

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP
Cross-Party Group on Japan
DATE GROUP ESTABLISHED (the date of establishment is the date in this parliamentary session that the Group held its initial meeting, where the office bearers were elected and not the date that the Group was accorded recognition. All Groups should hold their AGMs on, or before, the anniversary of this date.)
23 rd October 2018
DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM
Thursday 17 th September 2020
DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED
24 th September 2020
DATE OF PRECEDING AGM [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 11-13 months of the previous AGM]
24 th September 2019
GROUP MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES
Please provide details of each meeting of the Group including the date of the meeting, a brief description of the main subjects discussed and the MSP and non-MSP attendance figures. Details of any other activities, such as visits undertaken by the Group or papers/report published by the Group should also be provided.
22nd January 2020 Attendance: 3 MSPs, 32 Non-MSPs Guest Speaker: Mr Nozomu Takaoka, Consul General of Japan – The Consul General reviewed developments over 2019, including the success of the Rugby World Cup in Japan, increase in exports to Japan and highlighted visits by both UK and Scottish Government Ministers.

Guest Speaker: Deputy Consul General of Japan, Ms Masami Fujimoto – The Deputy Consul General noted further key events in Japan-Scotland relations throughout 2019, including significant Japanese investments in Scotland.

Guest Speaker: Beatrice Morrice, Scotch Whisky Association – Beatrice Morrice noted the important history of collaboration between the Scottish whisky industry and Japan, noting the increase in exports in recent years.

Guest Speaker: James Withers (Scotland Food & Drink) – James Withers spoke on the increase in exports of Salmon to Japan and the opportunities which would arise from COP 26.

Guest Speaker: Neil Francis (Scottish Enterprise) – Neil Francis briefed the Group on the work of SDI and future trade missions.

Guest Speaker: Sarah Zipp (University of Stirling) – Sarah Zipp presented on the collaboration between the University of Stirling and Universities in Japan.

Guest Speakers: Jack McEwan, Katrin Loose, Femke Luijten (University of Stirling Students) - Presentation on a Nanairo Ekiden event being held at the University of Stirling Campus on Sunday 8th March 2020.

17th September 2020

Attendance: 6 MSPs, 22 Non-MSPs

Guest Speaker: Mr Nozomu Takaoka, Consul General of Japan – The Consul General spoke on the UK-Japan Free Trade Agreement and the opportunities which will arise as a result. Followed by open discussion.

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

Please provide names and party designation of all MSP members of the Group.

- Dean Lockhart MSP - Conservative
- Jamie Halcro Johnston MSP - Conservative
- Bill Bowman MSP - Conservative
- Colin Smyth MSP - Labour
- Liam McArthur MSP – Liberal Democrat
- Pauline McNeill MSP – Labour
- Maureen Watt MSP - SNP

NON-MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

For organisational members please provide only the name of the organisation, it is not necessary to provide the name(s) of individuals who may represent the organisation at meetings of the Group.

Individuals	David Birrell Doug Cook
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	Michael Graham Thomas Heald Lesley-Anne Campbell Hisashi Kuboyama Alan Johnston Stuart Hamilton Sue Beatt Colin Loveday Pry Paulasaari Takashi Taji David Watt Professor Ian Gow OBE MA Phd DUniv FRAS FRSA
Organisations	Asia Scotland Institute Scottish Life Sciences Association University sector/ Japan Societies Scottish Chambers of Commerce Entrepreneurial Scotland The Whisky Ambassador Ltd The Institute of Directors Japan Society of Scotland Orkney Japan Association Kyowa Kirin
<p>GROUP OFFICE BEARERS</p> <p>Please provide names for all office bearers. The minimum requirement is that two of the office bearers are MSPs and one of these is Convener – beyond this it is a matter for the Group to decide upon the office bearers it wishes to have. It is permissible to have more than one individual elected to each office, for example, co-conveners or multiple deputy conveners.</p>	
Convener	Dean Lockhart MSP
Deputy Convener	Jamie Halcro Johnston MSP Maureen Watt MSP

Secretary	Doug Cook
Treasurer	NA

FINANCIAL BENEFITS OR OTHER BENEFITS RECEIVED BY THE GROUP

Please provide details of any financial or material benefit(s) received from a single source in a calendar year which has a value, either singly or cumulatively, of more than £500. This includes donations, gifts, hospitality or visits and material assistance such as secretariat support.

Details of material support should include the name of the individual providing support, the value of this support over the year, an estimate of the time spent providing this support and the name of the organisation that this individual is employed by / affiliated to in providing this support.

Groups should provide details of the date on which the benefit was received, the value of the benefit and a brief description of the benefit.

If the Group is not disclosing any financial information please tick the box to confirm that the Group has considered the support received, but concluded it totalled under the threshold for disclosure (£500).

NA

SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP

Please provide details of the amount charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used.

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