



# Consulate Updates

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## Office Opening Hours

Monday to Friday  
9:00am – 12:30pm  
1:30pm – 5:00pm

Consular Section  
(Reception – visa / passports)  
9:00am – 12:00pm  
1:30pm – 4:00pm

## Shinnenkai 2021

On Friday, 29 January 2021, Mr TANAKA Kazunari, Consul-General of Japan, hosted a New Year Reception at the official residence.

The reception is mainly for the Japanese community in Brisbane and the Gold Coast, and representatives of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the Japan Club, Japanese Society and various cultural and educational associates attended. We were happy to be able to host this event with the Queensland Japanese community in a COVID safe way.

We would like to wish everyone a healthy and prosperous 2021.





## Recommended Websites

Embassy of Japan, Canberra  
<http://www.au.emb-japan.go.jp>

The Japan Foundation,  
Sydney  
<http://www.jpf.org.au/>

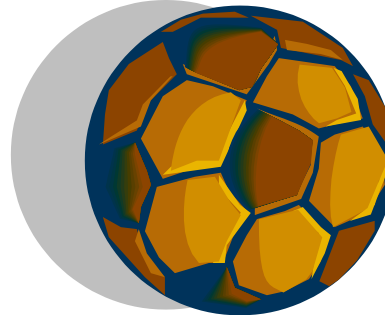
Japan National Tourism  
Organization  
<http://www.jnto.org.au/>

Japan External Trade  
Organization  
<http://www.jetro.go.jp/>

Japan Exchange Teaching  
(JET) Programme  
<http://www.jetprogramme.org/>

Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
of Japan (MOFA)  
<http://www.mofa.go.jp/>

## Japanese Players join Brisbane Roar FC



The Consulate would like to wish a warm welcome to Riku Danzaki (檀崎 竜孔) and Masato Kudo (工藤 壮人), who have signed to play for Brisbane Roar FC for the 2020-2021 season.

Danzaki scored his first A-league goal on Wednesday, 20 January 2021, to deliver a 2-1 victory to Brisbane Roar.

Congratulations, and ganbatte kudasai (good luck) to you both!

Read all about it here:

<https://www.news.com.au/sport/football/aleague-brisbane-roar-condemn-newcastle-jets-to-fourth-successive-defeat/news-story/0bfd1f955f814cf28ae7e1d3dfa99ce1>



**2021  
Office Closure  
Dates**

FEBRUARY

*Thursday 11  
(National Foundation Day)*

*Tuesday 23  
(Emperor's Birthday)*

APRIL

*Friday 2  
(Good Friday)*

*Monday 5  
(Easter Monday)*

*Monday 26  
(ANZAC DAY)*

MAY

*Monday 3  
(Labour Day)*

*For the full list,  
please click [here](#).*

## July JLPT Brisbane Cancellation

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** the originally scheduled July 2021 Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) in Brisbane has been cancelled, and the exam will be held in Canberra for ACT residents only.

The December 5 JLPT is scheduled to be held in Brisbane, Adelaide, Melbourne, Perth, and Sydney, and not in Canberra. Details will be confirmed at a later date, so please check the JLPT website in mid-July to early-August for updates.

For more information, visit: <https://jpf.org.au/language/for-learners/jlpt/>



## NETSUKE @ Caloundra Regional Gallery

*Free Admission*

Enjoy beautiful wood carved Netsuke on the Sunshine Coast for a limited time! Netsuke are intricate woodcarvings designed to be worn on kimono, and this exhibition showcases contemporary pieces by Japanese artists.

This gorgeous collection has toured the world as part of a travelling exhibition of the Japan Foundation (JF) and is co-presented by JF Sydney and the Consulate-General of Japan in Brisbane. It will be on display right here in Queensland at the Caloundra Regional Gallery from Friday, 12 February until Sunday, March 14, before moving onto Sydney, Bunbury and Perth.

