

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION, THE JAPAN - BRITISH SOCIETY OF THE KANSAI

I NAME AND SEAT OF THE SOCIETY

Article 1. The Society shall be called the Japan-British Society of the Kansai.

Article 2. The Society shall have its office in Osaka.

II OBJECT OF THE SOCIETY

Article 3. The object of the Society is to help foster goodwill and understanding between the Japanese and British peoples.

III MEMBERS

Article 4. Members of the Society shall consist of Honorary Members, Corporate Members and Individual Members.

Article 5. Applicants for membership shall apply with the prescribed form to the Society. The Committee on Admissions, selected and nominated by the President, shall investigate the qualification of the applicants and decide on their acceptability. The Society is not bound to give a reason why an application cannot be accepted.

Article 6. Honorary Members shall be exempted from annual dues. Former Presidents and Members who have made conspicuous contribution to the work of the Society over a number of years will be eligible for appointment as Honorary Members and shall be so nominated by the President on recommendation of the Council.

Article 7. Corporate Members, who may be corporate bodies or other groups, shall pay annual dues of ¥20,000- for the first share and ¥10,000- each for subsequent shares. A corporate member is entitled to nominate up to five (5) representatives for the first share and two (2) each for additional shares, who may enjoy the privileges of membership of the Society.

Article 8. Annual dues for Individual Membership:
Regular Individual Members: ¥3,000.
Family Members (excluding students): ¥2,000-
Students and Pupils (excluding primary school pupils): ¥1,000.
People from the UK or Commonwealth studying at Japanese universities: Gratis.

Article 9. Members will receive, free of charge, publications issued by the Society, and will be able to participate in all activities of the Society. Members must immediately inform the Secretariat in writing of changes in address etc.

IV RESIGNATION; TEMPORARY WITHDRAWAL; OR FORFEITURE OF MEMBERSHIP

Article 10. A member who wishes to resign, or withdraw temporarily from membership, shall declare to the society in writing his or her intention to do so.

Article 11. Members shall pay annual dues within 6 months of receiving notification. Members who fail to pay will be reminded by letter addressed to their latest reported address. If payment is not forthcoming within one month of the reminder, the Society can cancel membership.

Article 12. The membership of a person who exhibits conduct unbecoming to a member may be cancelled by decision of the Principal Working Committee appointed by the Council. The Society is not bound to give a reason for such a decision.

V OFFICERS AND MEETINGS

Article 13. The Society shall have the following officers:

President	(one)
Senior Vice President	(one)
Vice Presidents	(not more than three)
Council Members	(not less than eleven)
Auditors	(two)
Secretaries	(two)

Article 14. The term of office of the Society's Officers shall be two (2) years. At the expiration of their terms, they shall be eligible for reelection. Officers appointed as substitutes or to additional posts shall serve for the remainder of the term of office of retiring Officers.

Article 15. The Council shall be composed of not less than eleven members who shall be elected from among the membership at an Annual General Meeting. The Council may, however fill ad-interim vacancies occurring among its members at the President's discretion. The decision of the Council must be made by more than half of its members who attend. The decision can also be made using Letters of Attorney or an exchange of correspondence.

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Article 16. The British Ambassador to Japan, if he or she agrees, shall be the Honorary President of the Society, and the British Consul-General in Osaka, subject to his or her acceptance, shall be the Honorary Vice-President of the Society.

Article 17. The President and Officers of the Society shall be elected by the Council from among its Members.

Article 18. The President shall represent the Society and exercise general supervision over the affairs of the Society. The Senior Vice President shall assist the President and represent him or her when he or she is prevented from conducting the Society's activities personally.

Article 19. The Council shall appoint a Principal Working Committee to conduct the normal business of the Society and to advise the President. Decisions of the Principal Working Committee shall be made by agreement of more than half of those present including those present by Letter of Attorney. The decision can also be made by at exchange of correspondence.

The Principal Working Committee shall, at its discretion, authorize the payment of subsidies from its funds to the sub-organizations. If a Committee member resigns because of relocation, etc., a replacement will, at the President's discretion, be adopted temporarily by the committee and confirmed at the next meeting of the Council. The replacements will have a vote on the Committee before the replacement is confirmed. The minutes of the Principal Working Committee can remain confidential.

Article 20. The Auditors shall supervise the Society's finances and participate in meetings of the Principal Working Committee and voice their opinions.

Article 21. The Secretaries shall in principle be two in number, one Japanese and one British, and conduct the Society's business ; they will double as secretaries to the Working Committee.

Article 22. The President shall convene an Annual General Meeting when the Annual Report, Financial Statement and other Business Matters shall be presented. Matters submitted to the Meeting shall be decided by the majority of votes of the members present. The President is empowered to convene Extraordinary General Meeting as need rises. In case of natural disasters or other similar exceptional circumstances which render the AGM impossible, the Council can substitute for the AGM (in writing if necessary).

VI ACCOUNTS

Article 23. Expenditures of the Society, shall be met by membership dues, contributions, subsidies and revenues from other sources.

Article 24. The Fiscal Year of the Society shall be from 1st January to 31st December.

VII SUPPLEMENTARY RULES

Article 25. The President is empowered to appoint, when necessary, Committees which shall be entrusted with the disposal of specific matters. The President is also empowered to appoint salaried staff.

Article 26. The Society recognizes two subsidiary organizations, namely the Ladies Group and Social Action Group. Any member may participate in the activities of these groups.

Article 27. Notwithstanding the stipulations of Articles 7 and 8, dues may be revised by the Council, when it deems necessary.

Article 28. Treatment of personal information about members will be governed in accordance with relevant laws and regulations and in accordance with a separately specified privacy policy.

Article 29. The Articles of Association of the Society shall be in Japanese, but when necessary shall be translated into English.

Article 30. The Articles of Association shall be effective from 4th March 2021.

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