



# CONSULATE UPDATES

Cherry blossom season has arrived in Japan, and we are pleased to see that so many Queenslanders are visiting Japan to enjoy their fleeting beauty. If you have a trip coming up, make sure to visit the [Japan National Tourism Organisation](#) for inspiration! For those of you remaining in Queensland, you can learn more about cherry blossoms in this month's [Highlighting Japan](#).

If you are planning a visit to the Consulate, don't forget that our office will be closed on **25 April** for ANZAC Day and **6 May** for Labour Day.

Please also note that you will now need an appointment for most consular services. [Visit our website](#) for further details.



Image: attendees at our special reception acknowledging early Japanese immigration to Australia

## Reception for Early Nikkei Australians

On 22 March, the Consulate hosted a special reception acknowledging early Japanese immigration to Australia. We celebrated the occasion with the families of several war brides and pre-war Japanese immigrants, dating back to Sakuragawa Rikinouke, Australia's the first recorded Japanese immigrant who arrived in 1873. It was an honour to provide this rare opportunity to connect and share histories, and to recognise the important and longstanding role that Japanese Australians have played in Queensland's past and present.



## Farewell to our April Departure JET



This month we farewelled our April 2024 JET Lachie, who is off on his JET Programme adventure. We would like to wish him all the best living and working in Japan as a representative of Australia, promoting mutual understanding and internationalisation. Applications for the **2025 JET Programme** will open in September.

## Sister School Signing

On 11 March, Windaroo Valley SHS and Kariya High School in Aichi prefecture formalised their sister school agreement as part of Kariya's annual school trip to Australia. Congratulations!



## Japanese Film Festival Online

Mark your calendars! JFF Online is returning in 2024, with 23 films streaming online for FREE from **June 5-19!** For More details, [sign up for the JFF Newsletter](#).



## What's on in Queensland



### Australia at Expo 2025 Osaka Wed 17 Apr | Seminar

Learn all about Australia's plans for Expo 2025 from Ms Nancy Gordon, Commissioner General for Australia at Expo 2025 with this QJCCI event.

[Learn more](#)



### Children's Day with JETAA Sun 5 May | Event

Celebrate Kodomo no hi and try koinobori making with this family friendly JETAA event. From **10am** at Frew Park, Milton.



### JCQ Trivia Night 2024 Sat 25 May | Trivia

Join the Japan Community of Queensland for a fun night of Japanese food and trivia at the Annerley Community Hall.

[Register now](#)



### Matsuri Brisbane 7 September | Festival

Matsuri Brisbane is Back! Celebrate Japanese culture right here in Brisbane.

[Mark your calendars](#)

## MEXT Scholarship applications now open



Applications are now open for MEXT scholarships in the research category! These scholarships support post-graduate students interested in studying in Japan. Applications for the undergraduate category will be opening soon, so make sure to check the website for updates!

Make sure to submit your application to the Embassy of Japan in Canberra by **May 10, 2024** (Friday).

[Apply now](#)