### **Cross-Party Group Registration Form**

### Name of Cross-Party Group

Cross-Party Group on Japan

## **Purpose of The Group and Proposed Discussion Topics**

- 1. Please state the purpose of the Group.
- 2. Please also provide a brief explanation of the purpose of the Group and why the purpose is in the public interest.
- 3. Please also provide details of any overlaps with the purpose of existing Cross-Party Groups and an explanation of why, regardless of any such overlap, the Group should be established.
- 4. Please also provide an indication of the topics which the Group anticipates discussing in the forthcoming 12 months.

The Cross-Party Group on Japan seeks to promote relations between Scotland and Japan, which is third largest economy in world and one of largest investors in Scotland.

The Group seeks to work with organisations and authorities to increase cultural, educational and economic exchange between the two countries, to engage with the Consulate General of Japan in Edinburgh and the Japanese community in Scotland.

The Group does not consider there to be any overlap with any other group.

## Topics:

- Educational exchanges
- Inspiring the next generation in Scotland to engage with Japan
- Cultural Exchanges
- Exploring joint initiatives in Life Sciences and Technology, increasing economic exchanges.

# **MSP Members of the Group**

Please provide names and party designation of all MSP members of the Group.

Dean Lockhart MSP (Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party)

Colin Smyth MSP (Scottish Labour Party)

Liam McArthur MSP (Scottish Liberal Democrats)

Fiona Hyslop MSP (Scottish National Party)

Craig Hoy MSP (Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party)

### Non-MSP Members of the Group

For organisational members please provide only the name of the organisation, it is not necessary to provide the name(s) of individuals who may represent the organisation at meetings of the Group.

Individuals	David Birrell
	Doug Cook
	Michael Graham
	Thomas Heald
	Lesley-Anne Campbell
	Julia McIntyre
	Hisashi Kuboyama
	Alan Johnston
	Stuart Hamilton
	Sue Beatt
	Colin Loveday
	Pyry Paulasaari
	Takashi Taji
	David Watt
	Professor Ian Gow OBE MA Phd DUniv FRAS FRSA
Organisations	Asia Scotland Institute

Scottish Life Sciences Association
University sector/ Japan Societies
Scottish Chambers of Commerce
Entrepreneurial Scotland
The Whisky Ambassador Ltd
The Institute of Directors
Japan Society of Scotland
Orkney Japan Association
Kyowa Kirin

#### **Group Office Bearers**

Please provide names for all office bearers. The minimum requirement is that two of the office bearers are MSPs and one of these is Convener – beyond this it is a matter for the Group to decide upon the office bearers it wishes to have. It is permissible to have more than one individual elected to each office, for example, coconveners or multiple deputy conveners.

Convener	Dean Lockhart MSP
Deputy Convener	Colin Smyth MSP
Secretary	Lesley-Anne Campbell
Treasurer	NA

#### **Financial Benefits or Other Benefits**

Please provide details of any financial or material benefit(s) the Group anticipates receiving from a single source in a calendar year which has a value, either singly or cumulatively, of more than £500. This includes donations, gifts, hospitality or visits and material assistance such as secretariat support.

NA

# **Subscription Charged by the Group**

Please provide details of the amount to be charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used.

### NA

# **Convener Contact Details**

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# **Statement on Compliance with The Code Of Conduct**

I declare that the Cross-Party Group on Japan is constituted and will comply with the terms of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament.

Signed	Dean Lockhart MSP
Date	5 <sup>th</sup> October 2021