



# Consulate Updates

**April 2022**

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## Office Opening Hours

Monday to Friday

9:00am – 12:30pm

1:30pm – 5:00pm

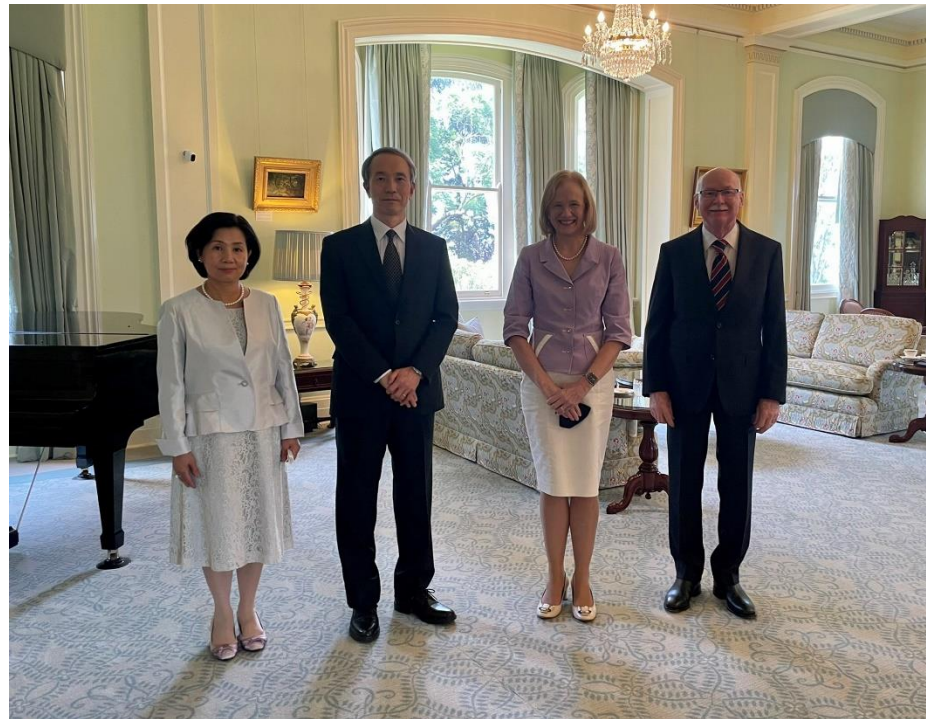
Consular Section

(Reception – visa / passports)

9:00am – 12:00pm

1:30pm – 4:00pm

## Courtesy call on the Governor of Queensland



On Thursday, 17 February 2022, Consul-General ONO Masuo and his wife Mrs ONO Kimu paid a courtesy call to Her Excellency the Honourable Dr Jeannette Young PSM, Governor of Queensland and Professor Graeme Nimmo at Government House.

We thank Her Excellency for her support of the Japanese community in Queensland and look forward to a positive relationship over Mr ONO's term in Brisbane.

## Recommended Websites

Embassy of Japan, Canberra  
<http://www.au.emb-japan.go.jp>

The Japan Foundation,  
Sydney  
<http://www.jpf.org.au/>

Japan National Tourism  
Organization  
<http://www.jnto.org.au/>

Japan External Trade  
Organization  
<http://www.jetro.go.jp/>

Japan Exchange Teaching  
(JET) Programme  
<http://www.jetprogramme.org/>

Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
of Japan (MOFA)  
<http://www.mofa.go.jp/>

## Courtesy call on the Premier of Queensland



On Thursday, 17 February 2022, Consul-General ONO Masuo paid a courtesy call on Annastacia Palaszczuk MP, Premier of Queensland and Minister for the Olympics.

The two discussed a range of matters including deepening strong Queensland-Japan ties as well as promoting a wide range of cooperative efforts.

