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# The Derby Case Study

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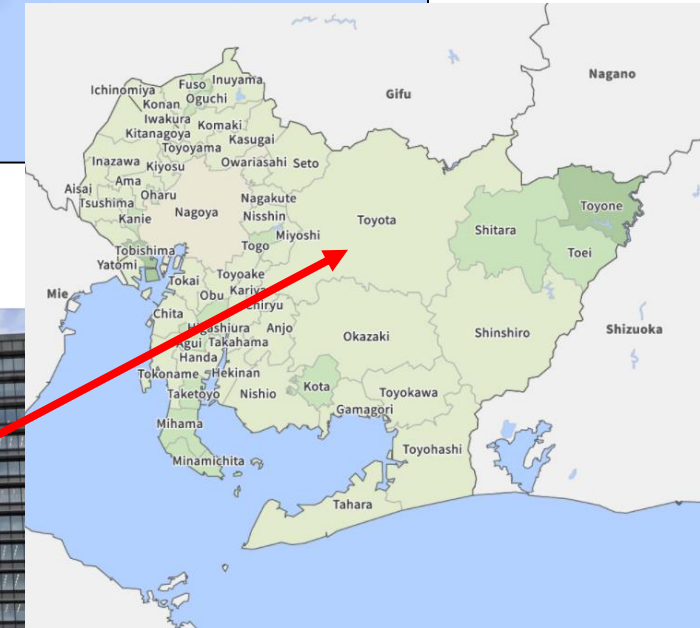
1. Derby & Derbyshire's relationship with Japan
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# 1. Derby & Derbyshire's relationship with Japan



- 1998 twinning agreement signed between **Derby City Council, Derbyshire County Council** and **South Derbyshire District Council** with **Toyota City, Aichi prefecture**
- Built on Toyota Motor Manufacturing (UK) Ltd established in Burnaston, Derbyshire in 1992
- Strategically important partnership for the UK, regionally and for Japan



# Toyota City Partnership Board

## VISION

- Through the power of collaboration we will be a beacon of excellence in advancing the UK-Japan Government trade agreement

## TOYOTA CITY PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Driving forward and advancing the economies of our communities through the power of collaboration

*through...*

Economic

Culture, Sport  
and Tourism

Environment

Transport

Education



# 2018 marked the 20th Anniversary celebration



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### Newsletter

#### Toyota City and Derbyshire: A blossoming relationship

Preparations are underway for the 20th anniversary of the relationship between Toyota City and Derbyshire, led by the local authorities: Toyota City Council in Japan, and South Derbyshire District Council, Derbyshire County Council and Derby City Council in the UK.


The anniversary comes at a significant time for the UK and its international relationships. In this context, the partnership between Derbyshire and Toyota City may be seen as an exemplar of how local government in the UK and Japan can deliver jobs and prosperity for their respective areas.

*"The partnership between Derbyshire and Toyota City is a commitment that has stood the test of time. Through the political will and personal commitment of successive politicians and senior officers, who have 'carried the torch', a relationship built upon trust has been formed. This has provided the basis for business to thrive through good and bad global economic times.*



Toyota City 2013 visit to Derbyshire, to the Toyota Motor Manufacturing UK plant at Burnaston





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### Toyota City, Japan


2018 was a big year for Derbyshire's twinning relationship with Toyota City in Japan.

It was 20 years since councils in the 2 regions pledged to work together after the Toyota Motor Company, based in Toyota City, opened up its first European car factory in Burnaston, South Derbyshire.

Ourselves, Derby City Council and South Derbyshire District Council were key players in attracting the car manufacturing giant to the county bringing thousands of jobs to the area. And councils in Derbyshire and Toyota City have been working together to benefit the economy, environment and education.

Now the partnership is to take another step forward by increasing educational links to include the University of Derby, building links in sport and working more on economic and environmental issues.