To be held **Friday 12 February – Sunday 14 March 2021 at Caloundra Regional Gallery**

Gallery hours: **Tuesday to Friday 10am–4pm, Saturday and Sunday 10am–2pm.**

For exhibition details and more information on the collection, visit The Japan Foundation:

<https://jpf.org.au/events/contemporary-wood-carved-netsuke-exhibition-tour/>

For gallery information, visit the Caloundra Regional Gallery:

<https://gallery.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/>





*Exciting books and translations  
from Japan to look out for in 2021*



Are you planning your summer reading or looking to read more in 2021? Whether you're totally new to Japanese literature or a seasoned reader, there is something for everyone in this collection of the hottest new Japanese books due to be released in English in 2021.

Read more:

<https://www.japantimes.co.jp/culture/2021/01/02/books/new-japanese-books-2021/>



## *Green Innovations Japan*



In October 2020, Prime Minister SUGA Yoshihide announced plans to reduce carbon emissions to net-zero and forge ahead to a carbon-neutral society. Learn more about the steps Japan is taking towards becoming a green society in the brand new online magazine Kizuna, created by the Japanese Government.

Read the article here:

[https://www.japan.go.jp/kizuna/2020/japans\\_green\\_innovations.html](https://www.japan.go.jp/kizuna/2020/japans_green_innovations.html)

And for Japan's Green Growth Strategy Through Achieving Carbon Neutrality in 2020, visit:

[https://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2020/1225\\_001.html](https://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2020/1225_001.html)



## Australian Institute for International Affairs Online Lectures

The Australian Institute for International Affairs (AIIA) is hosting two online lectures on Japan this February. Take a deep dive into Japan's foreign policy, and learn about the future of Japanese climate outlook in light of the government's target of net-zero carbon emissions by 2050.

### **"Japan's Net Zero Carbon Emissions Announcement: What Happens Now?"**

Presented by Dr Llewelyn Hughes, Associate Dean for Research, College of Asia & the Pacific ANU

Tuesday, 9 Feb 2021 at 18:00 - 19:00 AEDT

Free for members, \$10 for non-members

<https://aiaqlld.tidyhq.com/public/schedule/events/32739-japan-s-net-zero-carbon-emissions-announcement-what-happens-now>

### **"Identity, Culture, and Memory in Japanese Foreign Policy"**

Presented by Professor Sato Yoichiro, Dr Michal Kolmaš

Tuesday, 18 Feb 2021 at 18:00 - 19:30 AEDT

Free

<https://aia.tidyhq.com/public/schedule/events/32907-identity-culture-and-memory-in-japanese-foreign-policy>



# Japanese Sign Language Workshop

Saturday, 13 March 9:30-11:30am

Brisbane City Square Library



Learn introductory Japanese Sign Language skills and develop a deeper understanding of the Japanese deaf community at this workshop for World Hearing Day 2021, supported by JET Alumni Association (JETAA) Qld.

In this free workshop you will learn how to sign your name, introduce yourself, greet others, and the JSL Alphabet. Please note that basic knowledge of Japanese is required.

For more details and registration, visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/japanese-sign-language-workshop-for-world-hearing-day-tickets-136901795957>



