

Pre-Departure Seminar Programme

Wednesday, 27th May 2026

13:00 Doors open

13:15-14:45 Japanese Language Lesson

Ms Tomoko Fujita, School of Modern Languages and Cultures, University of Warwick

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15:00 Beginning of Orientation

15:10 Opening Remarks

Professor Masahiko Hara, Director, JSPS London

15:20 Self-introduction from each participant (using presentation slide)

15:40 Preparing for Your Research Trip

Mr Taiki Satow, Deputy Director, JSPS London

15:50 JSPS Programmes and after your Fellowship

Ms Aoi Kon, International Programme Associate, JSPS London

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16:15 Experiences as a JSPS Summer Programme Fellow 2025

Dr Alexander Wright, Department of Physics, Imperial College London

16:30 Research Environments in Japanese Institutions

Professor Mohammad Ghavami, School of Engineering, London South Bank University

16:45 Questions and Discussion- include completing questionnaire and announcement regarding Instagram account from Mr Yamashita

Around 17:00 End of Orientation

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17:15 Doors open for Alumni members

17:20 Group Photo

17:25 Short Presentation:

The Latest Activities of the UK and Ireland JSPS Alumni Association

Dr John Brazier, Alumni Association Executive Committee Member (University of Reading)

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17:30 A toast and Buffet

19:00 End of Reception