



The British Chamber of Commerce in Japan

BCCJ
2019-2020
**Executive Committee
Booklet**



Overview

For 71 years, the British Chamber of Commerce in Japan (BCCJ) has been at the heart of the UK-Japan business relationship. Thanks to the efforts of countless companies and individuals the Chamber has developed into an exceptionally active not-for-profit private membership organization representing 220 firms.

This year with the UK-Japan relationship firmly in the spotlight, we at the BCCJ are pleased to have become a hub for activities surrounding Brexit, as well as the Rugby World Cup 2019 and Tokyo 2020 Olympics and Paralympics. Furthermore, in partnership with Japanese public and private stakeholders, we are working on a unique “BCCJ 5.0” project, designed to create a more diverse, inclusive and comfortable workplace, fit for the 21st century, while connecting members to a future driven by innovation.

Meanwhile, our nimble BCCJ office team commits to enhancing all aspects of our services with the aim of providing even-greater value for all BCCJ members. This will all be achieved with direction from the Executive Committee (Excom).

What is the Excom?

The Excom consists of a minimum of twelve (12) and a maximum of fifteen (15) members. The role of Excom is primarily a strategic one. The Excom decides the purpose and the overall goals of the BCCJ and sets a framework for their implementation and achievement. The key responsibilities of Excom are to:

- Set suitable organisational aims and objectives
- Set a budget which allows the BCCJ to fulfil its purpose
- Agree policies, targets and priorities
- Monitor and review the performance of the BCCJ and the executive team

The Excom seeks an appropriate balance of members of the business community with specific skills and experiences that will benefit the BCCJ and its membership at large. Excom members serve for a 1 year term (April to March). This can be reviewed annually.

The Excom meets 11 times during the year, excluding the month of August. Excom members are expected to attend the regular Excom meetings and our Annual General Meeting held in April.

What skills make you a good candidate for a BCCJ Excom role, and what specific value will you bring to BCCJ members?



WILL FARQUHAR
Senior Manager of External Affairs,
Aston Martin Japan

It has been a privilege to serve on Excom for the last year and I hope to do so again this year. I wish to continue working on the Communications and BBA taskforces. Having promoted the bilateral relationship for Japanese (JET Programme ALT, 2002-2005) and British Governments (Diplomat, British Embassy Tokyo 2010-2015), I have a broad range of skills and knowledge making me a good candidate for Excom. Trained in Japanese, diplomacy, negotiation, commerce, marketing, communications, management, international law & international relations, I welcome the opportunity to continue to utilise my talents for the benefit of BCCJ members.



KENTARO KISO
President and Representative Director,
Barclays Securities Japan Limited

Having spent more than half of my 30 year financial career working and living in London, I believe I can make an important contribution helping to promote, develop, build, and strengthen the excellent partnership that Japan enjoys with the United Kingdom. 2019 and 2020 will be crucial years for the Anglo-Japanese relationship. Brexit, G20, the Rugby World Cup, the Olympics and Paralympics will create opportunities which I would like to help support and develop as part of the Executive Committee of the BCCJ.



NORIKO SILVESTER
Managing Director, Candlewick Co., Ltd.

Given my background in communication and PR, I would be able to contribute to the BCCJ's media including press releases and building media connections. This year, I hope to lead the Communications TF during a critical time as the BCCJ renews its website. I'm also a big supporter of female entrepreneurs in Tokyo, hiring many working mothers at my company, Candlewick, now in its 15th year. Candlewick imports a number of leading products from the UK. These include programming toys for younger children and high-end skincare brands distributed at top-tier department stores.

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REIKO SAKIMURA
Partner, Clifford Chance Law Office

I am the Co-Managing Partner of Clifford Chance Tokyo, which offers both English and Japanese law services on a cross-border basis primarily to Japanese and overseas corporations. I and my colleagues are committed to serving British and overseas business accessing the Japanese market, as well as Japanese companies doing business internationally. If re-elected to the Executive Committee, I intend to support the BCCJ utilising my own and my firm's global expertise and experience, from both legal and business perspectives. I also have a particular interest in the promotion of women in the workplace.

DAVID BICKLE [Presidential candidate]
Partner, Deloitte Tohmatsu Tax Co.



Twenty one years experience tackling business and sporting challenges as part of teams in Japan-as an employee of Deloitte and Kobe Steel, and a rugby player capped for Japan. With a chartered accountant's professionalism, I want to ensure the BCCJ offers greater opportunities to members at a vitally important time for UK/Japan business relations. In particular to create a more effective platform for business exchange and networking through a vibrant events program, and by bringing our members the people who matter to them in business.

