## The New Furusato Awards Launched by JSPS London

JSPS London this year launched an Alumni support scheme called the Furusato Awards. The purpose of this scheme is to provide financial support to members of the JSPS London Alumni Association to maintain their link and strengthen their relationship with the Japanese scientific community. Candidates can apply to support research with a host that is the same or different to the institution they have previously been associated. Under this scheme, international transportation costs and a maintenance allowance for one collaborative research trip to a Japanese host institution will be provided. The maximum amount reimbursed to each successful applicant will be £2,000. So far, 4 such grants have been made and an official award ceremony will take place at the next JSPS London Alumni Association meeting in January. To celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of UK-Japan diplomatic relations, a further call for applications is currently taking place with the closing date being November 17<sup>th</sup>.



The JSPS London Alumni Association is continuously increasing to currently over 140 members