointly administered by the Ministry for Internal Affairs and Communications, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology and the Council of Local Authorities for International Relations (CLAIR)

JET Alumni Association

JETAA is an independent organisation for former JETs who have completed their tenure in Japan and assist the embassies and CLAIR in the promotion of the JET Programme in their home countries. The main goal of this organisation is to maintain friendship ties with Japan and communicate with JETAA members in countries under the London office's remit. They are financed by JLGC (CLAIR London) and hold regular events for members. In the UK and Ireland, there are 7 local chapters and two national executives (the UK and Ireland respectively) comprising of almost 4000 members.

Once JETs return from Japan, JETAA organise a Careers Information Day in London which is an opportunity to meet with prospective employers and obtain advice about what options are open for them now. By and large, JET participants have gone on to very good jobs with organisations such as the Civil Service, NHS, and the BBC as well as banking and financial houses.

In the UK, there are almost 3,500 participants in local JETAA chapters, with London the biggest at almost 2,500. Ireland has just 1 chapter with 274 members.

The regional chapters are involved in supporting the JET Programme, by organising pre-departure events such as various Q&A sessions outside London about life in Japan for new participants and their families, helping with the main pre-departure event in London, giving presentations at universities, and holding networking events for former participants.

The chapters are involved with Japanese organisations in supporting cultural events. They all organise their own regular get-togethers where they eat or make Japanese food, have talks on Japanese culture, and watch Japanese films. Some chapters hold Japanese language classes, while the Republic of Ireland chapter has a Japanese speech contest every year. JETAA members are well placed to act as a bridge between Japanese regions and local areas throughout the UK. JETAA UK will celebrate its 20th anniversary in 2010.

Membership of the different chapters (as of July, 2009):

Chapter	Membership
London	2300
Midlands	383
North West	-
Scotland	298
Northern Ireland	68
Wales	70
Ireland	274



JET Programme Links:

- JETAA-UK** <http://www.jetaa.org.uk/>
- JETAA-Ireland** <http://www.je.emb-japan.go.jp/ijet.htm>
- JETAA-International** <http://jetalumni.org/mos/index.php>

For more information about the JET Programme, visit this website: <http://www.jetprogramme.org/index.html>

JET Promotion around the UK

JLGC Staff members are active in promoting the JET Programme around the country at universities to undergraduate students. Japanese staff give presentations on life in Japan, while UK staff and former JETs talk about their experiences and explain how the programme works as a joint project between local authorities in the regions and central government ministries in Tokyo. Our main office CLAIR Tokyo is responsible for organising the national orientation for around 1600 new JETs (in 2009), dispatch to their contracting boards of education throughout Japan, and providing support and counselling for participants.



CLAIR Publications

Research into UK Local Government for Japan (in Japanese)

JLGC's London office carries out research within each country on the organisation of local government finance. In 2008 JLGC started posting research into each of the countries under our remit on our website.

The CLAIR Tokyo office also presents this information on the kinds of activities carried out by UK organisations, in publications for Japanese local authorities.

JLGC Website

- UK local authority bulletins (local government structure, planning, regeneration, welfare, health, transport, environment, education, housing, policing, emergency services as well as others)
- European local government bulletins (EU, Ireland, Germany, Austria, Netherlands, Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Finland)
- Regular reports on recent issues, with "Weekly Topics" on the latest news reflected in the media, and "Monthly Topics" focusing on recent public policy matters as they develop.
- JLGC Blog – regular updates on public service provision and UK-Japan relations
- Japan-UK Linked Local Authorities Blog – events and activities of UK and Japanese local authorities with twinning arrangements

Supporting Japanese local authorities (41 examples)

After receiving requests from Japanese local authorities, JLGC assists with advance bookings for meetings, support with translation, specialist lectures at JLGC's London offices, working together and supporting local authority research trips from Japan with research activities concerning public service in the UK and Europe.

Research Requests from Japan (17 examples)

Local governance and public finance requests for information needed from abroad, but that cannot be carried out by the local authority themselves are carried out by JLGC staff based in the UK.