**2022  
Office Closure  
Dates**

APRIL

*Friday 15  
(Good Friday)*

*Monday 18  
(Easter Monday)*

*Monday 25  
(ANZAC Day)*

MAY

*Monday 2  
(Labour Day)*

JULY

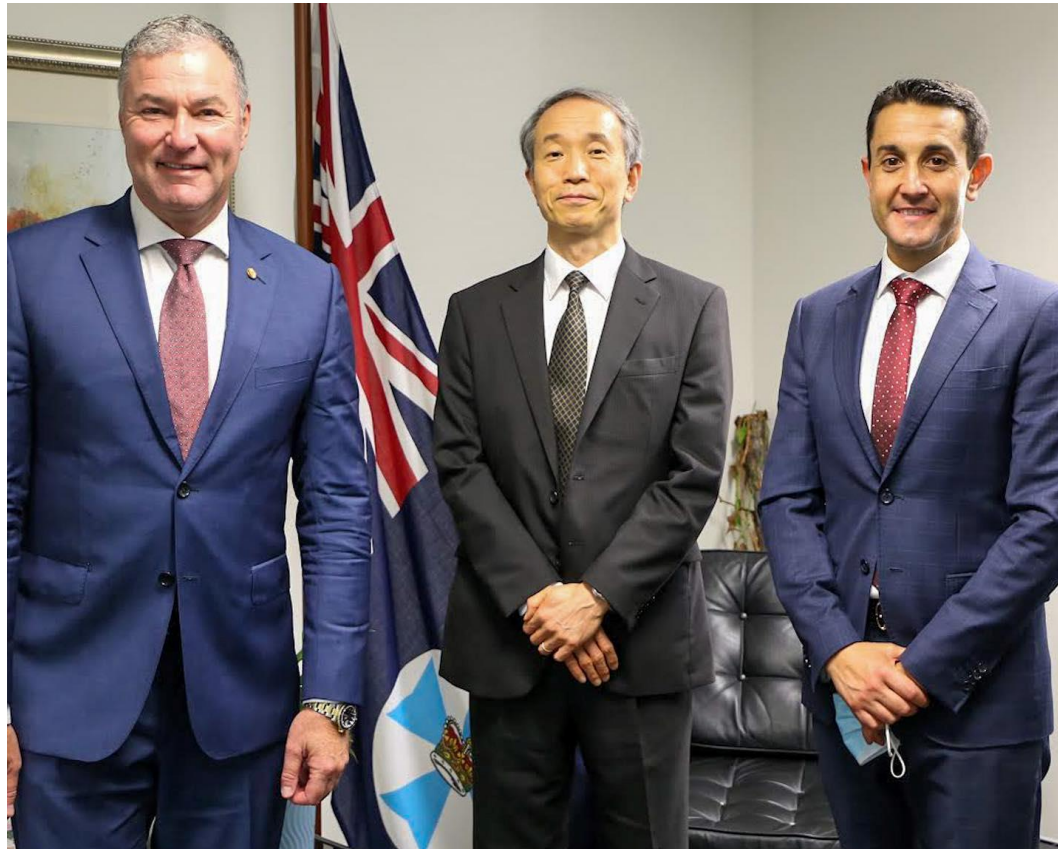
*Monday 18  
(Marine Day)*

AUGUST

*Wednesday 10  
(Royal QLD Show Holiday)*

*For the full list,  
please click [here](#).*

**Courtesy Call on David Crisafulli MP and John-Paul Langbroek MP**



Consul-General ONO had the pleasure of meeting David Crisafulli MP and John-Paul Langbroek MP on a courtesy call on Thursday, 17 February 2022.

We thank both MPs for their time.

## 2022 Emperor's Birthday Reception



On Friday, 25 February 2022, a reception was held at the Consul-General's Official Residence in Hamilton to celebrate the 62nd birthday of His Majesty the Emperor of Japan. We were delighted to celebrate this occasion with valued friends and honoured guests, who were welcomed with addresses from the host of the evening Consul-General ONO, who arrived in Brisbane in January, and Stirling Hinchliffe MP, Minister for Tourism, Innovation and Sport and Minister Assisting the Premier on Olympics and Paralympics Sport and Engagement, representing the Premier of Queensland.

