

ビルマ作戦協会

相互理解と戦争和解をどの様に継承していくか？



The Burma Campaign Society Album 2008-2016

Reconciliation began since 1983

戦争体験者を持つ二世からの和解活動の変遷 2008年より
ビルマ作戦協会会長 マクドナルド昭子 (AKIKO MACDONALD, CHAIRMAN)
ビルマ作戦・インパール作戦生還者の長女
(A DAUGHTER OF BURMA/IMPHAL/KOHIMA CAMPAIGN 1944-1945)



About The Burma Campaign Society

The Burma Campaign Society (hence BCS) aims to promote understanding and reconciliation by research and debate on the encounter between Britain and Japan during the Second World War, of which 95% was in Burma, and the consequences of the conflict.

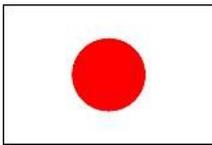
BCS also aims to provide a bilateral forum, and the opportunity in both countries, as well as other countries with an interest in the subject, especially those from Myanmar and India for the non-recriminatory discussion of war-related issues and wartime history.

Founded in March 2002, BCS is a successor organisation to the Burma Campaign Fellowship Group (hence BCFG), whose core members were Burma Campaign veterans from both sides who were reconciled with their former enemies.

The activities began since 1983, the late Masao Hirakubo OBE who was the resident of the UK and his subsequent retirement from Marubeni Corporation, advocated reconciliation between British and Japanese soldiers who had previously been enemies. The mutual understanding and forming friendship have accomplished by visiting each other's countries and holding many meetings as well as joint memorial services in the UK, Japan, Burma and India.

We nurture friendship by understanding the differences in culture, history and tradition and continue to pass the veterans' war stories as their legacy on to younger generations. We offer the international general public historical data, war memoirs of individual soldiers, diaries, photos, films, presentation of academics' research by holding events, exhibitions and discussion forums. We further aim to proactively participate in War Memorial Services in the UK, Japan, and India as well as in Burma, and also broaden our knowledge. (News articles and TV/Radio Reports were mentioned by BBC TV, BBC Radio, NHK, Yamagata TV, Mainichi National Newspaper, Sankei Newspaper, Asahi National Newspaper, Yomiuri National Newspaper, Yamagata Newspaper, Nishi Nippon, Kohoku Newspapers, and British historical TV Programme, British Times, Observer, Guardian, Daily Telegraphs, India times, Stars and Stripes of America, and many more.)

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Passage between *Kohima* and *Imphal* is 50 Miles apart called "White Bone Bleach Avenue"
白骨街道



貴様と俺とは同期の桜。。。 (You and I are cherry blossoms of the same period...)



When you go home....

The Battle of Imphal and Battle of Kohima

The Battle of Imphal took place in the region around the city of Imphal, the capital of the state of Manipur in northeast India from March until July 1944.

Japanese armies attempted to destroy the Allied forces at Imphal and invade India, but were driven back into Burma with heavy losses. Together with the simultaneous Battle of Kohima on the road by which the encircled Allied forces at Imphal were relieved, the battle was the turning point of the Burma Campaign, part of the South-East Asian Theatre of the Second World War.

The defeat at Kohima and Imphal was the largest defeat to that date in Japanese history.

Strength

4 Infantry Divisions	3 Infantry Divisions
1 Armoured Brigade	1 Tank Regiment
1 Parachute Brigade	

Casualties and losses

12,603 killed and wounded^[1]	54,879 killed and wounded^[1]
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2016 High light Events Album since 2008

Akiko Macdonald, new chairperson as a successor of the Burma Campaign Society, carrying the torch of Reconciliation and marking milestones since 2008; following the death of Masao Hirakubo who was the pioneer of reconciliation and a founder of the Burma Campaign Society.

2009



CHAPTER 1

2009

Transition of Reconciliation since 1983

1983: Anglo-Japan Reconciliation started between WW2 former foes established the Burma Campaign Fellowship Group and dissolved in 2002.

2002: The Burma Campaign Society succeeded with the members of both veterans and new generations joined.

