

CROSS-PARTY GROUP REGISTRATION FORM

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Japan

PURPOSE OF THE GROUP AND PROPOSED DISCUSSION TOPICS

1. Please state the purpose of the Group.
2. Please also provide a brief explanation of the purpose of the Group and why the purpose is in the public interest.
3. Please also provide details of any overlaps with the purpose of existing Cross-Party Groups and an explanation of why, regardless of any such overlap, the Group should be established.
4. Please also provide an indication of the topics which the Group anticipates discussing in the forthcoming 12 months.

The Cross-Party Group on Japan seeks to promote relations between Scotland and Japan, which is third largest economy in world and one of largest investors in Scotland.

The Group seeks to work with organisations and authorities to increase cultural, educational and economic exchange between the two countries, to engage with the Consulate General of Japan in Edinburgh and the Japanese community in Scotland.

The Group does not consider there to be any overlap with any other group.

Topics:

- Educational exchanges
- Inspiring the next generation in Scotland to engage with Japan
- Cultural Exchanges
- Exploring joint initiatives in Life Sciences and Technology, increasing economic exchanges.

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)

Liam McArthur MSP (Liberal Democrat)

Pauline McNeill MSP (Labour)

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

Thomas Heald – Head of Office to Dean Lockhart MSP

Lesley-Anne Campbell – Parliamentary Assistant to Dean Lockhart MSP

Organisations

Asia Scotland Institute

Scottish Life Sciences Association

University sector/ Japan Societies

Scottish Chambers of Commerce

GROUP OFFICE BEARERS

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.

Convener

Dean Lockhart MSP

Deputy Convener

Jamie Halcro-Johnston MSP

Secretary

David Birrell

Treasurer

Not required

FINANCIAL BENEFITS OR OTHER BENEFITS

Please provide details of any financial or material benefit(s) the Group anticipates receiving 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.

None

SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP

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

None

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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STATEMENT ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT

I declare that the Cross-Party Group on Japan is constituted and will comply with the terms of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament.

Signed

Dean Lockhart MSP

Date

23/10/2018