The evening served as an opportunity to enjoy a taste of Japan right here in Queensland with a range of displays showcasing Japanese industry and innovation, including Oji Fibre Solutions, Japan Rail, and the Japan National Tourism Organisation (JNTO). Guests were also able to sample a variety of culinary delights, including the Japanese street food 'takoyaki' from Rollipolli, traditional sake from around Japan, Yebisu Beer, Orion Beer, and Boss Coffee.

We thank everyone who braved the rain to join us for a wonderful celebratory evening.



# JAPAN STANDS WITH UKRAINE

Japan's response to the situation in Ukraine:

## JAPAN STANDS WITH UKRAINE



THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN

February 28, 2022

Japan has announced the following measures:

### [Assistance]

- To provide the loans to Ukraine at a scale of US\$ 100 million, as well as emergency humanitarian assistance of US\$ 100 million, in addition to the US\$ 1.87 billion ODA since 2014.

### [Financial measures]

- To impose sanctions that include the freezing of assets of persons related to the Government of Russia, including President Putin.
- To freeze assets of three Russian banks (VEB.RF, Promsvyazbank, Bank Rossiya) in Japan.
- To join in with Europe and the United States to take measures to isolate Russia from the international financial system and the global economy by excluding selected Russian banks from the SWIFT messaging system.
- To prohibit the issuances and transactions of new Russian sovereign debt in the primary and secondary market. Japan will also expand the coverage of maturity regarding existing prohibitions of bond issuances by designated Russian banks.

### [Export control]

- To impose sanctions on exports to Russian military-related entities, on exports of controlled items listed on the internationally agreed list and of other dual-use goods such as semiconductors.

### [Suspension of visa issuance]

- To suspend the issuance of entry visas to Japan for designated individuals related to Russia.

### ["Donetsk People's Republic" and "Luhansk People's Republic" related measures]

- To suspend the issuance of entry visas to Japan for individuals of the "Donetsk People's Republic" and the "Luhansk People's Republic" and freeze the assets held by these individuals in Japan.
- To prohibit import from and export to the "Donetsk People's Republic" and the "Luhansk People's Republic."

## Message of condolences from Prime Minister KISHIDA Fumio following the damages caused by the floods in the eastern part of the Commonwealth of Australia

Prime Minister KISHIDA Fumio has expressed his sympathy and condolences to those communities impacted by the floods this week. Japan's thoughts are with you, Queensland. You can read his message [here](#) or below:

### ***Message of condolences from Prime Minister KISHIDA Fumio following the damages caused by the floods in the eastern part of the Commonwealth of Australia***

*On March 3, regarding the damage resulting from the floods in the eastern part of the Commonwealth of Australia, Mr. KISHIDA Fumio, Prime Minister of Japan, delivered the following message of condolences to the Hon. Scott Morrison, MP, Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of Australia.*

*It is with deep sadness when I learn about the recent floods caused by heavy rainfall in the eastern part of Australia which have claimed many precious lives and forced many people to evacuate. On behalf of the Government and the people of Japan, I would like to express my heartfelt condolences to those who lost their lives and their bereaved families. I pray for the early recovery of those who are affected and the prompt reconstruction of the affected areas."*

[https://www.mofa.go.jp/page3e\\_001172.html](https://www.mofa.go.jp/page3e_001172.html)

## GOLD COAST VISIT

On Monday, 7 March 2022, Consul-General ONO Masuo made his inaugural visit to the Gold Coast to meet friends and partners of Japan, including the Queensland Police Service and QPS Acting Chief Superintendent Rhys Wildman, who support the local Japanese community in times of need. Mr ONO also toured the Griffith University Gold Coast Campus medical precinct; a world-class facility at the frontline of research which has active partnerships with Japan.