2009: A new chairman from the second generation of WW2 veterans succeeded in 2008 and organised UK-Japan 150 event to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Anglo-Japan Commerce and Amity Treaty and gave tribute to the veterans who contributed for two countries' reconciliation and fulfilled many

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New Chairman's New Assignment



Japan-UK 150 Event at St Ethelburga's Reconciliation Centre in City, London in Oct. 2009

Nearly 150 people from multi-nationals attended.



Gratitude & Tribute for Veterans

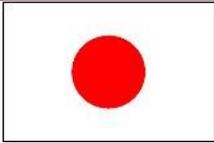


Director of St Ethelburga's Reconciliation Centre, Simon Keyes and Akiko Macdonald, Chairman of the Burma Campaign Society represent the big event on the 17th of Oct 2009 for entire Saturday. She orchestrated to create the memorable ceremony to tribute those veterans who worked for war reconciliation.



It started 11:00am and people started to congregate. Off course, veterans arrived first.

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War and Reconciliation
Documentary Films screening



Tribute to British Burma Veterans who contributed for UK-Japan Reconciliation:
from left, Charles Coubrough, James Evans, Philip Malin MBE, John Pike OBE



2009



International Symposium on WW2



Panellists: From Left, Ex-Japanese Politician Dr Kikukawa, Associate Prof. Tomoyo Nakao, Prof. John White, Dr Robert Lyman Ex-military Officer & Military Historian, Author & Dr Ian Littlewood and Robert Graham CBE, the Journalist of Financial Times.

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Q&A
from the
Audience



Greetings
&
Exchange
Friendship



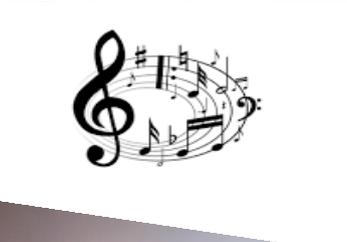
A friend of Akiko, Mr Neil Pickering, Chairman of Netherhall Collegiate House shakes hands with Japanese youth (Left). Rev. Kenmyo Sato sits next to a British young lady (Right)



Japanese and Western
Music Entertainment
Cross Cultural Exchange



Dr Koichiro
Nakata,
Lawyer
conducts
music
performance



Talented
Nakata
Sisters
impressed
Audience



Guests of Honour, Veterans line up

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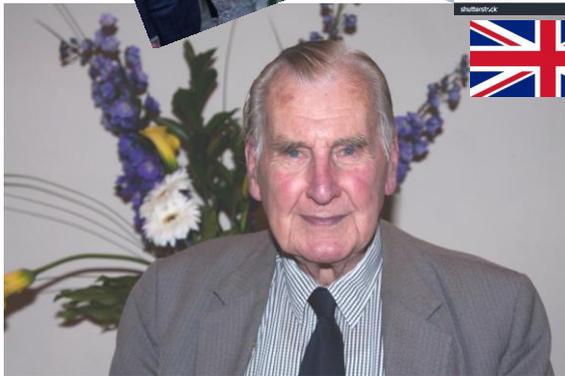
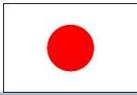


From left: Akiko, David Charles, Mrs Hiroko Hirakubo, John Pike and Robert Lyman

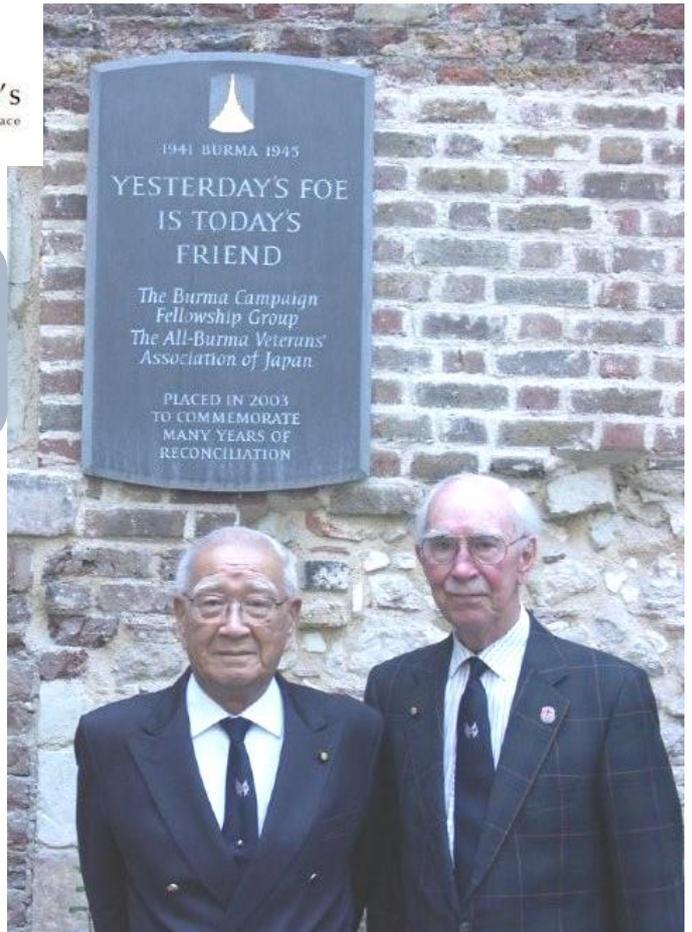
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Late Philip Malin, MC. MBE former Deputy Chairman of the BCS and a year before he passed away (in 2012) received the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays



