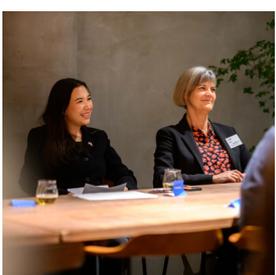


MEMBERSHIP with the British Chamber of Commerce in Japan

Your local business partner
in Japan





A foreword by BCCJ President, *Richard Lyle*



Welcome to the British Chamber of Commerce in Japan (BCCJ) – a vibrant hub with a proven track record in connecting businesses, professionals, and entrepreneurs. Our Chamber stands as a beacon of collaboration, providing an effective platform for networking, knowledge-sharing, professional development and creating friendships for life. We tackle challenges head on and lead key conversations that matter most to businesses such as climate change, diversity, equity & inclusion (DEI), technology and policy & regulations.

Since the arrival of William Adams in 1600, the UK and Japan have had a long history of trade, and both being island nations, they share many common values. In recent years, bilateral relations have gone from strength to strength with the signing of the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement, the UK's accession to the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership and most recently, The Hiroshima Accord. By all means, it is an exciting time for business prospects in Japan.

If you feel you have something to contribute to the ever-evolving UK-Japan business relationship, or would simply like to take advantage of the BCCJ's unparalleled platform, we invite you to get in contact and meet our dynamic community for yourself.

***'Your organisation, positioned at the centre of
UK-Japan business'***

ABOUT THE CHAMBER

Established in 1948, the British Chamber of Commerce in Japan (BCCJ) is an exceptionally active and ever-expanding not-for-profit private membership organisation serving 230+ member organisations with a professional community of 3,700+ individuals. Open to members of all nationalities, we offer high-value events, deep networking and promotional opportunities, valuable information services, and access to influential institutions and individuals.

77+

years of fostering
UK-Japan bilateral
connections

230+

member
organisations

50+

events year-round

7

focused
communication
channels

Our goal is to strengthen business ties between the UK and Japan, and promote and support the business interests of all our members.

EVENTS

The BCCJ runs an active and inclusive events programme which acts as both a thought leadership and networking platform for member organisations and partners. Events are hosted as a combination of in-person, hybrid and online formats.



Thematic/Industry Panels

These events give members the opportunity to interact with key thought and business leaders on topical issues. They are designed to tackle relevant and pressing issues to the business community in Japan and globally.



Networking/Social

Our regular and lively social events give members the opportunity to connect with new faces and catch up with old friends. From our Breakfast Club and SME & Startup Night series, to our popular seasonal soirées, Joint Chamber parties and golf outings, we provide a platform for guests to expand their professional network.



British Business Awards

The British Business Awards (BBA) gala is the largest celebration of UK-Japan culture and commerce, highlighting the important social contributions made by BCCJ members. The gala celebrates excellence and acts as a showcase of innovation across industries.

BCCJ PROJECTS & WORKING GROUPS

The BCCJ Working Groups (WG) are member-driven forums designed for members with an interest in a particular practice or industry to engage like-minded individuals, forge valuable connections and allow members to collaborate. They equip members with new insights, valuable resources and fresh inspiration, as well as an opportunity to take an active role in BCCJ events and initiatives, and lead in key focus areas.



Digital Technology & Innovation

Businesses are becoming increasingly reliant on technology in re-shaping more effective business practices. We welcome anyone committed to bringing businesses and innovation together to find modern-day technological solutions to join this group.



Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

The BCCJ is committed to advancing Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) and ensures it is embedded in all aspects of the Chamber's decision-making and activities. We welcome the active participation of anyone with an interest in this space.



Government Relations

This group serves as a platform to develop and maintain relationships and collaboration efforts with outside entities. The group focuses on Chamber advocacy by identifying areas important to businesses and presenting these to relevant decision-makers.



Responsible Business

The BCCJ recognises the importance of conducting business in a manner that is considerate of economic, social and environmental benefits. We welcome anyone with an interest in sustainability, social innovation and ethical practices and behaviours to join this group.

OTHER PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS



EduGroup



Regional Hub



SME and Startup Network

APPLICATION PROCESS

To apply to become a member of the BCCJ, you must first submit an application through our Membership Portal. It is here where you will select from one of nine membership categories ranging from Corporate to Entrepreneurial to Individual. Each application is presented for approval at the monthly Executive Committee meeting, where the elected members, alongside Executive Director, determine the suitability of you or your organisation to join the membership base.

