

## **Japan-UK Dementia Symposium 2015**

Date: 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2015 14:15 – 18:25

Venue: Embassy of Japan, London

On the 10<sup>th</sup> of November, 2015, the Embassy of Japan in the UK and King's College London co-hosted a Japan-UK Dementia Symposium 2015, with the generous support of Great Britain Sasakawa Foundation.

Both Japan and the UK are facing the growing challenges posed by dementia. An estimated 4.62 million people in Japan were living with dementia in 2012, equivalent to 10% of the world population with this condition. Some 850,000 are estimated to be living with dementia in the UK and these numbers will increase in the next decades in the context of continuing population ageing worldwide. Currently, 46.8 million people are estimated to be living with dementia globally, and this figure is projected to reach 74.7 million by 2030 – making dementia one of the greatest social policy and public health challenges.

This symposium focused on comparisons between Japan and the UK regarding governmental policies, best practices of dementia care, the potential role of Big Data and the latest research into technology and diagnosis.

## The programme:

Opening remarks – Ambassador Keiichi Hayashi, Embassy of Japan in the UK

**Session 1 - Latest trends and the future of dementia policy and community care in Japan and the UK, focusing on the comparison between both countries.**

Keynote speech:

Dr Kenji Toba, President, National Center for Geriatrics and Gerontology, Japan



### Presentation 1

Keynote speech II:

Prime Minister's Challenge on Dementia 2020:

Ms Lorraine Jackson, Deputy Director, Dementia Policy, Department of Health, UK



### Presentation 2

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The Current Japanese Vision – the “New Orange Plan”:

Dr Yoshiki Niimi, Senior Specialist for Dementia, Health and Welfare Bureau for the Elderly, Ministry of Health, Labour & Welfare, Japan



### Presentation 3

A GP's experience:  
Dr Noriaki Sawa, GP, Stuart Road Surgery, West Yorkshire



**Presentation 4**

Synergy Cafes – A partnership approach:  
Ms Jo Marshall, Neurological Care Centre Director, Sue Ryder



**Presentation 5**

“Dementia Friends” initiative: A perspective from Japan:  
Dr Mayumi Hayashi FRSA, Research Fellow, Institute of Gerontology, King's College London



**Presentation 6**

Aiming higher for people with dementia:  
Mr George McNamara, Head of Policy and Public Affairs, Alzheimer's Society



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## Session 2 – Cutting edge research and technology, usage of data towards dementia

Improving diagnosis rates of dementia in London:

Dr Daniel Harwood, Consultant Psychiatrist and Clinical Director, South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust



### Presentation 8

Supporting people with dementia and their carers: insights from the ACTIVE project's Everyday Life Analysis:

Professor Sue Yeandle, Director, CIRCLE, Centre for International Research on Care, Labour & Equalities, University of Sheffield



### Presentation 9

The Role of Technology? Potential of analytics technology for healthcare:

Dr Michio Oikawa, Senior Researcher, European Big Data Laboratory, Hitachi Europe Limited



Dementia-friendly technology charter:  
Ms Alison Rogan, Group External Affairs Director, Tunstall Healthcare



***Presentation 11***

Panel Discussion – chaired by Professor Anthea Tinker, Professor of Social Gerontology, Institute of Gerontology, King’s College London.



We had more than one hundred participants attending the event, including representatives from NHS, universities, charities, carers and students. A great deal of congruence between Japan and the UK was explored and celebrated at the Symposium including community initiatives and resources to raise awareness and increase understanding of dementia as well as supporting and empowering people living with dementia and their carers. This Symposium indicated that the UK and Japan have a significant role to play in the global response to the challenge of dementia. It also highlighted the importance of further collaboration between the two nations in this field. Next year, Japan will host a G7 dementia summit, making this Symposium a very opportune occasion.

A networking reception followed, where participants were able to enjoy Japanese food and drink. For further information, please refer to the seminar leaflet.

**Mr Kosuke Wada, First Secretary, The Embassy of Japan**

**Dr Mayumi Hayashi FRSA, King's College London**