

# SAKURA CHERRY TREES PROJECT



## Background to the Project

On the 1st September 2017, UK Prime Minister Theresa May and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe announced in Tokyo that the years **2019-2020 would mark the Japan-UK Season of Culture.**

This season, with activity in both Japan and the UK, will celebrate the friendship of the two countries, and will provide an opportunity for people in both countries to **explore each other's cultures and technologies between the Rugby World Cup 2019 and Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games.**

It is during this period of enhanced relations that it has been proposed by the Japanese private sector to **plant thousands of Japanese Sakura cherry trees all across the UK.**

Within the Japan-UK Joint Declaration on Prosperity Cooperation made by Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and Prime Minister Theresa May, the two leaders welcomed a proposal from the Japanese private sector to donate cherry blossom trees to the UK as a symbol of our relationship.

Consequently, the Sakura Team was created, headed by Mr Sandy Sano of the Japan Association in the UK and supported by the Japan-British Society in Japan headed by Mr T Tsukamoto. **The Sakura Cherry Tree Project aims to plant over 5,000 trees from autumn 2020 onwards.**

We are now inviting community gardens in London to apply to be part of this nationwide initiative. Gardens interested in receiving cherry trees should apply using the form overleaf.

Trees will be supplied by the Sakura Cherry Tree Project, but planting and maintenance will be the responsibility of the applicant institution / garden. Three varieties of Japanese sakura have been chosen by the Sakura Team based on such factors as the variation of colour, timing and historical significance. These are: Beni Yutaka, Tai Haku, and Somei Yoshino.

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## Application Form

### Your Institution / Community Garden

|         |           |      |
|---------|-----------|------|
| Name    |           |      |
| Address |           |      |
|         | Postcode: | Tel: |

### Sakura Cherry Tree Project Contact Person

|           |  |
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| Full Name |  |
| Position  |  |
| Email     |  |
| Telephone |  |

### Project Details

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| Number of trees requested <sup>(1)</sup>   |  |
| <b>Please tell us a bit about why you would like to be part of the project</b><br>(e.g. past Japan related events, Japan connection, etc.) |  |
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| <b>Please let us know about your garden</b><br>(e.g. location, size, accesibility, types of plants and trees, etc.)                        |  |
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<sup>(1)</sup> At this stage, applications are invited for up to six trees per institution / community garden. However, should funding be available, we may be able to offer additional trees. Please indicate in this field how many trees you would like.

### Would you like to be added to the mailing list for

- Japanese Season of Culture in the UK       Japan Society

*NOTE ON DATA: Information collected on this form will be used only in relation to the Sakura Cherry Tree Project. The Sakura Cherry Tree Project Committee will treat your data confidentially and will not share details outside the Project. The Sakura Cherry Tree Project Committee will not disclose your information to a third party. You may request your information to be deleted at any time. If you wish to make a request or have any questions, please contact [info@japanuksakura.org](mailto:info@japanuksakura.org)*

We hereby apply to receive trees as part of the Sakura Cherry Tree Project.

Signed:

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Contact Staff Member

Date:

PLEASE RETURN TO:

**Sakura Cherry Trees Project** - The Japan Society, 13/14 Cornwall Terrace, London NW1 4QP  
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