

Pre-Departure Seminar Programme 23rd April 2025

12:30: Door open

12:45-14:15: Introduction to the Japan Foundation followed by a Japanese Language Lesson, Japan Foundation London

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14:30: Beginning of Orientation

14:30 Opening Remarks

Professor Naoto Kobayashi, Director, JSPS London

14:40 Self-introduction from each participant

15:00 Preparing for Your Research Trip

Dr Yumiko Myoken, Deputy Director, JSPS London

15:10 JSPS Programmes and after your Fellowship,

Mr Yusuke Nishida, International Programme Associate, JSPS London

15:25-15:35 Q&A

Ms Mihoko Mizota, JSPS Tokyo HQ

Mr Akihito Wada, JSPS Tokyo HQ

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15:55 Experiences as a JSPS Summer Research Fellow

Ms Narin Aker, Institute of Epidemiology & Health, University College London
(2024 JSPS Summer Programme Fellow)

16:10 Research Environment in Japanese Institutions

Dr Stephen Lyth, Department of Chemical and Process Engineering, University of Strathclyde (JSPS-Royal Society Bilateral Joint Project Awardee 2018, JSPS Invitation Fellow 2024)

16:25 The Daiwa Anglo Japanese Foundation's Funding Programmes for Research in Japan

Ms Susan Meehan, Scholarships and Grants Officer

16:35 The Great Britain Sasakawa Foundation's Funding Programmes for Research in Japan.

Ms Miwako Hayashi Bitmead, Programmes Executive

16:45 Questions and Discussion (accommodation and insurance issues etc.)

Around 17:00 End of Orientation

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17:10- Group Photo

17:15-30 Short Presentation on the History of the JSPS Alumni Association of the UK and Ireland on its 20th Anniversary, Professor Naoto Kobayashi, Director, JSPS London

Short Presentation on the Latest Activities of the UK and Ireland JSPS Alumni Association by Prof Alessandra Devoto, Royal Holloway, University of London

Farewell Speech for Professor Kobayashi

Prof Peter Norreys, University of Oxford

17:45 Toast by Prof Keith Willison

19:00 End of Reception