



# Consulate Updates

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**Consulate-General of Japan, Brisbane**

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## Office Opening Hours

Monday to Friday  
9:00am – 12:30pm  
1:30pm – 5:00pm

Consular Section  
(Reception / passports)  
9:00am – 12:00pm  
1:30pm – 4:00pm

Visa Applications  
9:00am – 11:00am  
1:30pm – 3:00pm

## Season's Greetings from the Consulate-General of Japan in Brisbane



"Meiji Shrine: Hatsumode" ©Dick Thomas Johnson

Happy holidays, and thank you for another wonderful year!

We are so grateful for your ongoing support and helping to make 2022 such a spectacular year. As restrictions eased we have seen the return of many events including Japanese Cultural Day at the Mount Coot-tha Botanic Gardens, Matsuri Brisbane, and our annual Japan Month. This has also been a milestone year for the Australia-Japan Society, who have celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We are pleased to end the year with tourist travel between Australia and Japan possible once again.

Wishing you all the best for a *subarashii* 2023!

We look forward to bringing you even more news and exciting events in the new year.

## 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/>

## End of Year Office Closure Dates



The Consulate-General of Japan, Brisbane will be closed over the new year period from **23 – 27 December (Sat - Tues)** and **29 December – 3 January (Thurs - Tues)**.

Our office will be open for business on **Wednesday, 28 December**, and will re-open for the new year on **Wednesday, 4 January**.

Please also note that our current reception hours are:

9am – 11am, 1:30pm - 3pm Visa matters

9am – 12pm, 1:30pm – 4pm All other matters

View office closure dates  
for 2022/2023

**2022  
Office Closure  
Dates**

DECEMBER

*26 – 27, 29 – 31  
(New Year holiday period)*

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

## Direct flights resume from Queensland to Japan



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It is now even easier to Queenslanders to travel to Japan, and for Japanese people to visit Queensland!

As of December 1, Queenslanders are again able to travel non-stop to Japan from Brisbane, with **QANTAS** flying from **Brisbane to Haneda Airport in Tokyo** 3 times a week.

**Virgin Australia** has also announced a new route from **Cairns to Haneda** that will operate daily from June 2023.

Now that border restrictions between Japan and Australia have eased, we hope that many of you will take the opportunity to visit Japan over the new year period and in 2023!

## Foreign Minister's Commendation for Ms NATSUME Misae



On November 25 **Ms NATSUME Misae** was awarded the **Foreign Minister's Commendation** for her incredible efforts promoting Japanese culture in Australia. For over 30 years, Ms Natsume has worked tirelessly sharing ikebana, or Japanese flower arrangement, in Queensland as the President of the Ohara School of Ikebana, Brisbane Study Group, and at a diverse range of events including Japanese Cultural Day at the Mount Coot-tha Botanic Gardens.

Congratulations Natsume-Sensei, and thank you for your years of hard work.





## Recent Events



How time flies! Summer has rolled around again, and with it summer events and end of year celebrations (Bonenkai). Consulate staff celebrated the achievements of local Japan communities in 2022 and helped them “forget the year” at **Bonenkai** held by the **Queensland Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (QJCCI)** and the **Australia Japan Society of Queensland (AJSQId)**. **UQ Taiko** held their end of year **Summer Festival**, which featured a delightful performance of Japanese music with performers and audience members alike dressed in traditional festival attire of **Happi** and **Yukata**.

Consul-General ONO also had the pleasure of attending a luncheon on December 2 at **Bond University** in recognition of the contributions of **Dr OHMAE Kenichi**, a management guru who co-developed Bond University’s BBT Global Leadership MBA, which focuses on Japanese business and Asian economies.

Thank you to all the Queensland Japan communities and friends of Japan for a wonderful 2022. Have a very happy holiday season, and we will see you in 2023!

## What's on in Queensland



### Free screening of 紅の豚 (Porco Rosso) at QAGOMA

Sat 14 January | Film screening

The Gallery of Modern Art will be hosting a screening of Porco Rosso (PG), from the acclaimed Studio Ghibli's Academy Award-winning director Hayao Miyazaki. This screening will be in Japanese with English subtitles.

[Explore details](#)



### Free screening of お早よう (Good Morning) at QAGOMA

Sat 4 February | Film screening

The Gallery of Modern Art will be hosting a screening of Good Morning, a spirited diorama of intergenerational family relationships which follows a family in a housing development in suburban Tokyo in post-war Japan.

[Discover more](#)



### BrisAsia – Kamishibai with renowned Koto master Takako Nishibori

Sat 18 February | Community event

Enjoy the ancient art of Japanese storytelling with renowned Koto master Takako Nishibori at the Boondall Wetlands as part of Brisbane's annual cultural festival BrisAsia.

[Find out more](#)

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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:

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

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