## Discover Kochi Prefecture

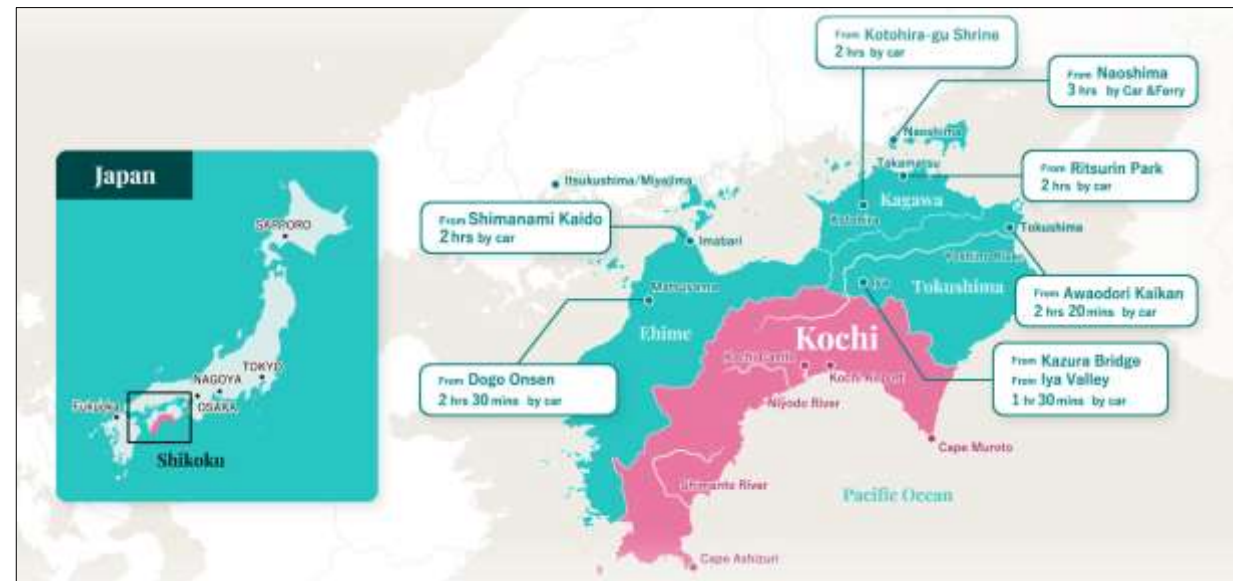


Discover Kochi Prefecture in this gorgeous video from Visit Kochi Japan. This video series showcases Kochi's local culture, mouth-watering fresh fish, awesome hiking spots, undisturbed natural beauty, and historic towns, highlighting what makes it one of Japan's best kept secrets.

Kochi was also the birthplace of the legendary Japanese revolutionary Sakamoto Ryoma, one of Japan's most important historical figures. He was instrumental in the birth of modern Japan. Wow!

Check out the video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FRpMqJJBExw>

Find out more about Kochi: <https://visitkochijapan.com/en>







# JAPAN AT HOME

*Organised by JETRO*

If you're looking to get your Japanese food fix from the comfort of your own home, then JETRO and Deliveroo have you covered. You can look up recipes for delicious Japanese meals, discover places to buy Japanese products near you, and even find special deals at local Japanese restaurants!

JETRO has partnered with [Deliveroo](#) to help you enjoy the best of Japan's flavours from the comfort of your home

If you know you're in for a busy week or experiencing some kitchen fatigue, from Monday to Wednesday each week orders over \$30 at participating restaurant receive 20% off. Look forward to a cosy dinner at home with no cooking required!

By ordering from JETRO certified restaurants get a Japanese food giveaway for answering our questionnaire. Find certified restaurants who are participating in the Deliveroo Early Week Deal campaign from here [http://bit.ly/JapanAtHome\\_DeliverooDiscount](http://bit.ly/JapanAtHome_DeliverooDiscount).



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The Consulate-General of Japan newsletter features people-to-people exchanges and friendships between Japan and Australia. If you are involved in sister school friendships, exchanges or Japan-Australia related programs such as the JET Programme and would like to submit an article to be published in our newsletter, please email us at:

[jpncg@bb.mofa.go.jp](mailto:jpncg@bb.mofa.go.jp)

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### **Consulate Updates – Past Issues**

Past issues of “Consulate Updates” (PDF) can also be accessed via the Consulate-General of Japan, Brisbane Website at:

<http://www.brisbane.au.emb-japan.go.jp/en/jicc/newsletters.html>

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### **Consulate-General of Japan – Cultural Loans Program**

The Consulate-General of Japan, Brisbane offers a Cultural Loans Program!

We have a wide range of Japanese cultural items available for teachers or persons/organisations in Queensland promoting or teaching Japanese culture. Items include DVDs on a wide range of Japanese subjects, toys, CDs, games, calligraphy sets, plastic food, traditional clothing, musical instruments and more! The items are free to borrow; the visual and tactile experience of a cultural prop contributes to a richer classroom experience.

For further information, please visit the link below to access catalogues and forms or call our office on

(07) 3221 5188: <http://www.brisbane.au.emb-japan.go.jp/en/jicc/resources.html>

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### **Like Our Facebook Page!**

For the latest news and updates on Japanese culture related events, visit:

<https://www.facebook.com/JapanCons.Brisbane>

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