

SUKYO MAHIKARI YOKO FORUM CIO

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

**SUKYO MAHIKARI YOKO FORUM CIO
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
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The Trustees acting throughout the Financial Period and up to the date of this report are shown below.

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

LEGAL STATUS

Sukyo Mahikari Yoko Forum is founded as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), and registered with the Charity Commission of England and Wales. The CIO was granted its status on 24th August 2016

CHARITY NUMBER 1168897

PRINCIPAL ADDRESS

136 Highbury Hill, London N5 1AT

TRUSTEES

Koichiro FUJISAKI

Paul PETTERSEN

Takahisa KARIYA

Dr Sidney CHANG

Stephen Choo

Kochi OKANO (appointed 29 August 2024)

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The Trustees of Sukyo Mahikari Yoko Forum CIO have the pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2024

Objectives of Sukyo Mahikari Yoko Forum CIO

Sukyo Mahikari Yoko Forum CIO is a charity that promotes the advancement of world peace and the happiness of humankind, and for guiding humanity towards the establishment of a universal civilisation based on a synthesis of religion, science and all other aspects of human endeavour based on the teachings of Sukyo Mahikari. The CIO also makes efforts to nurture young people to aspire and achieve, whilst valuing universal virtues such as gratitude, humility, compassion and helping others. The activities are by invitation and are opened to all members of the public.

Activities

2024 marked the tenth anniversary of the Yoko Forum. The year was highlighted by two major events which continue to have a positive impact on our current and proposed future activities.

The first major event took place in January. This was a meeting jointly organised with Brahma Kumaris at the Brahma Kumaris UK HQ (Global Cooperation House) in West London. The theme of this event was “Reconnecting with Mother nature – *The Great Green Wall & Yogic Agriculture*”. The event was introduced by His Excellency Shri Vikram Doraiswami, the Indian High Commissioner to the UK. A presentation on Yogic Agriculture was given by Sister Jayanti, Additional Head of the Brahma Kumaris and the other, on the Great Green Wall, by Ody-Marc Duclos, Vice-President of the Green Heart Foundation (Ivory Coast). The Great Green Wall project is a pan-African collaborative project that seeks to halt the desertification in the South Saharan desert by planting a belt of trees across the continent from Senegal to Djibouti.

The Great Green Heart Foundation is an active volunteer-based participant in the Great Green Wall project and is a close international partner to the Yoko Forum. Mr. Duclos’ spoke about the importance of cultivating a ‘spirit of service’ among young people and how this practice can have a positive impact on one’s life and attitude. Many of the people involved in this inspiring meeting, including the chair and discussion moderator, were young people representing the Yoko Forum and Brahma Kumaris. The meeting was attended by approximately 300 participants, in-house and on-line, and was regarded as an outstanding success.

Our second major event was the Tenth Anniversary Yoko Forum Celebration that was held at the Swedenborg Hall, Central London. The theme of this meeting was “The Art of Gratitude – *Transforming relationships and communities and expanding our sense of belonging*”. The keynote guest speaker was Dr Kerry Howells (Tasmania, Australia), a highly regarded expert, teacher and author on the practice of gratitude and the profound impact that this practice can have on one’s daily life and on the wider community.

In his welcome address at the Tenth Celebration which was held on 21st September, the actual tenth anniversary date of the inauguration of the Yoko Forum in 2014, Dr Sidney Chang, trustee, gave a brief review about the activities of the Yoko Forum spanning ten

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years, and its aim to help professionals from different backgrounds to find common ground and to help nurture people, especially young people, to become positive and selfless leaders in a society that respects all peoples and nature. Dr Kerry's talk on gratitude was enthusiastically received and was a revelation to some attendees. Her talk was followed by a very lively panel discussion that included young professional people. It was apt that our tenth anniversary event, focused on the subject of gratitude, took place on World Gratitude Day!

Again, this public meeting was highly successful, and provided a wonderful opportunity to welcome new guests, many from the Interfaith community, and to renew old friendships. There were about 90 participants at this event.

