

# About FROM JAPAN

## A bridge to Japan

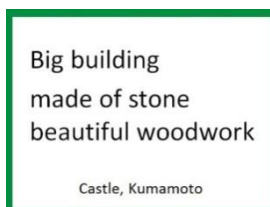
- FROM JAPAN was established in Tokyo to enrich education and communities worldwide through sharing Japanese culture
- while providing Japanese people with international training experiences

## A bridge to Karuta

- FROM JAPAN is known as a pioneer in promoting creative Karuta(card game) as an educational, community building tool outside of Japan

# What is Karuta ?

- Karuta is a traditional, Japanese educational card game around a theme, using clues cards with the answer (picture) on separate cards.
- A clue is read out and players compete for speed to touch the matched answer card. The winner is a player with the most cards.



# What we do

## Japan Creative Weeks (UK)

- A group of Japanese people visit primary/secondary schools for 1-3 days per school to offer Japanese cultural sessions in Kent(Feb/Mar) and London(Sep)

## Karuta in Education (Aus, Worldwide)

- A or pair of trained Japanese Karuta Coordinator(s) at primary/secondary school for 3-12 weeks to help children create their own Karuta cards and to play with them.

## Creative Karuta Project (worldwide)

- An initiative to produce, use a Karuta set through a series of activities such as workshops, art competition, exhibitions and Karuta championship.
- The Hometown and Fairtrade Karuta projects were completed and the Karuta 2020 project is on going

# What is Karuta 2020

- A global 4-year project to create a special karuta set to celebrate Tokyo Olympic Games, 2020 through Karuta 2020 Awards, workshops
- and to hold a Karuta Tournament in 2020

# What people say..

*"The British Embassy Tokyo is pleased to support the work of the FROM JAPAN Institute and I look forward to seeing more of these creative cultural exchanges expanded to other communities across the UK and Japan."*

**Mr Tim Hitchens**

**British Ambassador to Japan,**

From News Article on British government website on 24 June 2013

*"The children had a lovely day making origami, drawing, singing and learning about Japanese culture. All the Japanese students were very friendly and taught the children well. This is the sort of thing the children will remember when they leave school. Thank you very much."*

**Paul Ainsworth, Year 4 Teacher**

**St. Nicholas at Wade Primary School, Kent, UK**

*"The coordinators were organized, friendly and well prepared." "The 'Karuta in Education' project is a fun, authentic and engaging way for students to learn about Japanese culture, providing a springboard for future language and cultural learning opportunities."*

**Angela Roccasalva, Japanese Teacher**

**Viewbank Primary School, VIC, Australia**

# Brief History

## 2009

- FROM JAPAN Institute was established

## 2010

- The 1<sup>st</sup> Japan Weeks, at Garstang, UK

## 2011

- A start of Creative Karuta project, UK

## 2012

- Grant for 'My Thanet' project
- The 1<sup>st</sup> Creative Karuta Workshop in Japan

## 2013

- Completed 'My Thanet' Karuta printing
- The first Karuta Tournament, Kent, UK
- 'My Thaent' Karuta Exhibition, Tokyo, Japan

## 2014

- Creative Karuta Workshop, Garstang, UK
- Karuta Exhibition at the International Fair Trade Towns Conference in Kumamoto

## 2015

- 'Sister City' Karuta Workshop, Japan
- Start of 'Karuta in Education' program, AUS
- Printing 'Fairtrade Karuta' with a grant
- The 10th Japan Weeks, Kent, UK
- The second Karuta Tournament, Kent, UK
- Printing Irvine-Tsukuba Sister City Karuta
- Creative Karuta workshop at Japanese Language Teacher's Association, VIC, AUS
- The first (11<sup>th</sup>) Japan Weeks, London, UK

# Organization

## Name:

- FROM JAPAN Institute

## Founder:

- Mineo Kageya (Mr)

## Mission:

- Enriching education and communities through creative cultural exchange
- While providing Japanese people with cross-cultural training experiences

## Program/Project

- Japan Creative Weeks (UK)
- Karuta in Education(worldwide)
- Creative Karuta Project(Japan, worldwide)
- Karuta 2020 (on-going project)

## Funding

- Contributions from program participants
- Grants eg. Daiwa-Anglo Japanese Foundation, 2012 and Great Britain Sasawaka Foundation, 2014

## Partners

- Thanet Fairtrade Initiative, UK
- Churchill House School of English, UK
- Milner School of English, London, UK
- Kyodo Karuta Association, Japan

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