## 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the foundation of the British Japanese Law Association (BJLA)

## 8 March 2018

The British Japanese Law Association (BJLA) was founded in London in 1998 in order to promote co-operation between the United Kingdom and Japan in the legal field.

The BJLA has been facilitating knowledge exchange between the two countries through assisting those who are engaged in the administration of justice, practice and study of law in the UK and Japan and organising events often in association with other societies which promote co-operation between the two countries.

Since its foundation, the BJLA has received and continues to enjoy strong support from the Japanese Embassy and its successive legal attachés.

We are most grateful to Ambassador Tsuruoka for hosting the reception and to Mr Naoya Maeda, First Secretary for Legal Affairs, for facilitating this event. Without the Japanese Embassy's support and those who have put in their time and effort voluntarily as committee members over the years, the BJLA would not have been here to mark its 20th anniversary.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to everyone who has assisted the BJLA in its endeavours over the past 20 years.



Speech by Ambassador Tsuruoka Speech by Mr Scott Hopkins Speech by Professor Nakajima Speech by Sir David Wotton

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