HEATHER MCLEISH
Director, EY Japan



2019 is certainly an exciting year to be a member of the BCCJ! I seek re-election this term to continue the work I contributed to in the 2018-2019 term, leveraging my years of experience curating and producing events to bring the members the kind of informative and progressive content they have come to expect from the BCCJ. I will continue to support D&I in both the programs we run as well as the speakers we bring to you. In addition, sustainable business from a financial, environmental, social and governance perspective will continue to play a central role in my mission.

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TOVE KINOOKA
Director, Global Perspectives K.K.

As a sustainability transformation consultant to major Japanese and multinational corporations and a partner of One Young World Japan, I am passionate about embedding social and environmental responsibility into core business strategy. Over the past year on Excom I have enjoyed co-creating the BCCJ 5.0 vision and being involved in a number of change and sustainability-related events. If re-elected, I look forward to building on the work we have done this year to deliver a diverse range of events and opportunities to the British and Japanese business communities that will move us all towards a more sustainable and equitable future.



PAUL LIRETTE
President and Representative Director, GlaxoSmithKline K.K.

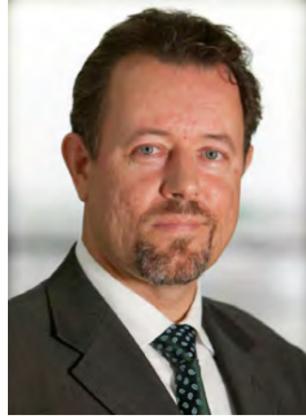
As a leader of the British based world-leading healthcare company, I would like to bring my experience and passion to Excom. I have more than 30 years of experience in the industry and took leading positions in several different countries. During the years, I have especially been keen in creating and supporting inclusive culture where diverse opinions are shared and respected. I would like to contribute to enhancing D&I in Japan based on my experience. Other areas that I can contribute are fostering more partnerships between British and Japanese businesses, life sciences, innovation and technology.



JAMES DODDS
Partner, KPMG

Since joining the Excom in 2012, I have provided advice on financial issues for the BCCJ and will continue to do so if re-elected. I have also worked on the Membership and Communications taskforces.

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IAIN FERGUSON
President & Chief Operating Officer,
Lloyd's Japan Inc.

Living in Japan for 22 of the last 24 years, I have gathered considerable experience of building strong relationships with Japanese businesses. Over the last five years, as a member of the BCCJ Excom, I have led the activities of the Membership Task Force and have also promoted cultural and social interaction between British and Japanese nationals as a board member of the Japan-British Society. Lloyd's is a strong contributor to UK financial services "invisibles" and provides significant reinsurance to the Japan insurance market. Several prominent Japanese insurance companies are also investors in Lloyd's.



TREVOR WEBSTER
Managing Partner, Taylor Brunswick Japan K.K.

We are entering into one of the most exciting and demanding periods in Japan for the chamber and its member companies. If re-elected, my experience as a business owner, former athlete, and as an excom member will continue to provide valuable insight and guidance with regard to the issues that surround us both politically and economically. Experience across 4 other chambers of commerce in Japan add to the breadth of knowledge across our inter-dependent community.



DR FLORIAN KOHLBACHER
Director, Corporate Network North Asia,
The Economist Group

My team and I provide business executives and government officials with in-depth analysis of business and management trends, macroeconomic developments and geopolitical issues to help them make better strategic decisions. We organise around 40 events in Tokyo and Seoul every year and I frequently engage in public speaking and moderate panels at various events. A former business school professor specializing in marketing and innovation management, I have been living and working in Japan for a total of more than 14 years since 2000. I intend to continue representing BCCJ on the Executive Operating Board of the EBC.

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ALISON BEALE
Director, University of Oxford Japan

I have been on Excom for four years, the last two years as Vice-President, and I have also led the Events Taskforce. My career to date has principally involved building long-term and mutually beneficial partnerships between the UK and Japan. Through Excom I hope to continue contributing to ensure the UK is at the heart of the business, cultural, sporting, and educational relationship with Japan.



SUSUMU KAMINAGA
Individual Member

Based on my experiences through business relationships with British companies, I am willing to contribute to Excom as a bridge between UK and Japan. I was president of Sumitomo Precision Products and have established partnership with UK larger companies in aerospace industries and also invested on a local smaller company to develop new technology to drive IoT. I am confident to provide Excom with useful input, especially to encourage Japanese companies and individuals to become more interested in BCCJ which will play an important role coming years in the exciting events like Brexit, Rugby World Cup, and Olympic/Paralympic Games.



RICHARD THORNLEY
Individual Member

Having diligently served Excom for the last 12 years, I possess the experience to provide value to, and protect the interests of, all BCCJ members. During my recent participation in the Membership Task Force, we have seen BCCJ membership continue to flourish, which facilitated a number of quality events and initiatives. I pledge to serve the BCCJ and its membership to the best of my ability, in any role.



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**BCCJ members are invited to attend our
2019 Annual General Meeting**

Wednesday, 24 April 2019 at the Conrad Tokyo

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