Major General, Lyle Grant CBE, former chairman of the BCFG and late Masao Hirakubo OBC, the founder and first chairman of the BCS.



Masao Hirakubo the pioneer of reconciliation passed away in 2008.



Anglo-Japanese International Symposium

Human Development, Restoration and Social Development since WWII

Date: 17 October 2009 11AM-5PM Tickets: £7 (Students & drinks included)

Location: St. Ethelburga's Church 78 Bishopsgate, London EC2N 4AB Enquiries: info@burmacampaignsociety.org Phone: 07737 084 804 (9am-5pm)

Discussion will focus on the business, cultural, military and political ties between Japan and the UK.

- Political Issue:** New Japanese regime of Prime Minister Hatoyama compared with old regime and Japan hopes for the future.
- Military Issue:** Leadership during the war.
- Cultural Issue:** Differences in the image that Japanese and British people have of each other.
- Economic:** Comparison of present and past economies.

The audience is to be made up of British and Japanese residents, with an opportunity for both groups to voice opinions on topics.

Speakers (T.B.C)

Robert Lyman Former Military Officer and Author of "Silk, Master of War", "The Genamics"	Ma Tomoyasu Nakaso Associate Professor of Citizenship University, Aichi History
Dr. Ian Littlewood Lecturer of Queen's University, Author of "Gods of Japan"	Dr. Tomo Kitagawa, PhD LLB Ex-Publisher Japanese West Press, Specialist in British & Japanese Politics
Mr Robert Graham OBE Former: Times, Bureau Chief Foreign Correspondent	Chairman: Prof. John White Former: Vice President of UCL, Art History

Time Table

11:00 AM	Opening Ceremony
11:10	Historical Documentary screening
11:45	Message from BCS & Guests
12:00 PM	Anglo-Japanese Joint Memorial Service
12:15	Give Tribute and Celebrate Veterans of both Countries
1:00	Anglo-Japanese International Symposium on Human Development, Restoration and Social Development Since WWII
3:40	Entertainment from both countries
5:00	Closing Ceremony

Celebration of the life of late Masao Hirakubo OBE

- Showing DVD of "Burma Campaign"
- Reading poem "For the Father" by one of veterans
- DVD Documentary on Burma Campaign Society and Tribute Speech

Joint Entertainment

- Japanese Table (show) by the New Corporation
- Japanese Photo exhibition and Photo by Masao and his family
- Japanese Taiko Drummers (only received by New Year)
- Nakaso Corna Group and Solo Singer
- Photo & Video Performances by New Year's Centre

JAPANIKETO ONE



Late Gordon Graham CBE, (passed away 2015) a member of the BCS and the BCFG and the founder of the Kohima Educational Trust who inspired Akiko Macdonald for BCS future.

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Pref. John White above and a team of Volunteers below.

- Project Management
- 1) Plan, Design the Event
- 2) Fund Raising
- 3) Operating the Event
- 4) Master of Ceremony done by all alone...



Dr Lucien Chocron, Long-time supporter and photographer of the BCS.



At first no one believed this can be done alone... Then came friends who helped the very day the big event held. Thanks to all of those who took a part to experience such a wonderful occasion.

