

“An Arrow Shot Through Time”

A Global Tale of Charity



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The presentation’s title stems from a comment made by an American Indian chief in the 19th century. The presentation will make a connection between the current experiences of Malawi and the experiences of the poor during the Irish Famine of 1845-52 – the first national disaster to attract international sympathy and sustained large-scale financial donations. Telling the stories of people as varied as ex-slaves in the Caribbean, the Sultan of Turkey, the Choctaw Indian Nation in Oklahoma and the post-war generation of Japanese children, the lecture will conclude with a look at the international humanitarian response to the Great East Japan Earthquake in 2011--including Malawi’s contribution--and will show why feeding someone is the greatest thing you can do because it extends human life.

Having lived in Malawi, Africa until 2015, Declan Somers is an Irish national currently living in Japan and is a founding member of Seibo--a Japan-based movement that aims to provide a hot school meal to every hungry child in the world--beginning with Malawi. He has a B.A in Marketing from Dublin City University and an M.A in Chinese Studies from SOAS, University of London and is currently the Chairman of the Irish Network Japan Tokyo and heavily involved in organizing the annual St. Patrick’s Day Parade in Omotesando, scheduled for the 19th of March.

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