CLAIR Report

No. 340- Sure Start Programme (2009/07/06)

Myriad Leaves

Myriad Leaves, the journal of JLGC London, is a bi monthly publication featuring articles on Japanese local government, as well as features on activities and projects by JLGC in the UK promoting international grass roots activities. Back issues are available from the JLGC website in the publications section.

Speaker Series

Speaker Series is a programme whereby experts on UK and European local government come to JLGC London to present on a certain topic. Those in attendance may include JLGC staff, government or government-related employees, and academics. The information received in these presentations help with staff development, and is also often passed on to local authorities in Japan.

Speakers for 2009:

- Osami Sagisaka, Fellow, Chatham House (from Ministry of Environment, Japan) "*Global Warming*"
- Ken Tsuchino, University of Cambridge Doctoral Studies, "*Decentralisation Reform and the Energising of Regional Assemblies – Japan and Sweden*"
- Jennifer Ashby (Deputy Director, Race Equality and Diversity Communities Group, DCLG) "*Delivering Economic Success: An international perspective on Local Government as stewards of economic resilience*"
- Yushin Toda, International Business Liaison Manager, University of Glasgow "*Knowledge Transfer: UK Universities – strategies in building relationships with Business and the Community*"
- Tomoki Tanemura, Bank of Japan, London Office "*Green shoots or false dawns? Lessons from the Financial Crisis*"
- Peter Williams, Chief Executive, Better Bankside "*Business Improvement Districts, a flexible mechanism for urban management*"
- Ian Briggs, Senior Fellow The Institute of Local Government Studies, University of Birmingham "*The Challenges and Issues around the Training and Development of the UK Local Government Workforce*"
- Prof. Shigeru Tamura, Faculty of Law Niigata University "*The course of the debate in reforming the prefectures – is it third time lucky or not?*"
- Dr. Nicole Rousmaniere, Director, Sainsbury Institute for the Study of Japanese arts and Culture "*Japan at the British Museum*"

Long & Short Term Trainee Programme, JLGC Staff Work Placements

Long Term Trainee Programme

The long term trainee programme began in 1998, with the aim of encouraging Japanese local government officers to spend a year in the UK, studying British public administration at the University of Birmingham's School of Public Policy and INLOGOV. Students receive intensive language tuition at the English International Students Unit, before beginning their studies on UK local government. Over the years, trainees have carried out research in a range of areas including CPA, Tourism, Best Value, Education Reform and Not for Profit Organisations.

Short Term Trainee Programme

Beginning in 1990, the Short Term Trainee Programme is a three month study programme whose aim is to allow Japanese local government officers to gain hands-on experience in local government in the UK and France.

The first part of the programme offers participants the opportunity to complete a one month intensive English language course whilst staying with a British family. The trainees then embark on a course in UK and Overseas Local Administration at the University of Birmingham. This is followed by two-week work placements in UK authorities, whereby trainees gain first-hand knowledge by shadowing local government officers. The local governments which hosted this year's training are Gateshead Council, Cumbria County Council, Derbyshire County Council and the Greater London Authority. We would like to express our sincere appreciation to them for their cooperation. The final part of the programme is spent in France, where trainees gain invaluable insight into local government systems on the continent.

Unfortunately this programme ended in 2009. We would like to express our deep thanks to all our partners involved who have enabled us to carry out the programme over the last 19 years.

JLGC Staff Work Placements

As part of their training all our Japanese staff visited several local authorities on placements, learning about the functions of local government and comparing practice here in the UK with Japan. These visits are very important to the staff as they offer a chance to work with British people as well as visit different parts of the country. Upon their return to JLGC, staff share their experience and the knowledge gained on the

placement with their colleagues through feedback presentations in English.

We are very grateful to those authorities who hosted our members of staff during 2009.