In the evening, Mr ONO enjoyed a networking reception hosted by Sam O'Connor MP and the Gold Coast Japanese community, including the Japan Community of Queensland, the Japanese Society of Gold Coast, the Queensland Japan Chamber of Commerce & Industry and the Japan Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Gold Coast.



Mr ONO is grateful for the very warm welcome, and looks forward to supporting and further connecting with local government, businesses, visitors from Japan, and the vibrant Japanese community that call the Gold Coast home.



# KOMATSU Distribution Centre and Innovation Hub



Consul-General Mr ONO was honoured to attend the official opening of Komatsu's Distribution Centre and Innovation Hub in Wacol on Wednesday, 9 March 2022.

Komatsu's inception into Australia in 1965 played an integral role in building Queensland's resources sector, contributing to the bilateral economic relationship.

Economic ties between Japan and Queensland have been built on trust and respect, with a long-term vision to reach mutually beneficial outcomes, and Komatsu's investment in this facility shows a vote of confidence in our economic partnership.



Congratulations Komatsu for this milestone, and we wish for all the company's success and the further strengthening of Japan-Queensland economic relations!



## Courtesy Call on Cr David McLachlan



On Friday, 11 March 2022, Consul-General ONO paid a courtesy call on Cr David McLachlan, who represents the Hamilton ward. The area was heavily impacted by the recent floods, and the Consul-General expressed his sympathies to those affected along with his best wishes for a fast recovery.

Thank you Cr McLachlan for taking the time to welcome the Consul-General. We look forward to working with you to further deepen Japan-Brisbane ties.

## Japanese School of Queensland Gold Coast Graduation Ceremony



Deputy Consul-General MASUDA Chieko was delighted to attend the graduation ceremony for the Japanese School of Queensland, Gold Coast on Saturday, 12 March 2022. The school follows the Japanese calendar, where the school year runs from April to March.

We would like to congratulate all 61 students graduating from kindergarten, primary and middle school, and wish you all the best for the future.

## Museum of Brisbane - Free



「City in the Sun」ハイライトツアー (日本語)  
Japanese Language Tours: City in the Sun



*City in the Sun* at Museum of Brisbane. Photo: Toby Scott

<b>Time:</b> 2:30pm - 3:15pm on selected Saturdays	<b>Ages:</b> All ages welcome
<b>Tickets:</b> FREE, bookings required	<b>Location:</b> Begins on Level 3, Brisbane City Hall

## Japanese Language Tours

The Museum of Brisbane has recently launched some new free Japanese language tours. Attendees will be able to enjoy a fully immersive language experience lead by a native speaker. Beginners and fluent speakers are all welcome to enjoy this inclusive tour of exhibition 'City in the Sun'.

For further details, visit:

<https://www.museumofbrisbane.com.au/whats-on/japanese-language-tour-city-in-the-sun/>



## JLPP International Translation Competition

The poster features a light blue background with faint, overlapping text in French and English. At the top right, there are two logos: the JLPP logo (a red circle with a white stylized 'J' and 'L') and the Agency for Cultural Affairs logo (a red square with a white grid pattern and the Japanese characters '文化庁'). The main title '7th JLPP International Translation Competition' is in large, bold, black font, with 'French | English' below it in a slightly smaller, bold, black font. Below the title, the 'Submission Period' is highlighted in orange text, followed by the dates 'Wednesday June 1st – Thursday June 30th 2022'. At the bottom, a paragraph in black text explains that the JLPP (Japanese Literature Publishing Project) hosts this competition to uplift and nurture emerging translators of contemporary Japanese literature.

7<sup>ème</sup> concours international de traduction JLPP

JLPP JAPANESE LITERATURE PUBLISHING PROJECT 文化庁 Agency for Cultural Affairs, Government of Japan

# 7th JLPP International Translation Competition

## French | English

**Submission Period**  
Wednesday **June 1st** – Thursday **June 30th** 2022

The JLPP (Japanese Literature Publishing Project) hosts this translation competition to uplift and nurture emerging translators of contemporary Japanese literature.