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## Signing marks bright future for Derbyshire's Japan link on 20th anniversary celebration




Council leaders in Derbyshire have further strengthened a long-standing international link which has brought thousands of jobs and huge investment to the county over the last 20 years.

Derbyshire County Council, Derby City Council and South Derbyshire District Council are celebrating the 20th anniversary of their twinning with Toyota City in Japan

which was established in 1998.

A programme of events is taking place to mark the anniversary of the relationship which was established when car giant Toyota Motor Manufacturing (UK) Ltd built its first European factory in Burnaston.

Over 2,500 people are employed at the factory which supports a thriving supply chain and continues to pump millions of pounds into the local economy every year.




Derby City Council

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## City partnership continues to blossom

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The 32 trees were planted by the Derby Parks team

A total of 32 cherry tree saplings have been planted at Bass' Recreation Ground in Derby to mark the partnership between the city, Derbyshire and Toyota city.

At just 1.5 m high, it will take a while for the sakura cherry saplings to fully mature, but in as little as four months' time the first signs of spring blossom will appear. Once the

# WESTMINSTER VISIT PROMOTES IMPORTANCE OF TWINNING OF DERBYSHIRE AND TOYOTA CITY

13 September 2018

Representatives from the University of Derby, Marketing Derby, Derbyshire government ministers and MPs in Westminster this week to promote the twinning of Derbyshire and Toyota City.

The event promoted the significant contribution made by Derbyshire as well as its social and cultural impact.

At the event, Professor Judith Lamie, Derby's Pro-Vice-Chancellor, was joined by national politicians and Westminster civil servants to discuss investment, particularly that from Japan and Toyota City.

Professor Lamie said: "As Pro-Vice Chancellor with responsibility for international as well as overseas, I am able to experience first-hand the impact of twinning through Toyota Motor Manufacturing UK - has had on Derbyshire."

The Board includes the University of Derby, Burton and South Derbyshire College, Derby College Marketing Derby, Derbyshire County Council, Derby City Council, South Derbyshire District Council, Toyota City Council, the National Forest, Marketing Peak District and Derbyshire, and East Midlands Chamber of Commerce.



L-R: Marvin Cooke, MD Toyota Manufacturing UK; Professor Judith Lamie; Helen Wheeler MP; Ambassador Koji Tsuruoka, Embassy of Japan in the UK; Councillor Tony King, Derbyshire County Council

# RESEARCH VISIT TO JAPAN CELEBRATES 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF TWINNING WITH TOYOTA CITY

[Register](#)

20 September 2018

A team of researchers from the University of Derby have returned from a visit to Toyota City, where they launched a collaborative research partnership as part of celebrations to mark the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Derbyshire's twinning with the city.

The team of psychologists visited Chukyo University in Nagoya, where they met the university's President, Hitoshi Yasumura, as well as researchers in psychology and the Dean of the School of Psychology, Eiji Kamiva.

The delegations from both countries discussed the differences between nature and human-made environments, and how this can help us understand how our environment affects our behaviour.

The researchers from Derby visited the Himeji Castle, where they participated in a workshop to create a map of the castle grounds.

In his welcome speech, Professor Yasumura said that this collaboration will support the development of research in psychology and the environment.

Yasuhiro Kotera, Academic Director of the School of Psychology, said that the collaboration will support the development of research in psychology and the environment.



University of Derby research trip to Japan's Chukyo University

Westminster event hosted by Helen Wheeler, MP with Ambassador Koji Tsuruoka



Professor Judith Lammie, Head of External Affairs, UoD

Lord William Burlington, Chancellor of the University of Derby



Mayor Otto, Toyota City

Cllr Barry Lewis, Leader of Derbyshire County Council



Prof Kathryn Mitchel, VC UoD



## 2. University of Derby and Chukyo University Memorandum of Understanding



- Nagoya Campus + Toyota Campus
- Schools of: Psychology, Law, Economics, Management, Policy Studies, Sociology, Engineering, Health and Sport Science
- Approx. 13,000 students
- Historical origins: 1954 based on business and education

