



CONSULATE UPDATES

Recently the Consul-General has been involved in a range of initiatives promoting Japanese language education, including our recent Language Education Reception and visits to schools and universities to see their approaches to language learning and cultural promotion in action.

It is an exciting time to be learning Japanese, with ever-growing opportunities to connect through pop culture, sister school agreements, and even visiting Japan! We hope to see Australian students continue to engage closely and discover the huge range of Japan careers across ties in education, business, trade, government, security, sport, and culture. To learn more, we encourage you to take part in some of the upcoming events held right here in Queensland.



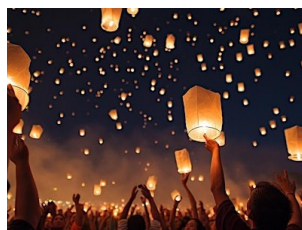
Image: attendees at our Language Education Reception on May 31

Language Education Reception

The Consul-General was delighted to host a reception promoting Japanese Language Education on May 31. Four representatives from across the public and private sector - Melissa Inooka, Nathaniel Rowe, Arabella Dove, and Chris Rees - shared stories on the impact that Japanese language education has had on their career paths and discussed the direct and indirect benefits of learning Japanese.



What's on in Queensland



Empowering Asian Language Speakers Symposium at UQ

Fri 5 Jul | Symposium

This year's event brings together key stakeholders from 6 key Asian languages under the theme of Language teaching and Teacher Training in Australia.

[Learn more](#)



AJS Sports Diplomacy Seminar

Tues 16 Jul | Seminar / Networking

Join AJS for an informative evening on the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games, as panelists discuss what lessons can be learned from Tokyo 2020.

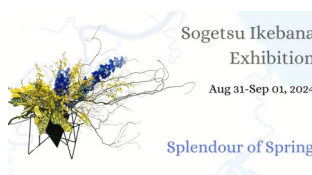
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Collaboration with The Brisbane Club

Chef Suzuki of the Consulate-General of Japan worked closely with The Brisbane Club at a recent collaboration dinner to treat



guests to a Japanese dinner with an Australian twist, combining selective Japanese ingredients including Hokkaido scallops with Aussie elements such as lemon myrtle and Vegemite.



Sogetsu Ikebana Exhibition

31 Aug - 1 Sept | Annual Exhibition

Celebrate the "Splendour of Spring" with Sogetsu through demonstrations, guided tours, and hands-on workshops!

[Mark your calendars](#)

Consul-General's Visit to TI for the First Anniversary of the Wakayama Kenjinkai

Consul-General Gomakubo travelled to Thursday Island to participate in celebrations for the first anniversary of their Wakayama Kenjinkai (Prefectural Association) on May 25. Thursday Island is now home to four generations of Japanese Islanders, many of whom are descended from pearl-shell divers from Wakayama Prefecture. An Obon ceremony is held there in August to commemorate over 700 Japanese buried in the cemetery.



QLD Government Opportunities in Japan for High School Students and Teachers

There are a huge range of fantastic opportunities on offer by the Queensland Department of Education International (DEi) to visit Japan!

Applications for the following programs are currently open:

- **STEM Japan Global Student Program** for Year 10 students and teaching chaperones - closing **31 July**
- **Iwasaki Sangyo Prize** for Year 12 students - closing **7 August**
- **Tokyo Global Gateway Teacher Program** - closing **7 August**
- **Osaka Global Teacher Program** - closing **9 August**



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