

### 36744 Lauriston Castle - 1994 Research Project

In relation to the Japanese Garden situated in the grounds of Lauriston Castle Trust Estate it is my understanding that City of Edinburgh Council, CEC, employee(s) were sent to Japan to learn/understand how Japanese gardens should be maintained etc.

How many CEC employee(s) were sent to Japan?

Did any other people accompany them? Who? Why? What was their relationship?

How much did this cost the CEC – please provide a full analysis of this cost, including dates.

The only information we hold which is within scope of the request is the attached report – '36744 Edinburgh - Kyoto Friendship Garden\_Completion Report'.

The delegation who visited Japan included representatives from Lothian Regional Council and Lothian and Edinburgh Enterprise. We do not have detailed financial records pre-dating the formation of the City of Edinburgh Council.