- Derby Campus + Chesterfield Campus + Buxton Campus
- Colleges of: Business, Law and Economics; Arts, Humanities and Education; Health, Psychology and Social Care; Science and Engineering
- Approx. 23,000 students
- Historical origins: 1851 based on education and technology



## 2. University of Derby and Chukyo University Memorandum of Understanding



- **Established** in March 2019
- **Purpose** to strengthen the relationship between the two University's and further develop the partnership between Toyota City and Derbyshire
- **Areas of focus**
  - 1) Mobility** Students – exchanges, study blocks, joint research, cultural sharing, shared seminars  
Staff – pedagogical practice, collaborative research, internationalisation, exchanges
  - 2) Academic** Partnership – articulation arrangements UG to PGT, sharing quality assurance practice
  - 3) Research** Extending existing research, identification or new joint research ventures, funding bids
  - 4) Sport** 'International varsity' series, training camps, coach education, mutual major event support
  - 5) Civic** Cultural engagements, support UK-Japan partnership, ambassadorial advocacy
- **Challenge** Covid-19 & travel restrictions -> virtual interaction, language confidence, student mobility

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## Effects of Shinrin-Yoku (Forest Bathing) and Nature Therapy on Mental Health: a Systematic Review and Meta-analysis

[Yasuhiro Kotera](#) , [Miles Richardson](#) & [David Sheffield](#)

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### Abstract

Shinrin-yoku, immersing oneself in nature using one's senses, has been receiving increased attention internationally. While most of the existing studies have focused on physical health, this systematic review and meta-analysis examined the mental health impacts of shinrin-yoku,

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## Effects of Shinrin-Yoku Retreat on Mental Health: a Pilot Study in Fukushima, Japan

[Yasuhiro Kotera](#) , & [Dean Fido](#)

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### Abstract

Shinrin-yoku (forest bathing) is a cost-effective healing practice that has recently attracted the interest of social scientists who have attributed it, in part, to mental health benefits. Japanese university students suffer from high rates of mental health problems, and the number of

## Collaborative research



Original Article | [Open Access](#) | Published: 10 March 2021

## From Stress to Psychopathology: Relationship with Self-Reassurance and Self-Criticism in Czech University Students

[Yasuhiro Kotera](#) , [Jaroslava Dosedlova](#), [Denise Andrzejewski](#), [Greta Kaluzeviciute](#) & [Makoto Sakai](#)

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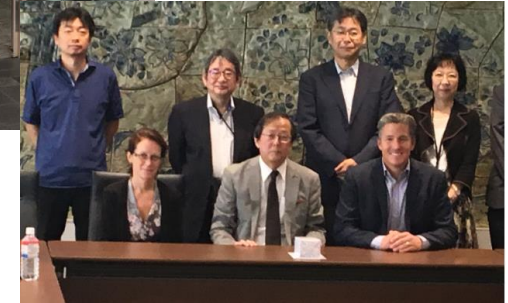
### Abstract

Psychological stress has become a major concern, potentially leading to diverse health problems including psychopathology such as depression and anxiety. Transactional Model of Stress and Coping is an established model, conceptualizing stressful experiences via person–



### 3. Lessons learnt and ways forward

- I. Derby, Derbyshire & Toyota City Twinning Agreement gives regional purpose, strategy & political engagement
- II. Identify areas of mutual benefit and collaboration between University's for productive partnership
- III. Maintain contact in person or virtually



Academic Partnership

Strategic Alignment

Research Collaboration

Extended Networks

# Next steps

2021 reaffirm partnership between University of Derby and Chukyo University

2022 launch the East Midlands Institute of Technology with Toyota UK and Fujitsu

2023 is the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event of Derby, Derbyshire and Toyota City twinning

2023 is the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of UMEMURA Education Institutions, incl. Chukyo University





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