In June, Frank Adams (Luxembourg) returned to the Yoko Forum to run a second workshop dedicated to the concept of the One Pot Garden Practice. The workshop was for young people, especially those with an interest in education. Participants of the workshop included youth from Brahma Kumaris, the Ahmadiyya Moslem Women's Association, and Sukyo Mahikari. The workshop was followed by a plant-based buffet. The One Pot Gardening Practice is slowly attracting the attention of educators and environmentalists, and the Yoko Forum expects to play a major role in the expansion of this educational activity.

Throughout the year, representatives from the Yoko Forum participated in various meetings and events organized by other organisations including FFTC - Faith For The Climate (their annual Eco Festival at St John's Church, Waterloo, and a FFTC trustees event), Brahma Kumaris/Interfaith, and the Ahmadiyya Moslem's Women Association. We also held several closed 'getting to know you' meetings with representatives from other organisations at the Yoko House.

Achievements

2024 saw a quantum leap in our goal of working with others to help build a more sustainable, bright and positive society where respect for nature, the environment and other people, and a spirit of service, are promoted and re-invigorated. In this respect, we have continued our efforts to nurture a core group of young people, not only those associated with our organisation but also others from other organisations who share our core values and goals.

The year also saw a significant step forward in our efforts to network with others, and we anticipate that this will lead to new collaborations and initiatives. Meanwhile, we continue to build on the cooperation and trust that have slowly been established in recent years.

Financial Review

The Trustees expressed their deep gratitude to their supporters both in the UK and other countries for their continued support.

Income from donations increased to £18,759 compared to the previous year of £13,953. Expenses increased by £5,596 to £18,526 due to higher conference and travel expenses

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arising from the 10th anniversary activities & conferences, and currency exchange losses at year end. This resulted in a small Net Surplus of £233 for the year and a Net Surplus of £28,337 carried over to next year.

The long-term loan from Sukyo Mahikari Japan remain unchanged at £8,553.

It is our intention to ensure sufficient reserves are in place to fund our activities for at least three years, to repay back any outstanding loans and to use remaining resources to support more activities compatible to our aims.

Trustees

The charity trustees who served during the year were:

Koichiro FUJISAKI

Dr Sidney CHANG

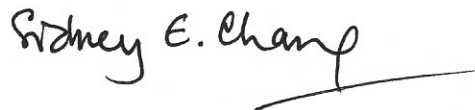
Paul PETTERSEN

Stephen CHOO

Takahisa KARIYA

Kochi OKANO (appointed 29 August 2024)

Signed by



Dr Sidney Chang

Trustee

25th October 2025



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

SUKYO MAHIKARI YOKO FORUM CIO

On accounts for the year
ended

31/12/24

Charity no
(if any)

1168897

Set out on pages

8 to 12

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and
basis of report

We report to the trustees on our examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the CIO") for the year ended 31/12/2023

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

We report in respect of our examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out our examination, we have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

We have completed our examination. We confirm that no material matters have come to our attention in connection with the examination which gives us cause to believe that in, any material respect,:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

We have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Tang & Co

Date:

25/10/25

Name:

Tang & Co

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA)

Address:

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Swindon
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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

		2024	2023
	Notes	Total	Total
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE		Funds	Funds
		£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES			
Donations	1	18,759	13,953
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCE		18,759	13,953
RESOURCES EXPENDED			
Legal & Professional Administration		18,526	12,930
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	2	18,526	12,930
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FOR THE PERIOD		233	1,023
Fund balances brought forward at 1 January 2024		28,104	27,081
Fund balances carried forward at 31 December 2024		28,337	28,104

The statement of financial activities contains all the gains and losses recognised in the current year, and the result for this period represents the only movement in reserves.

