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Museum Network member **Durham University Oriental Museum** has received funding to develop its Japan and Korea galleries.

*British Culture Minister Ed Vaizey has announced that the Oriental Museum will be one of 36 museums from across the UK to receive funding from the **Department for Culture Media and Sport/Wolfson Foundation Museums and Galleries Improvement Fund**. The grant, totally more than £80,000 will be used to help fund the next phase of the museum's redevelopment programme - new galleries dedicated to Japan and Korea.*

The museum's **Japanese collections** are very rich and diverse. Most of the collection dates from the Edo Period (1603-1868 CE) and Meiji Era (1868-1912 CE) but there are also important pieces which date to earlier

Oriental Museum

numbering only just over 300 objects and as a consequence the Oriental Museum has never had a Korean gallery. Despite its small size, this collection includes a wide range of objects from musical instruments to textiles, coins, weapons, ceramics and furniture. Some objects date back as far as the Koryo Period (935-1392 CE). The **Oriental Museum has recently obtained funding from the ArtFund** to create a new collection of contemporary Japanese art. This grant will allow the museum to purchase new contemporary material that can also be included in the new gallery. **Planning and research for the galleries is now underway. Building work will commence in the galleries in January 2013 with the aim of opening the new displays in autumn 2013.**

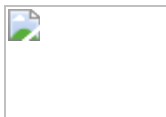
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