- Tandridge Council
- Peterborough City Council
- Cumbria County Council

Opinion Exchange with Partner Organisations

The Local Government Association annual conference and exhibition in Harrogate (July 2009)

Sister Cities International Annual Conference in Belfast (July, 2009)

Council of Europe Congress of Local and Regional Authorities in Strasbourg, France (October 2009)

SOLACE Conference in Brighton (October 2009)

Salon des Maires et des Collectivités Locales in Paris, France (November 2009)

The National Association of Local Councils, Larger Councils Conference in London (November 2009)

European Summit of Local Governments in Barcelona, Spain (February 2010)

Potsdam University, German Institute for Urban Affairs, Japan Embassy in Germany (February 2010)

Research Trips

- Hamburg (Germany) February 2010
- The Hague (The Netherlands) February 2010

Research Trips for CLAIR Report

- Buckinghamshire County Council (November 2009)
- Middlesbrough City Council (January 2010)

Japanese local government official links with local government in the UK

Gateshead Council, Tyne and Wear: Komatsu Friendship Garden Tree Planting Ceremony at Saltwell Park (September 2009)

Medway Council, Kent: Dinner to commemorate the unveiling of the William Adams Clock Tower Memorial in Gillingham (October 2009)

2016 Summer Olympic Games

Tokyo was one of the candidates to host the 2016 Olympic Games. Our staff, Mr. Hikiba from Tokyo Metropolitan Government visited Copenhagen, Denmark to participate in the IOC Session as one of the Tokyo delegation for Olympic promotion. Unfortunately, Tokyo was third at the bid and the venue will be Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. However JLGC's analysis of preparations for London 2012 is an invaluable resource for Tokyo Metropolitan Government and future projects.



JLGC Staff

Noboru Fujishima *Director*

Seconded from the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications.

Eiji Yamaguchi *Deputy Director*

Seconded from Aichi Prefectural Government.

Nobuharu Hikiba *Senior Advisor*

Seconded from the Tokyo Metropolitan Government, currently following the London 2012 Olympic Games preparation.

Ryoko Matsunoshita *Assistant Director*

Seconded from Tokushima Prefectural Government, researching education, economic development and regeneration in the UK and government policy in Finland.

Seiki Kimura *Assistant Director*

Seconded from Tokyo Metropolitan Government, researching the duties and status of local officers, public-private partnerships in the UK, and government policy in the EU.

Yoshihisa Ogawa *Assistant Director*

Seconded from Gunma Prefectural Government, working on the JET Programme in the UK. Also researching rural affairs in the UK, Denmark and the Netherlands.

Yoko Miyamoto *Assistant Director*

Seconded from Hiroshima City Government, researching environmental policy in the UK and government policy in Sweden.

Mamika Kambayashi *Assistant Director*

Seconded from the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications.

Irmelind Kirchner *Research and Policy Manager*

Conducting and supervising research according to JLGC's remit, with particular regard to the UK and Germany.

Andrew Stevens *Research Manager*

Providing analysis of legislative, policy and political developments, internationalising best practice in the public services.

Keith Kelly *Research and Public Relations Officer*

Writing and editing publications and the website, assisting with research, Japanese to English translation, and general administration

Phillippa Harvey *Communications and Events Assistant*

Liaison, Japanese to English translation, website editing, assisting with research, and general administration.

Marie Yoshikawa *Researcher Translator*

Translating reports and assisting with research administration.

Chiho Whittaker *Accounts and Administration Assistant*

Administering the office accounts.

Staff who left JLGC from April 2009 to March 2010:

Deputy Director Shingo Kazama (July 2009)

Yukiko Niwa (September 2009)

Jason Buckeley (January 2010)

Ryoko Matsunoshita (March 2010)

Seiki Kimura (March 2010)



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Government Finances in Japan 2008-2009

Total scale of government accounts

(1 GBP = 140 JPY)

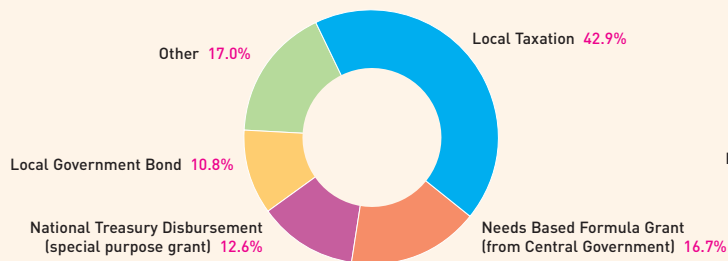
Local Government	General Finances	Revenue	92,213.5 billion JPY	658.7 billion GBP
		Expenditure	89,691.5 billion JPY	640.7 billion GBP
National Government	General Finances*	Revenue	89,208.2 billion JPY	637.2 billion GBP
		Expenditure	84,697.4 billion JPY	605.0 billion GBP
	Specified Finances**	Revenue	387,739.5 billion JPY	2,769.6 billion GBP
		Expenditure	359,198.2 billion JPY	2,565.7 billion GBP