The 7th JLPP International Translation Competition is now underway! Aspiring translators of contemporary Japanese literature are eagerly encouraged to apply.  
**Submissions close June 30, 2022.**

For further details, please visit:

[https://www.jlpp.go.jp/competition7/index\\_en.html](https://www.jlpp.go.jp/competition7/index_en.html)

(Image: JLPP Office/Agency for Cultural Affairs)



# Kotobade Asobou!

Have you jumped on the Wordle trend?

Why not challenge yourself with the  
Japanese version Kotobade Asobou (言葉で遊ぼう)!

Try to guess the 4-kana word of the day in 12 tries.

Kotobade Asobou 言葉で遊ぼう

<https://taximanli.github.io/kotobade-asobou>

こ と ば で あ そ ぼ う

Japanese Wordle - daily word puzzle game

日本語版 Wordle - 日替わり単語パズルゲーム

## Flavour of Fukushima



While Fukushima Prefecture suffered severe damage in the 11 March 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake, eleven years on since the disaster, it is well on its way to recovery, with exports of agricultural products surpassing pre-earthquake levels. Specialities making an appearance on the world stage recently include Fukushima's white fleshed and intensely sweet peaches, and sake brewed to international renown.

Read more here at '***The Flavor of Fukushima Lights Up Reconstruction***':

[https://www.japan.go.jp/.../02/the flavor of fukushima.html](https://www.japan.go.jp/.../02/the_flavor_of_fukushima.html)

(Text & Image: KIZUNA JapanGov)

## Ghibli Park Due to Open in November 2022, Bringing the Ghibli World to Life



Studio Ghibli fans, here is something to look forward to when Japan re-opens to tourists.

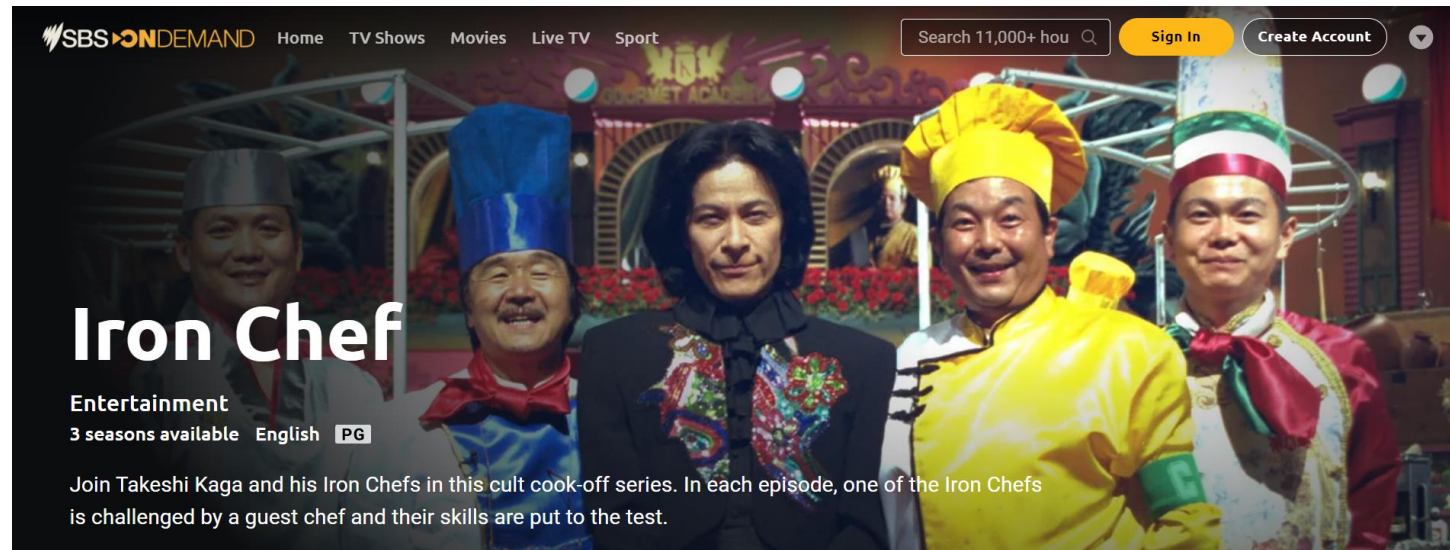
The theme park “Ghibli Park” will open Aichi, Japan in November 2022!

