



# CONSULATE UPDATES

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Japan Month has arrived! There are a huge range of great Japan events to enjoy in Queensland.

Japan Month is an annual event coordinated by the Consulate-General of Japan, Brisbane aimed at promoting Japanese cultural exchange. Local Japan-related organisations will be holding a variety of events, which will start with a bang with our annual Japan Cultural Day at the Mt Coot-Tha Botanic Gardens on Sunday 6 August. Visit our website for all the details!



## Farewell to 2023 JET Participants

On 27 July we farewelled seven JETs departing from Brisbane to cities and towns all over Japan. Participants will spend at least a year sharing Australian culture and English while learning all about Japan. Applications for the 2024 JET programme will open in September this year.



## Ageo City Visit to Queensland

The Consulate was delighted to welcome students from across Ageo City in July. 22 students from 11 junior high schools arrived in Australia to undertake a farm stay and visit the Lockyer Valley as part of a sister city agreement between Ageo city and Lockyer Valley Regional Council.



## The JS Izumo arrives in Brisbane

We were delighted to welcome the largest ship of the Japanese Maritime Self Defence Force, the JS Izumo, to Brisbane in the lead up to Talisman Sabre. JMSDF hosted the Consul-General and guests from South East Queensland on board for a special luncheon and tour, highlighting their new flight deck.



## What's on in Queensland



### Cairns Japan Bon Dance Festival Sun 13 August | Festival

Enjoy dancing, live music, fireworks, Japanese festival food and more at this annual event held in Cairns!

[View details](#)



### Sunshine Coast Japan Festival Sun 13 August | Festival

Experience traditional Japanese culture, food, music, and festive atmosphere on the Sunshine Coast.

[Details here](#)



### Matsuri Brisbane Sat 3 September | Festival

Japan comes to Brisbane with this festival at White Hill State College celebrating the vibrancy of our local community.

[Find out more](#)

## Upcoming Co-hosted Consulate Events



### Japanese Cultural Day Sun 6 August | Festival

Enjoy Japanese culture and food at the Mt Coot-tha Botanic Gardens!

[Check it out](#)



### AJS-Qld Career Seminar Thu 10 August | Hybrid Seminar

Discover where a Japan-related career can take you with this co-hosted event.

[Register now](#)



### QSA Talks: Japanese War Brides Fri 25 August | Hybrid Talk Event

Discover the stories of Japanese war brides who migrated to Aus in the 1950s.

[Sign up now](#)



THE CONSULATE-GENERAL OF JAPAN, BRISBANE PRESENTS

# JAPAN MONTH 2023

## EVENTS

### JAPAN CULTURAL DAY

SUNDAY 6 AUGUST

MT COOT-THA BOTANIC GARDENS

Experience Japanese culture in Brisbane with live performances, tea ceremony, bonsai, ikebana, rice pounding, and more!

### AJS-QLD CAREER SEMINAR

THURSDAY 10 AUGUST

CONSULATE-GENERAL OF JAPAN / ONLINE

Discover where a Japan-related career can take you with this hybrid event targeted at high school and university students.

### JAPAN | ART | CELEBRATION 2023

SUNDAY 13 AUGUST

SEVEN HILLS HUB

Koto, Shakuhachi, Japanese dance and Taiko community groups in QLD are getting together for the first time to showcase their journeys of traditional Japanese art practise.

### AUSTRALIA-JAPAN DINNER

THURSDAY 17 AUGUST

STAMFORD PLAZA HOTEL

Join Australia-Japan organisations from around Queensland for this inaugural event, which will include remarks by Mr GOMAKUBO Junji, Consul-General of Japan, Brisbane.

### JAPANESE WAR BRIDES - A QUEENSLAND STORY

FRIDAY 25 AUGUST

QUEENSLAND STATE ARCHIVES / ONLINE

This talk event celebrates the stories and important contributions of Japanese war brides in changing the landscape of Australian immigration since arriving in 1952.

### UQ JAPAN EXCHANGE SPEECH CONTEST

SATURDAY 26 AUGUST

UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND

Put your language skills to the test with this year's speech contest hosted by UQJX.

### JETAA TRIVIA NIGHT

SATURDAY 26 AUGUST

TBC

Join the JET Alumni Association for a fun night of Japanese pub trivia. Teams and individuals are welcome.

### SOGETSU IKEBANA EXHIBITION

SATURDAY-SUNDAY 26-27 AUGUST

MT COOT-THA BOTANIC GARDENS

Celebrate 60 years of Sogetsu Ikebana in Queensland and enjoy the timeless art of flower arrangement at their annual exhibition!

Visit our website for more details:

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