



CONSULATE UPDATES

There is a saying in Japanese, “Autumn is the best time for...” (○○の秋), including “Autumn is the best time for gardens” (公園の秋). So as the weather cools down, why not take the opportunity to explore the beautiful range of Japanese gardens across Queensland?

The [Japanese Garden](#) and [Bonsai House](#) at the Mt Coot-tha Botanic Gardens in Brisbane, the [Nerima Gardens](#) in Ipswich, the [Japanese Gardens](#) in Toowoomba, and the [Japanese Gardens](#) in Bundaburg are some of the many gardens affiliated with sister city agreements, and you may even catch some lovely autumn foliage (紅葉).

Autumn is also the best time for arts (芸術の秋), so why not visit a local gallery too? The Consul-General recently enjoyed art at QUT!



Image: Consul-General and Consulate staff visit the QUT Galleries and Museums

Consul-General Visits Far North QLD

On 22 April, Consul-General Gomakubo visited the Mareeba Shire Council, home to the Kuranda rainforest, to pay a courtesy call on Mayor Ms Angela Toppin. The Consul-General Gomakubo also met with newly elected Mayor Ms Amy Eden in Cairns on 23 April, congratulating her on her inauguration and thanking the Council for its long-standing support of Japanese residents and tourists in Cairns, and of the annual Bon Dance festival in August.



Now Hiring - Consular Services Officer

The Consulate-General of Japan is looking for a responsible bilingual person to assist with consular duties (passports, visas, certification duties). Applications due **Friday, 10 May** (by post only).



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JLPP International Translation Comp

Are you an aspiring translator interested in Japanese literature?



The 8th JLPP International Translation Competition is NOW OPEN. Applications close **30 June**.

[More details](#)

International Manga Award

Applications now open for the 18th Japan International MANGA Award! If you're a manga artist, make sure to submit your application by **July 5**.

[Learn more](#)



What's on in Queensland



NEW DATE: JETAA Children's Day Sun 19 May | Event

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

[Find out more](#)



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](#)

Fellowship Opportunity

Applications are now open for the JF-USSC Japan Australia Dialogue and Exchange for Next Generation. This program, designed to help mutually cultivate a new generation of Australian strategic experts on Japan, will allow participants to undertake a week-long field trip to Japan and conduct research as part of the fellowship. Applications close **10 June**.

[More details](#)



MEXT Scholarship applications now open



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

Applications must be submitted to the Embassy of Japan by:

Research category - **May 10, 2024** (Friday)

Undergraduate category - **May 17, 2024** (Friday)

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