

CONSULATE UPDATES

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2023 is shaping up to be an exciting year for QLD-Japan relations! Consulate has been honoured to have already welcomed several delegations from Japan, including from the Osaka Ports and Harbors Bureau last month.

The Consul-General was also delighted to attend the Japan National Tourism Organisation's Japan Roadshow 2023. With borders now open, we look forward to seeing more travel between Australia and Japan!



Image: 2023 Emperor's Birthday Reception

Emperor's Birthday Reception

On February 22 the Consulate celebrated the 63rd birthday of His Majesty the Emperor of Japan in the presence of honoured guests and friends of the Japan community.

Attendees were serenaded by Ms Natsuko Yoshimoto of the Queensland Symphony Orchestra, and the evening also provided an opportunity to showcase Japanese innovation, produce and culinary delights in a celebration of Japanese culture and industry. Thank you to all who attended.



Commendation for Dr MIZUNO Tetsuo

Consul-General ONO was delighted to present Dr MIZUNO Tetsuo with a commendation to celebrate his important contributions to the QLD-Japan relationship, including promoting sister city and school relations, and wildlife conservation and education through his organisation AJWCEF.

Student visits to Japan

Renewed travel has provided high school graduates travelling on the Iwasaki Sangyo Prize the opportunity to experience cultural immersion as part of the QLD Government program.



Griffith University was also able to relaunch its in-person Mobility Program, allowing students to study intensive Japanese and undertake internships around Japan.

What great opportunities!

What's on in Queensland



Old Meets New

22 Feb - 26 Mar | Exhibition

Enjoy a wide variety of traditional and modern Japanese art, including calligraphy, flower arrangement, paper cutting and fashion, at the Sunnybank Multicultural Gallery.

Check it out!



QJCCI Networking Event

Mon 6 March | Event

Discover the opportunities for QLD-Japan relations through Queensland's emerging green hydrogen and ammonia industry.

Register Now.



Lord Mayor's Multicultural Business Scholarship Program Applications Now Open

Brisbane City Council is offering more than 80 business scholarship placements for Brisbane residents from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds. If you are a Brisbane resident, this is a wonderful opportunity to in developing or expanding your business skills.

Make sure to submit your application by **March 31, 2023** (Friday). For details, please visit <u>the Brisbane City Council website</u>.

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