



# CONSULATE UPDATES

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We are delighted to introduce the new Consul-General of Japan to Brisbane, Mr GOMAKUBO Junji.

This will be Consul-General GOMAKUBO's first posting in Australia after many years of service across mainly France and Africa. He looks forward to connecting with the local Queensland community and working to further ties with Japan during this exciting time in the relationship.



Image: Consul-General GOMAKUBO

## Changes to Japan Entry Requirements

As of 29 April 2023, visitors to Japan **no longer require proof of vaccination** or **a negative PCR test** to enter Japan.

You will still need to complete customs and immigration procedures via Visit Japan Web OR on paper upon arrival to Japan. For further details, please see our website.

## Commemoration for the Battle of the Coral Sea



On May 6, Consul-General GOMAKUBO attended a commemoration for the 81st Anniversary of the Battle of the Coral Sea at Newstead Park. Mr GOMAKUBO laid a wreath at the cenotaph as a symbol of gratitude for peace and a sincere hope for the continuation of the long-standing friendship between Japan and Australia.

## MLTAQ Japanese Network Conference

Deputy Consul-General MASUDA was honoured to officially open the 2023 MLTAQ Japanese Network Conference on May 6. The conference brought together Japanese language teachers from around Queensland to network, communicate ideas, and share their passion for language education.

## International MANGA award applications now open

Applications for the 17th Japan International MANGA Award are now open!

Submit your original published and unpublished manga by **July 7, 2023** (Friday).



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## What's on in Queensland



**QJCCI**

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### QJCCI Japan Business Webinar Thurs 18 May | Webinar

Learn the secrets of successful Japanese business communication and win more Japanese business at this free event.

[Find out more](#)



Power Nadeshiko

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#### 20 and 28 May | Support event

JCB is hosting events in Brisbane and the Gold Coast to raise awareness on violence against Japanese women in QLD.

[View details](#)



### UQ Asian Language Symposium Mon 3 July | Symposium

The Empowering Asian Language Speakers Symposium will discuss ways to increase Asian literacy in Australia.

[Register now](#)



### Sogetsu Ikebana Queensland

#### Thurs 24 August | Anniversary

Celebrate 60 years of Ikebana in Queensland with a demonstration and celebratory evening at QA-GOMA.

[Book tickets](#)

## MEXT Scholarship applications now open



Applications are now open for MEXT scholarships in the undergraduate and research categories! These scholarships support undergraduate and post-graduate students interested in studying in Japan.

Make sure to submit your application to the Embassy of Japan in Canberra by **June 2, 2023** (Friday).

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