

## **FOI request to the Greater London Authority submitted on 12 May 2016**

### **Request submitted during Mayoral term 2016-2020 regarding the previous Mayoral term 2012-2016 (Boris Johnson)**

**#1106**

*We would like ask just a few question about Mayor's travel expenses during his visit to Japan in Oct 2015. We found a blog named "Spotlight" by Shun Otokita as follows:  
<http://spotlight-media.jp/article/278726501022639569>*

*Shun says that he has got a response from Mayor's office about the expenses as follows:*

*Dear Mr Shun Otokita*

*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*

*As you can see in the blog, at the end of the page above he has pasted a reply from Mayor's office regarding Johnson's expenses. Our questions are:*

- Are all those information in the email correct? Is this the same email that you have sent Shun Otokita?*
- What is the name of the hotel that Boris Johnson stayed in Tokyo (and if possible, also other hotels where he stayed in Japan?)*
- If any, was there any problem such as health problem/security problem during his stay in Japan?*

*Currently we are planning on broadcasting on Monday the 16th for one of our main daily news programmes. I'd be most grateful if you could let me know and confirm whether all those info are correct or not when you get chance.*

### **The Greater London Authority's response sent 23 May 2016**

Thank you for your email requesting information regarding the Mayor's trip to Japan. Please see my response marked against each of your questions below.

- Are all those information in the email correct? Is this the same email that you have sent Shun Otokita? YES
- What is the name of the hotel that Boris Johnson stayed in Tokyo (and if possible, also other hotels where he stayed in Japan?) FOUR SEASONS TOKYO and INTERCONTINENTAL OSAKA
- If any, was there any problem such as health problem/security problem during his stay in Japan? NO