After you have submitted your application, you will be invited to book time to speak with the Executive Director where you can learn more about the Chamber and also help us understand your main priorities as a future member. Payment is only required once you are accepted as a member.

1. *Apply via the Membership Portal*
2. *Book a meeting with the Executive Director to discuss your goals as a member*
3. *Await for official approval*
4. *Complete final administrative steps, including payment*
5. *Officially join as a BCCJ member*

From the moment you apply to become a member of the BCCJ you can expect to hear from us. If you have any questions before, during, or post-application, please do not hesitate to contact us at: info@bccjapan.com

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

To best understand how to approach the BCCJ, we advise you to consider whether you want to take an active or supportive approach to membership. What you seek from the Chamber can help guide you to the appropriate membership category, each with its own set of benefits.

If you want to use the BCCJ as a tool to promote yourself or your business, as well as actively plan and utilise our communication avenues, we advise an Entrepreneurial Membership or higher. If you are purely wanting to keep up to date with UK-Japan news, network socially, attend member-only events as a guest, and be a support of the Chamber, an Individual Membership might be right for you.

For companies with 26 or more employees worldwide

CORPORATE

**CORPORATE
NON-KANTO**

**CORPORATE
INTERNATIONAL**

For SMEs and companies with 25 or fewer employees worldwide, including solo-entrepreneurs

ENTREPRENEUR

**ENTREPRENEUR
NON-KANTO**

**ENTREPRENEUR
INTERNATIONAL**

For anyone looking to join on an individual basis, in a supportive, non-promotional manner

INDIVIDUAL

**INDIVIDUAL
NON-KANTO**

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INTERNATIONAL**

Membership pricing reflects proximity to Japan's Kanto region, where the majority of BCCJ events take place and the Chamber's office is located. Full details can be found on page 10.

THE TEAM

On the ground, you will engage most closely with the four members of the BCCJ team. Each is on hand to support you and your organisation's objectives, whether as a trusted sounding board or as a source of clear, actionable insight. Specialists in their respective fields, the team is dedicated to delivering a membership experience defined by access, expertise and care.



SARAH BACKLEY
Executive Director



MARIKO OKAWA
Operations Manager



YOUSEF BEROUCHE
Events Manager



JOSH WELCH
Communications and Digital Marketing Lead

PLATINUM MEMBERS

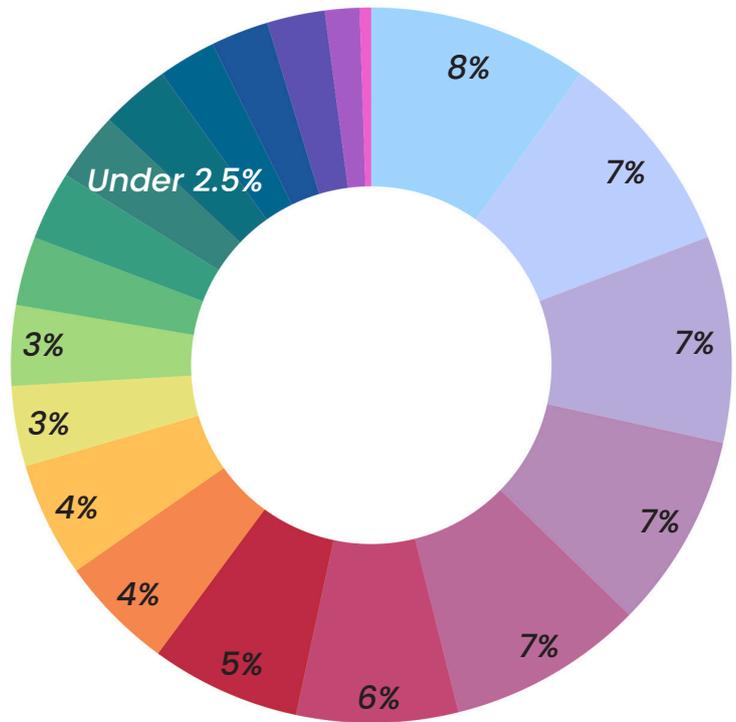
The British Chamber of Commerce in Japan extends Platinum Membership to a small number of companies, invited in recognition of their close and valued relationship with the Chamber. We remain sincerely grateful for the continued support of our Platinum Members and for the role they play in advancing the Chamber's mission. Companies wishing to understand more about Platinum Membership are welcome to contact the team in confidence.



