



# CONSULATE UPDATES

Wishing you a wonderful festive season and a Happy New Year from all of us at the Consulate. Thank you for another wonderful year and your continued support in 2024. We look forward to an exciting 2025!

## New Year Office Closure

The Consulate-General of Japan will be closed on the following dates:

**25 - 26 December - CLOSED**

**27 December - OPEN**

**28 December - 5 January - CLOSED**

We look forward to seeing you again when our office reopens on **6 January**. For a full list of closure dates, please [visit our website](#).

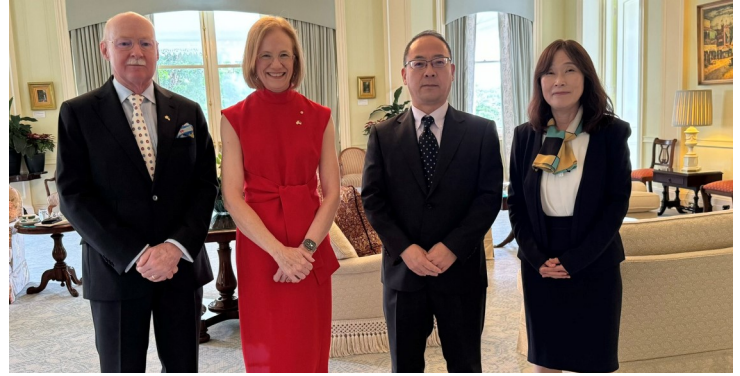


Image: Consul-General ISHIKAWA Katsutoshi and his wife Mayumi with the Governor of Queensland, Her Excellency the Honourable Dr Jeannette Young AC PSM and Professor Graeme Nimmo RFD at Government House.

## Welcome Consul-General Ishikawa



We are delighted to welcome our new Consul-General, Mr ISHIKAWA Katsutoshi, who arrived in early December.

Mr Ishikawa hails from Shizuoka Prefecture, the home of green tea and Mt Fuji. He has previously served postings in Vienna and Saudi Arabia, and looks forward to strengthening the Japan-Queensland relationship as Consul-General here.

## What's on in Queensland



**余白の美: Yohaku no bi (the beauty of empty space)**  
**23 Nov - 2 Feb | Art Exhibition**

This exhibition, held at the Condensery in Toogoolawah, features a series of hand-cut paper installations by Japanese-Australian artist Elysha Rei.

[Discover more](#)



**11th Asia Pacific Triennial of Contemporary Art**

**30 Nov - 27 April | Art Exhibition**

APT is returning to QAGOMA with more than 70 artists from 30 countries, including Japanese artist Katsuko Ishigaki.

[Mark your calendars](#)

## 2024 Dr Fujiko Chamberlain Award

Congratulations to Taryn Blower and Oliva Turner, who are this year's recipients of the Dr. Fujiko Chamberlain Award for achievement in Japan Studies. Acting Consul-General HANAI Ikuko was delighted to help present these awards at AJS Qld's end of year celebration.



**Power Nadeshiko パワーなでしこ**

**18 January (Brisbane) | Seminar**

**19 January (Gold Coast) | Seminar**

Informational videos and a panel discussion hosted by JCQ aimed at empowering women to live independently and safely.

[More Information](#)

## Iwasaki Sangyo Prize Ceremony

On 26 November, Acting Consul-General HANAI Ikuko had the pleasure of attending an award ceremony for the 2024 Iwasaki Sangyo Prize. The prize provides Year 12 students in Queensland with the invaluable opportunity to immerse themselves in Japanese language and culture by spending four weeks in Japan. We would like to congratulate them and wish them all the best for the future!



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## Visiting Corporate Travel Mission

It was a delight for former Consul-General Gomakubo to co-host a reception on November 8 with Qantas and Brisbane Airport to welcome a Japanese delegation visiting as part of a corporate travel management mission. As two-way travel between Japan and Queensland continues to strengthen, the reception provided a wonderful opportunity for members of the delegation to network with representatives from both Japanese and Australian companies, and state and local government officials, and bolster our bilateral economic ties.

