

CONFERENCE REPORT

Committee: Economic Development

Subject: Japan: Local Authority Linking Network. Seminar run by the Local Government International Bureau to provide information and advice on the opportunities for links and trade delegations

Conference Organiser: Local Government International Bureau

Venue: London

Conference Fee: No Cost

Date(s): 16 May 1996

Recommendation: No representation



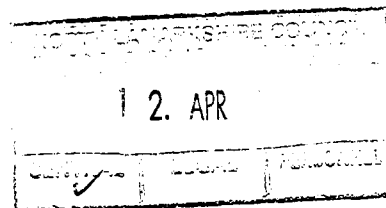
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Dear Chief Executive

**JAPAN LOCAL AUTHORITY LINKING NETWORK
2PM THURSDAY 16 MAY 1996, COMMITTEE ROOM 3, 35 GREAT SMITH
STREET, LONDON, SW1P 3BJ.**

I am taking this opportunity to invite you or a representative of your authority to attend the first meetings of a Japan local authority linking network which is being created by the Bureau as a mechanism for supporting UK local authority links with Japan. The meeting will be open to all UK local authorities, both those who have existing links, those who are considering setting up a link and those who just want information on what is available.

Japan is a country which is of more and more interest to UK local authorities both for economic and cultural reasons. This interest has been helped by the tremendous work of the Japan Local Government Centre whose office is situated in London.

The idea of a Japan Local Authority Network has been developed in order to provide a regular mechanism for exchange of information and advice on sources of funding, opportunities for links and trade delegations and the organisation of delegations to and from Japan. The Local Government International Bureau and the Japan Local Government Centre are currently working on a seminar which will take place later in 1996.

The programme for the meeting, a map giving directions to the Bureau and a proforma for those who are interested in attending is attached.

If you would like more information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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PROGRAMME
THURSDAY 16 MAY 1996
COMMITTEE ROOM 3, 35 GREAT SMITH STREET, LONDON

2pm John Arnold, Project Officer - LGIB
Introduction and Background to Japan linking

2.20pm Current local authority activities

3pm Coffee

3.15pm Opportunities for links with Japan

4.30pm END