MEMBER BREAKDOWN BY SECTOR

The BCCJ membership spans a wide and dynamic range of industries. We operate without sector boundaries, welcoming organisations of all sizes to leverage the Chamber as a platform for meaningful connections, sustainable business growth, and considered visibility within the UK–Japan business community.

- Banking/Financial Services
- Business Services & Consultancy
- Education
- Media & Marketing
- Professional Services
- Real Estate/Property
- Legal Services
- Hospitality & Tourism
- Manufacturing & Industrial
- Technology
- Government & Defence
- Energy & Utilities
- Food & Beverage
- Consumer Goods & Retail
- Cultural Relations & NGOs
- Healthcare & Pharma
- Communications & PR
- Creative Industries
- Logistics & Transport
- Insurance



Can I join even if I have no ties to the UK?

- Absolutely. Businesses are eligible for membership regardless of where they were established.

Is the BCCJ only relevant for large corporations?

- No. Our members range from start-ups and SMEs to multinational corporations. Many smaller organisations find particular value in the access, visibility, and connections the Chamber provides.

BCCJ DIRECTORY

With a trusted network of 230+ member companies, our directory connects you directly with senior decision-makers across the UK–Japan business community. Membership gives you immediate access to the right contacts, enabling purposeful connections that support your organisation’s commercial ambitions.

Directory.

Filter your search

Search by Company

Industry

Company Name

Search

A.K.I. Japan Ltd.
 Membership type: Entrepreneur
 AKI is a registered Japanese company with headquarters in Osaka, Japan.
 Tel: 06-6552-0282

The company was established in 2006 with the objective of helping non-Japanese companies to work effectively with their Japanese and other Asian counterparts globally. We employ and collaborate with a diverse, multi-national, multi-lingual team. AKI works in an open, collaborative way with business partners, associates and employees – we only take on projects that we believe are feasible and of benefit to our clients.

We like challenges and like to find ways to stretch the boundaries of feasibility – we like scoring goals! We aim to complete projects in the minimum time possible so that our clients report favourably on our performance. AKI is a highly cost-conscious organisation – we treat our clients money as if it were our own.

[Visit their website](#)
[See members](#)

BCCJ PARTNERS

The BCCJ works with a number of key partners and stakeholders to support the needs of member interests and progress our shared values.



HEAR FROM OUR MEMBERS



SATSUKI INOUE

British Airways

British Airways has proudly connected the UK and Japan since 1948, and it's an honour to share this milestone with the BCCJ. I'm grateful for the support and opportunities to connect with such an inspiring community. Together, we celebrate the strength of our partnership—and I look forward to continuing this journey with you all!



IAN PRIDEAUX

PwC

The BCCJ is an important part of our support to UK companies doing business here in Japan. The BCCJ proactively help us to maintain and build our profile and networks here in Japan and work hard to put on meaningful events throughout the year as well as giving us the opportunity to get involved in various working groups. Many thanks to Sarah and the team for all of their help.



RACHNA RATRA

Robert Walters Japan

The BCCJ has been an invaluable partner in strengthening our UK-Japan business connections and professional networks in Japan. Through its insightful market updates, networking opportunities, and collaborative initiatives, the Chamber has helped us build meaningful relationships and stay informed about key developments in the region.



ROB PEER

BAE Systems Japan GK

BAE Systems values the role the BCCJ plays in our stakeholder engagement activity in Japan to support Japan's defence needs, with the meetings with senior Japanese politicians and industrialists of particular value.



EWAN MCCALLUM

Malvern College Tokyo

Through its networks and insight, the British Chamber of Commerce in Japan supports meaningful collaboration that reinforces our UK educational ethos, creates exciting learning opportunities beyond the classroom for our pupils, and enables us, in turn, to contribute positively to and support the wider BCCJ community.



ERI TAKEUCHI

Dentsu PR Consulting

Through our involvement with the BCCJ, we've greatly benefited from the Chamber's extensive network - especially in being introduced to potential PR partners for UK-focused campaigns. Participating in networking events gave us insights into the current challenges and priorities of foreign-affiliated companies, which in turn broadened our perspective as a PR agency. We've also strengthened our ties with global PR agencies and collaborators through the BCCJ - a real testament to the power of meaningful connections.

