

RE: MGLA070416-8775 Form submission from: Contact us form

Mayor of London (mayor@london.gov.uk)

To: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information request

Thank you for your email dated 7 April to Mayor Johnson enquiring about his travel expenses during his visit to Japan in October 2015, to which I was asked to reply.

Our response to your request is as follows:

Between 12 and 16 October 2015, the Mayor visited Osaka, Nagoya, Tokyo and Yokohama. During the three day trade mission, he highlighted existing business successes, promoted London's new sectors for growth, and strengthened economic and city-to-city ties between London and Japan.

The Mayor was accompanied by six members of GLA staff, and the total cost for the entire delegation was £38,003.22. These include:

- ◆ All flights: £19,430.36. The Mayor travelled business class. His tickets cost £3,842.46, and the return leg of his trip was redeemed with BA On Business Points.
- ◆ Total hotel: £5,444.08. The hotels kindly offered the Mayor complimentary room upgrade to a suite; his four nights accommodation cost £689.40.
- ◆ All train travel: £1,101.12.
- ◆ Two simultaneous interpreters: £4,200.00.
- ◆ Vehicle hire for four days: £3,652.31.
- ◆ Miscellaneous (Wi-Fi devices, gifts and meals): £964.35.

The Mayor is immensely honoured to have signed the Declaration of Friendship City Relationship with Governor Masuzoe, and had the opportunity to address the Tokyo Metropolitan Assembly during his visit. He is committed to work with both the Tokyo Metropolitan Government and the Assembly to build the relationship between our two cities from strength to strength.

If you have any further questions relating to the information provided, please contact me, ensuring that you quote the reference at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]
International Relations

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I am a: Other
If other, please specify: a member of the metropolitan assembly
Have you contacted us about this issue before? No
I want to: Ask a question
I am writing about: Other
If other, please specify: Expenses for business trip for Tokyo
Your message:

Dear Mayor of London, Boris Johnson

I am [REDACTED]

Thank you very much for your visit last October.
This time, I would like to ask about travel expenses for you and your attendance visit.

Currently it has been a huge discussion about Tokyo governor's travel expenses.
Last October, their visit for London and Paris costed as below:

\$B1r(B9,000,000,000 in total (5 nights 7 days)

Flight tickets \$B1r(B478,800,000 (First class return tickets)

Hotel \$B1r(B36,000,000 (per night, governor stayed in sweet room)

Tour guide \$B1r(B900,000,000

Interpreter \$B1r(B 216,000,000

Phone use \$B1r(B 396,000,000

I am wondering whether these were appropriate or not compared to the international standard as governor or mayor\$B1G(Bs visit.

I understand that London Assembly has an positive attitude to disclose the information about this issue.

Thus, I would like to ask below:

How much did your visit to Tokyo cost in total?
And more details such as the number of attendance, tour guides, and interpreters.
How much did it cost for them?
What class of Hotel, Flight and their costs.

I would like to know their details as much as possible.

I am so sorry to bother you but I would be exceedingly grateful if you would reply for me.

As a host of Tokyo Olympic, I have gained a lot from the experience of London.
I hope that both countries will maintain friendly relations in the future.

Best regards,

[REDACTED]

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