All the exciting details can be found in the article below:

<https://www.nippon.com/en/guide-to-japan/gu900209/ghibli-park-due-to-open-in-november-2022-bringing-the-ghibli-world-to-life.html>

(Image: Studio Ghibli)

## Iron Chef at SBS On Demand



Iron Chef (料理の鉄人) is now streaming on SBS On Demand for free!  
This Japanese cooking show in which chefs are challenged to make dishes based on unusual secret ingredients has become famous with Australian audiences.

View episodes here: <https://www.sbs.com.au/ondemand/program/iron-chef>

(Image: SBS)

## Cherry Blossom Viewing Live Stream



東京千鳥ヶ淵ライブカメラ

Japan is now heading into cherry blossom season, and you can enjoy live streams of the best parks across Japan! So pull out your picnic blanket and enjoy the flowers with some refreshing green tea, all from the comfort of your own home.

Check out Chidorigafuchi Moat, one of Tokyo's most famous flower viewing spots:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7P9DlrY8xXc>

Or, take a look at live footage from parks across Japan (Japanese only):

<https://www.cametan.com/special/sakura.html>

Cherry blossoms begin blooming in Kyushu in Mid-March, gradually making their way up to Hokkaido in the north by May, so you can see the flowers in various stages of bloom!





## **Office Closure Notice**

**Monday, 2 May 2022**

The Consulate-General of Japan in Brisbane will be closed on Monday, 2 May 2022 the Labour Day public holiday.

The Consulate-General re-opens Tuesday, 3 May 2022.

**For a full list of office closure dates for 2022, please visit:**

**[https://www.brisbane.au.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr\\_en/about\\_us.html#section4](https://www.brisbane.au.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_en/about_us.html#section4)**

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The Consulate-General of Japan newsletter features people-to-people exchanges and friendships between Japan and Australia. If you are involved in sister school friendships, exchanges or Japan-Australia related programs such as the JET Programme and would like to submit an article to be published in our newsletter, please email us at:

[jpncg@bb.mofa.go.jp](mailto:jpncg@bb.mofa.go.jp)

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### **Consulate Updates – Past Issues**

Past issues of “Consulate Updates” (PDF) can also be accessed via the Consulate-General of Japan, Brisbane Website at:

[https://www.brisbane.au.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr\\_en/jicc\\_newsletters.html](https://www.brisbane.au.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_en/jicc_newsletters.html)

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### **Consulate-General of Japan – Cultural Loans Program**

The Consulate-General of Japan, Brisbane offers a Cultural Loans Program!

We have a wide range of Japanese cultural items available for teachers or persons/organisations in Queensland promoting or teaching Japanese culture. Items include DVDs on a wide range of Japanese subjects, toys, CDs, games, calligraphy sets, plastic food, traditional clothing, musical instruments and more! The items are free to borrow; the visual and tactile experience of a cultural prop contributes to a richer classroom experience.

For further information, please visit the link below to access catalogues and forms or call our office on

(07) 3221 5188: <http://www.brisbane.au.emb-japan.go.jp/en/jicc/resources.html>

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### **Like Our Facebook Page!**

For the latest news and updates on Japanese culture related events, visit:

<https://www.facebook.com/JapanCons.Brisbane>

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