



KENSINGTON PALACE

Members of the British Sub-Aqua Club, Japan.

Thank you for the kind invitation to celebrate BSAC Japan's 30th anniversary year. I am sorry not to be here in person for your meeting at the prestigious Tokyo Tsunamachi Mitsui Club.

While I have been President of BSAC for only two years, I have been a BSAC diver for some time, following in the footsteps of my father - The Prince of Wales - who was formerly Club President. In 2014, at the handover of our Presidencies in London, I was pleased to have the opportunity to meet with your Chairman Hosokawa-san, his colleague Hoshizaki-san and other leaders of BSAC's Pan Pacific partnerships.

Since its founding in 1987, BSAC Japan has made enormous strides forward. It has grown, from an initial complement of 100 instructors, to be a leading diver training organisation in Japan. Most importantly, it enjoys a reputation for quality and safety second to none, something I am sure all of you will continue to cherish and protect.

BSAC Japan is also widely respected for its efforts to raise environmental awareness. It is so important that we, as divers, fulfill a role as key witnesses to the state of our oceans, a role in which I know BSAC Japan takes great pride.

At 30 years of age, BSAC Japan is a mature adult and has earned a well-deserved place in the international world of diving. BSAC Japan has demonstrated real fortitude in recent times, coping with both the seismic disasters and the severe economic challenges faced by the country. But despite all this, you have maintained a steady growth in members and continue to spread the Club's unique diving ethos across the region.

The Club sincerely appreciates the hard work of all concerned and looks forward to a long and successful continuation of our partnership. Please accept my personal best wishes to all of your members and my warmest congratulations on the excellent work you are doing in support of BSAC.

On behalf of myself and the British Sub Aqua Club, Happy Birthday!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'W. J. King'.