*Based on national taxes

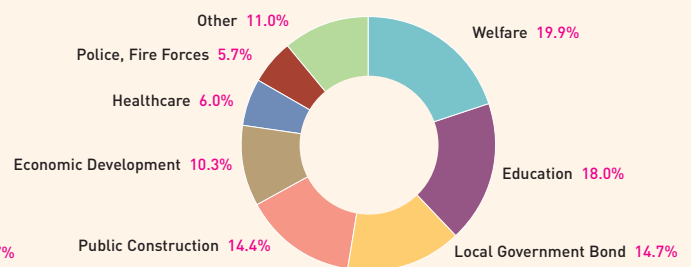
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BREAKDOWN OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Revenue

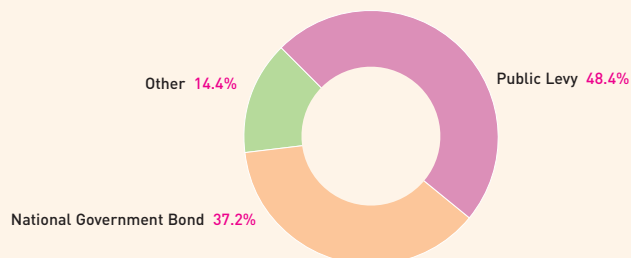


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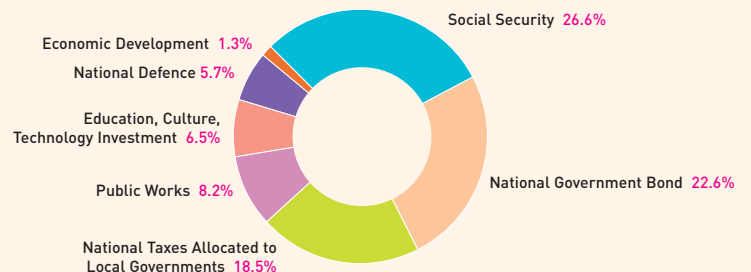


BREAKDOWN OF NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS

Revenue

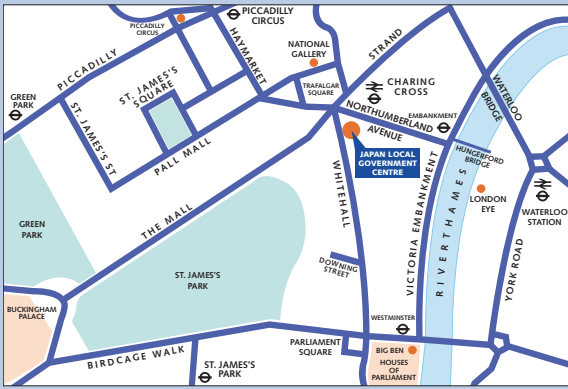


Expenditure



UK - JAPAN LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AFFILIATION

Local Government	Affiliated UK Local Authority
Yoichi-cho, Hokkaido	East Dunbartonshire
Murata-machi, Miyagi	Buckley, Flintshire
Kawasaki, Kanagawa	Sheffield City Council
Yokosuka, Kanagawa	Medway Council
Komatsu, Ishikawa	Gateshead Council
Hakusan, Ishikawa	Boston Borough Council
Otari-mura, Nagano	Ottery St. Mary Town Council
Ito, Shizuoka	Medway Council
Toyota, Aichi	Derbyshire County Council, Derby City Council, South Derbyshire District Council
Kyoto Prefecture	City of Edinburgh Council
Maizuru, Kyoto	Portsmouth City Council
Iwakuni, Yamaguchi	Flintshire County Council
Beppu, Oita	Bath & North East Somerset Council



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