

## **JAPAN SOCIETY AWARDS 2007**

**The Chairman and Council are very pleased to announce that the Japan Society Awards for this year will be presented to the following at the Society's Annual Dinner, the date of which has yet to be announced,**

**Dr Eric Albone  
and  
Ms Miyako Yoshida**

The Awards mark significant work in the field of Anglo-Japanese relations by those who have not otherwise been recognised.

### **Dr Eric Albone**

Since 1994, Dr Albone has made a substantial contribution to the links in science education between the UK and Japan. Through The Clifton Scientific Trust, he has organised some seven substantial workshops, including the one planned for Kyoto this year, in collaboration with partner schools and universities in both countries, and has explored ways of teaching creatively and achieving 'hands-on' experience of "real" science. His workshops have enabled scientists, teachers and students to experience together new ways of engaging with science and bringing it imaginatively to the class room. With great determination and without significant financial support, Dr Albone's dedicated work has built lasting connections between young people from both countries, in the field of science.

### **Ms Miyako Yoshida**

Miyako Yoshida has had a long and distinguished career with the Royal Ballet. While she will cease to be a principal dancer during the 2006/07 season, she will continue to dance with the company as a principal guest artist and will join K Ballet in Japan. Her professional qualifications are exceptional and have been justly rewarded. It is, however, for the way that Miyako Yoshida has represented the very best of UK-Japan artistic co-operation and for her unselfish and entirely voluntary work that this award is given. She has acted as an unofficial ambassador for cultural relations between Britain and Japan and, both through her role as a distinguished artist and her own personal commitment, has contributed to mutual appreciation and understanding between the two countries.