MEMBERSHIP PRICING AND BENEFITS

BCCJ membership opens the door to senior-level engagement with leading UK and Japanese executives. Members gain privileged access to the British Embassy Tokyo, key policy makers, and visiting dignitaries from business, political and royal circles. This is complemented by a carefully curated calendar of events that brings together high-calibre guest speakers and thoughtfully designed social occasions, fostering meaningful connection.

	Platinum <small>Invitation only</small>	Corporate	Entrepreneur	Individual
Domestic Membership Kanto	700,000JPY	250,000JPY	100,000JPY	50,000JPY
Domestic Membership Outside Kanto	700,000JPY	170,000JPY	80,000JPY	30,000JPY
International Membership Outside Japan	700,000JPY	150,000JPY	75,000JPY	30,000JPY
No. of delegates named in the BCCJ Directory	Unlimited	12	2	1

* Regardless of membership type, all members will receive the below benefits in correspondence to their respective tier.

Events

All company representatives can join BCCJ events at member rates	●	●	●	-
CEO can address chamber members once per Chamber year	●	-	-	-
Participate in the BCCJ events programme alongside an industry-led working group	●	●	●	-
No. of guests allowed to attend regular events at member rates	Unlimited	10	3	-
No. of regular events* per Chamber year that may be attended by one nominated representative, free of charge	Unlimited	-	-	-
No. of complimentary seats per Chamber year at regular events	10	9	2	1

* Excludes British Business Awards, joint-chamber, networking and other special events. Please check each event page to confirm before booking.

Promotions

Exclusive sponsorship to one BCCJ event per year	●	-	-	-
Exposure on BCCJ website and e-newsletter for sharing news	●	●	●	-
Company page in Member Directory with description and contact info	●	●	●	-
Logo on all BCCJ communications	●	-	-	-
Exposure on BCCJ Website and across other Chamber communication channels	●	●	●	-
Optional dedicated Member Spotlight article or video	●	●	●	-
Featured on UK in Japan Mapped directory	●	●	●	-

Other

Exclusive member-only discounts for products and services	●	●	●	●
Access to updates and news from BCCJ partners, British Embassy Tokyo and British Council	●	●	●	●

All BCCJ Members have access to the Members' Directory (online). Each member has one vote in all elections. All membership decisions in all categories are made by majority decision of the Executive Committee.

To begin your application or learn more, please [click here](#) to visit our Membership Page.

RETURN ON INVESTMENT

We encourage all members to engage actively throughout their membership, enabling them to fully benefit from the Chamber's network. Below, we invite you to learn about some of the ways in which a membership with the BCCJ delivers value to you or your organisation.

For Individual Members

- Remain closely informed on policy, regulatory, and market developments shaping UK–Japan business
- Draw on the insight and perspective of the BCCJ team and wider network as a trusted sounding board
- Access Member-rate invitations to all events (typically 25–30% preferred rate), alongside select complimentary Member Benefit events
- Access preferred privileges and exclusive benefits extended by fellow BCCJ member organisations
- Vote or stand in the annual Executive Committee Election (ECE)

Entrepreneurial and Corporate Members receive the above, in addition to:

- Access to senior government, diplomatic, and industry networks across the UK and Japan
- Commercial opportunity through meaningful partnership and business connection
- Organisational profile exposure and reinforcement of market position within Japan
- Agenda shaping through speaking engagements, thought leadership, and strategic visibility
- Lead and convene events aligned with the BCCJ mission and your organisational priorities
- Receive priority consideration for sponsorship of flagship programmes and high-profile gatherings
- Benefit from unlimited complimentary promotion through our weekly newsletter and seven communication channels
- Receive occasional invitations to private, invitation-only engagements of particular strategic or confidential nature



A closing word by Executive Director, *Sarah Backley*



Thank you very much for taking the time to explore membership with the British Chamber of Commerce in Japan.

Amidst an increasingly complex global landscape, UK-Japan relations continue to flourish, and the Chamber remains committed to supporting our members in achieving their evolving goals.

My team and I are always available to answer any questions you may have. Whether you are newly exploring the Japan market, looking to deepen your presence, or simply considering how the Chamber may support your objectives, we would be delighted to arrange a conversation, either online or in person. If you are nearby, you are also most welcome to visit us at our office.

Should you decide to join us, I look forward to welcoming you personally and introducing you to our dynamic and growing community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Backley".



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