

# Dialogue at UTokyo GlobE

Guest Speaker:

H.E. Ms. Julia **LONGBOTTOM** CMG  
British Ambassador to Japan

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**Wednesday**  
**Nov 26, 2025**  
**18:00-19:00**

Lecture Title:

- In conversation with Julia Longbottom,  
the first woman to be British Ambassador  
to Japan -



Biography provided by British Embassy Tokyo

Julia Longbottom was appointed British Ambassador to Japan in March 2021. She has spent over half her career as a diplomat working on North-East Asian affairs. This includes two previous postings to Tokyo. In the Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO) in London, she led on Hong Kong Nationality and Immigration issues in 1994 to 1997, and headed the Far Eastern, then China, Department in 2009 to 2012. She was later the FCO's Director for Consular Services globally (2016 to 2020). She established the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office's initial International Coronavirus Task Force in February 2020 and was its Director of it until July 2020. She has held a range of other roles including Director of Strategy and Human Resources in UK Trade & Investment (2006 to 2009), Consul General in Warsaw (2003-2006), and Head of Political/EU affairs in the British Embassy in The Hague (1998-2002).

Julia is the first female British Ambassador to Japan and was one of the pioneers of job sharing overseas in HM Diplomatic Service. She is a champion for women's sport. Her daughter Natalie Sciver-Brunt is the Captain of the England Women's Cricket Team and was awarded the ICC Women's World Cricketer of the Year in 2022 and 2023. Julia graduated from Cambridge University (Jesus College) in 1986 with a degree in French and German.

**Dialogue with:**  
**President Teruo Fujii and**  
**Executive Vice President Kaori Hayashi**

**Moderated by Yujin Yaguchi**  
**Director, Center for Global Education**

**Venue: Student Plaza, Center for Global Education (GlobE)**  
**1st floor, Faculty of Science Building No. 1 (East Wing),**  
**Hongo Campus, UTokyo (Seats: 100)**

**Eligibility: All students and staff currently affiliated with UTokyo**  
**Language: English**

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