

- Council of Local Authorities for International Relations
- Established in 1988
- Cooperation of local authorities, the Ministry of Internal Affairs & Communications (MIC), Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) and Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT)
- Offices in New York, London, Paris, Singapore, Seoul,
  Sydney and Beijing, with our HQ in Tokyo



- Japan Local Government Centre (JLGC) is the London Office of CLAIR
- JLGC covers Austria, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Ireland, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden and the UK
  - Japanese staff are seconded from local authorities around Japan
  - We analyse / provide information on systems and policies of local government
  - Information exchange seminars / tours (JLGC Seminar, Japan Study Tour)
  - Act as an international link for local governments, academia and local business

## Japan Study Tour

- Promote network of overseas local government executives, local governments in Japan, and CLAIR
- Exchange information, engage in debate regarding current condition and issues of local governments
- 2014-15 Kumamoto City and Tokyo:
- 'Compact and Connected Cities; Smart Growth' Policies (Effects of new Shinkan-sen in the area)
- 2015-16 Yamanashi and Tokyo:
- 'Challenges in Demography: Tackling Ageing Society and Shrinking Populations'