



# CONSULATE UPDATES

## City of Moreton Bay Reception

Consul-General Ishikawa attended a reception hosted by the City of Moreton Bay with the Consulate's cooperation to promote the region to the Japanese business community. Moreton Bay's relationship with Japan goes back more than 30 years with its sister city relationship with Sanyo-Onoda in Yamaguchi Prefecture. Built on cultural and educational foundations, the relationship is strengthening on the back of building economic ties.



Consul-General Ishikawa with Mr. Scott Waters, CEO of Moreton Bay Regional Council

## Meeting with the Hon John-Paul Langbroek MP

On 8 May, Consul-General Ishikawa had the pleasure of paying a courtesy call on the Hon John-Paul Langbroek MP, Minister for Education and the Arts. Minister Langbroek and Consul-General acknowledged the important role education and the arts play in fostering life-long friendships and mutual understanding between Japan and Queensland.



Image: Consul-General Ishikawa with the Hon John-Paul Langbroek MP, Minister for Education and the Arts.

Consul-General looks forward to working closely with the Queensland Government to further strengthen the ties we share in these fields.

## Visit to Ipswich

Consul-General Ishikawa had the pleasure of visiting Ipswich for the first time since his arrival in Brisbane. CG Ishikawa and Ipswich Mayor Teresa Harding spoke in depth about Japan-Ipswich ties, including the long-standing sister city relationship it shares with Nerima Ward in Tokyo. We look forward to the relationship between Japan and Queensland developing further on both people-to-people and economic levels.



Image: Consul-General Ishikawa and Ipswich Mayor Teresa Harding

## Kobe University School of Medicine visit



On 21 May, Consul-General Ishikawa was delighted to welcome professors and students from Kobe University School of Medicine, who are visiting Queensland to undertake clinical practice experience through The University of Queensland. We enjoyed a discussion of social issues in Japan compared to Australia. We hope that they enjoy the remainder of their stay in Queensland and wish them all the best with their future studies.

## What's On



**Sakura Fest**  
Saturday 7 June 14:00-20:00  
Wellers Hill Bowls Club, Tarragindi

You'll find a perfect mix of delicious food, unique art, handmade treasures, and amazing stage performances.

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**JFF Theatre now streaming!**  
Online

Explore Japan's local wonders with JFF Theater's brand new film program, now streaming online for free!

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**Matsuri Brisbane**  
Saturday 6 September  
Whites Hill State College

Matsuri Brisbane is a joyful celebration of Japanese culture in Brisbane, offering a hands-on experiences for all ages.

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Applications now open for the 19th Japan International MANGA Award!

If you're a manga artist, make sure to submit your application by the June 30th deadline.

[More Information](#)



## International Internship Program

Thank you to the Lord Mayor of Brisbane and all those who supported Brisbane City Council's International Internship Program. The Japanese participant in the program was from Kobe, Brisbane's sister city in Japan for the past 40 years. At the reception held to mark the conclusion of the program, she gave a speech on behalf of all participants, saying that she was very inspired by her participation in the program. We wish her continued success in the future. We would also like to thank all staff members from Brisbane City Council.



Image: The International Internship Program Thank You Reception