The notes on pages 10 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024	2023
FIXED ASSETS		£	£
Freehold Land & Building	1,3	2,750,000	2,750,000
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank and in hand		50,012	53,779
Debtors	4	0	0
		50,012	53,779
Creditors: amount due within one year	5	(13,122)	(17,122)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		36,890	36,657
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		2,786,890	2,786,657
FUNDS	7		
Endowment Fund		2,750,000	2,750,000
General Funds		28,337	28,104
		2,778,337	2,778,104
LONG TERM LOAN SUKYO MAHIKARI JAPAN	6	8,553	8,553
TOTAL FUNDS		2,786,890	2,786,657

Approved on behalf of the Trustees on 25th October 2025

Signed by

Sidney E. Chang

Sidney Chang

Trustee

Signed by

Stephen Choo

Stephen Choo

Trustee

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1.ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Charities Act 1993 and applicable accounting standards.

b) Income

Donations are recognised in the year in which they relate, or if the period is not specified by the donor, in the year to which they are received. All income is accounted for on an accrual basis.

c) Direct Charitable Expenditure

Direct charitable expenditure comprises all expenditure incurred which relates directly to the objects of the charity.

d) Administration Expenditure

Costs incurred which relate to the general running of the charity are included under this heading.

e) Funds

The gift of freehold land and building valued at £2.75m from Sukyo Mahikari Japan is treated as an Endowment Fund. All other monetary donations including gift aid are treated as normal donations.

f) Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at 25% per annum with the exception of freehold land and investment properties.

g) Investment Properties

The freehold building that includes the land and building, as stated in the balance sheet, at the valuation of £2.75m is classified as an investment property. This is stated at open market value. There is a commitment to revalue the building periodically and the aggregate surplus or deficit will be transferred to a revaluation reserve. No depreciation is provided on these assets.

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	2024	2023
	£	£
2. TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		
Total resources expended included the following:		
Legal & Professional Costs	0	0
Utilities	2,900	4,731
Maintenance	1,777	2,273
Council Tax	3,156	2,982
External Examination Fees	600	600
Conferences	4,327	847
Insurance	1,163	1,083
Travel & Correspondence	2,137	494
Bank Charges	275	274
Exchange (gains) / losses	2,191	(354)

The charity does not have any employees

3. FIXED ASSETS

The freehold land and building at 136 Highbury Hill, London N5 1AT was gifted by Sukyo Mahikari Japan and was independently valued at £2.75m on 24th April 2017 by Chris Key BSc FRICS, of Warmans Surveying. The property was registered with the Land Registry on 5th October 2017. It was confirmed with HMRC that no stamp duty was payable due to the charitable status of the organisation.

The freehold building is classified as an investment property which is not depreciated but is revalued each year at open market value. Any surplus or deficit is transferred to a revaluation reserve. Where a formal independent valuation is not carried out, two of the trustees will carry out this valuation jointly and record their result accordingly in the accounts. As at the balance sheet date, the value of the asset in aggregate was not expected to differ significantly from the 2017 valuation so that no transfer to the revaluation reserve was considered necessary.

Valuation as at 01/01/2024	2,750,000	2,750,000
Revaluation	0	0
Valuation as at 31/12/2024	2,750,000	2,750,000

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	2024	2023
	£	£
4. DEBTORS		
Debtors	0	0
5. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	13,122	17,122
6. CREDITORS : AMOUNTS FALLING DUE MORE THAN ONE YEAR	8,553	8,553

Long Term Loan from Sukyo Mahikari JAPAN

The long-term loan is for a period of 10 years and is interest free. Repayment commences from 5th year of the loan. Due to the current financial situation the Trustees has deferred the loan repayment for the time being.

7. FUNDS

	Endowment Fund £	General Funds £	Total Funds £
Balance at 1 st January 2024	2,750,000	28,104	2,778,104
Movement in Resources			
Incoming		18,759	18,759
Outgoing		(18,526)	(18,526)
Balance at 31 st December 2024	2,750,000	28,337	2,778,337

8. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

The trustees did not receive any remuneration and there was no reimbursement of expenses during the year (£ nil in 2023)