

# **CONSULATE UPDATES**

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# Happy New Year!

We are delighted to bring you our new look newsletter. Thank you for your ongoing support and interest in Japan and Queensland.

We would like to wish you all the best for the year ahead, and look forward to bringing you more Japan-related news and events in 2023!



### Visiting the Consulate in 2023

Our office opening hours for 2023 are Monday-Friday at the following times:

Visa Applications: 9am – 11am, 1:30pm – 3pm All other matters: 9am – 12pm, 1:30pm – 4pm

Phone enquiries: 9:00am - 12:30pm, 1:30pm - 5:00pm

Please note that we will be closed on: February 23 (Thurs) - Emperor's Birthday April 7 (Fri), 10 (Mon) - Good Friday, Easter Monday April 25 (Tues) - ANZAC Day

For a full list of closure dates, Please visit our website.

### **New Year Reception**

We were delighted to host our annual Shinnenkai and bring in the new year with the Queensland Japan community. Celebrations included a traditional Kagami-biraki (sake barrel opening). Thank you to all who attended.



## Highlighting Japan: Mt Fuji

In this month's edition of highlighting Japan, discover more about the beloved world heritage site known as "Fuji-san", Visit the Highlighting Japan website.

#### Get involved!

If you would like to subscribe or are interested in submitting an article to be published in our newsletter, please email us at: <a href="mailto:culture@bb.mofa.go.jp">culture@bb.mofa.go.jp</a>

#### What's on in Queensland



Free screening of Good Morning Sat 4 February | Film screening The Gallery of Modern Art will be hosting a screening of お早よう (Good Morning), which follows a family living in public housing in post-war Tokyo.



#### **BrisAsia Love Songs**

#### Sun 12 February | Music

Celebrate Valentine's Day at the Mt Coot-tha Botanical Gardens with free performances from around the globe, including by renowned Koto master Takako Nishibori as part of the JADE New World Collective.



#### BrisAsia – Kamishibai Sat 18 February | Kids

Enjoy the ancient art of Japanese storytelling at the Boondall Wetlands as part of Brisbane's annual cultural festival BrisAsia.



# **MEXT** Scholarships

### MEXT Scholarship applications now open

Applications are now open for MEXT scholarships in the Japanese studies and teacher training categories! These scholarships support undergraduate students and teachers interested in studying in Japan.

Make sure to submit your application to the Embassy of Japan in Canberra by **February 17, 2023** (Friday).

For details, please visit our website.