

Remarks by H.E. Mr Hiroshi Suzuki,
Ambassador of Japan to the UK,
at the ‘Japan-UK Summer Drinks’
on 2 July 2025

Esteemed parliamentarians,
Mr Thorne,
Mr Bakhshi,
Distinguished guests,

Thank you very much for coming to the
Japanese Embassy this evening.

This is the very first reception that we
are hosting for Japan House London’s
corporate members and potential future
corporate members.

Japan House London is a one-stop
pavilion showcasing the very best of
Japan, from food, culture and tradition
to technology, innovation and many
other things.

It opened in 2018 in the presence of Prince William, then the Duke of Cambridge, now the Prince of Wales. Over the past seven years, it has become a remarkable success, attracting 2.5 million visitors.

This success would not have been possible without the strong support and active engagement of our corporate members.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the corporate members and to express my strong wish that they will continue – and, I hope, increase – their use of the space and resources Japan House London has to offer.

To potential future corporate members, I would like to emphasise that Japan House London can provide you with incredible opportunities to become associated with Japan in terms of business opportunities, cultural exchange and people-to-people contacts.

Today, we are honoured by the presence of members of the British-Japanese Parliamentary Group, who have long supported the Japan–UK partnership. This is also a connection Japan House London highly cherishes and I am deeply grateful for their great contributions.

In closing, I would like to thank the corporate members for their long-standing generous support and express my hope that Japan House London will be able to attract many new corporate members in the months and years ahead.

Thank you very much.