

Remarks by H.E. Mr Hiroshi Suzuki,
Ambassador of Japan to the UK,
at the ‘Autumn Drinks’
on 7 October, 2026

Mr Thorne,
Corporate members of Japan House London,
Distinguished guests,

Thank you very much for joining us this evening for
the Autumn Drinks at Japan House London.

The huge success of Japan House London which
Sam just explained to you would not have been
possible without the generous support of our
corporate members.

My mission this evening is to express my sincere
gratitude to you from the bottom of my heart for
your unwavering support. Your support has been
invaluable to Japan House London, and I hope I can
count on your continued support in the months and
years ahead.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome
Hankyu Hanshin Department Store and Saicho

Sparkling Tea as new cooperate members. Thank you for your wonderful decision to become new members to support Japan House London. Your new support means so much to us.

I would also like to take this opportunity to encourage potential supporters who are here this evening to consider becoming corporate members as well. If you come across someone who are not here this evening, but could potentially became a corporate member, please inform Sam and this team.

Japan House London acts as the hub for all things Japanese, from culture, cuisine, people-to-people exchange, to business, innovation, science and technology, and education.

In closing, I would like to thank once again the corporate members for their long-standing support, and express my ardent hope that Japan-UK ties will continue to grow from strength to strength through Japan House London.