



# CONSULATE UPDATES

Autumn has arrived here in Brisbane, although the weather is still warm and humid! We hope you are all keeping cool.

We were delighted to host several events in February, including our annual Emperor's Birthday reception and a piano recital with Ms Kato Naoko. It is also fantastic to see more collaboration between universities and visits to Australia by students in a wide range of sectors.

This month we are proud to announce a range of fantastic opportunities to connect with Japan online and in-person in the months ahead. We hope you will enjoy the range of events and activities, and stay tuned for even more exciting news this year!

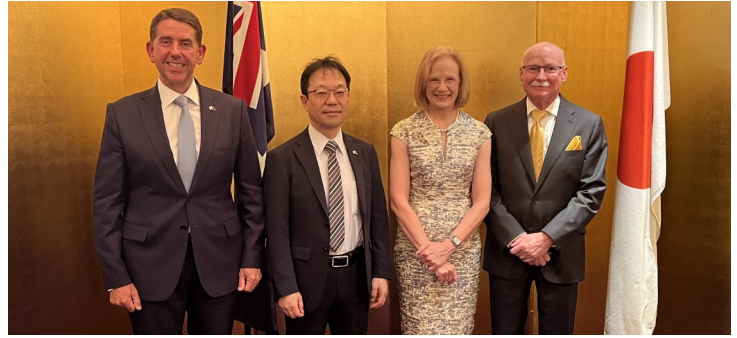


Image: Deputy Premier Cameron Dick MP, Consul-General GOMAKUBO, Her Excellency the Hon Dr Jeannette Young AC PSM, and Professor Graeme Nimmo RFD at the 2024 Emperor's Birthday reception.

## 2024 Emperor's Birthday Reception

Consul-General Gomakubo hosted this year's Emperor's Birthday Reception at his Official Residence on 22 February.

The evening was a chance to celebrate all things Japanese and collaborate with Japanese and Australian companies to promote cutting edge technology, delicious food and beverages, tourism, trade, and Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai, Japan. Thank you to all our friends of Japan for joining us!



## Piano Recital with Ms KATO Naoko



The Consulate-General of Japan hosted a salon concert with distinguished Japanese pianist Ms KATO Naoko. We were honoured to have Ms KATO join us all the way from Japan for this special performance. Bravo!

## Visit by Kobe University

Consulate staff met with medical students from Kobe University, who are visiting Queensland as part of an agreement with The University of Queensland. Under this agreement, Kobe University students will undertake clinical practice experience through UQ, and UQ students will be able to gain similar experience in Kobe. What a great opportunity!



## Japanese Film Festival Online



Mark your calendars! JFF Online is returning in 2024, with 23 films streaming online for FREE from **June 5-19!** Two TV dramas will also be available to watch from **June 19 - July 3**. For More details, [sign up for the JFF Newsletter](#).

## What's on in Queensland



### Art Japan 2024

**6 Mar - 17 Mar | Exhibition**

Enjoy artworks from 200 of Japan's most promising artists here in Brisbane at Petrie Terrace Art Gallery this March!

[Learn more](#)



### Twilight at Bonsai House

**Fri 22 Mar | Event**

Explore Mt Coot-tha Botanic Gardens' Bonsai House and enjoy traditional Japanese music at this AJS Queensland event

[Discover more](#)



### Kanji Kintai Examinations

**16 June | Proficiency Test**

Challenge yourself and obtain an officially recognised qualification! Apply by **6 May**.

[Register now](#)



### Matsuri Brisbane

**7 September | Festival**

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

[Mark your calendars!](#)

## 2024 Lord Mayor's Multicultural Business Scholarship Program and Mentoring Scheme

Applications are now open! This program is for members of Brisbane's multicultural community wishing to expand their business skills and capabilities. Scholarship options range from one day workshops, short business courses, and memberships, to undergraduate and masters level programs. Apply by **31 March**.

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