



# Consulate Updates

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**Consulate-General of Japan, Brisbane**

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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

## Osechi Ryori お節料理



On New Year's Day, Japanese families gather to celebrate and enjoy 'Osechi Ryori', a special New Year meal consisting of multiple colourful dishes served in multi-tiered boxes. Each dish carries a special meaning and indicates prayers for the year ahead. For example, red sea bream is often included because its name in Japanese ('tai') sounds close to 'auspicious' ('medeTAI' in Japanese), as is the prawn, which

has a back that looks bent with age and is thus a symbol for 'longevity'.

Osechi Ryori is traditionally prepared toward the end of the year, and is kept and eaten over a few days, therefore housewives are free from cooking during the New Year holidays. Nowadays, many department stores, convenience stores, and even popular restaurants (both Japanese and Western) are offering ready-to-eat Osechi Ryori sets – and they sell well!

Learn more about the history and continued importance of this custom on NHK World's special broadcast 'Osechi: New Year's Food'.

Available here: <https://www3.nhk.or.jp/nhkworld/en/ondemand/video/2032202/>

## 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/>



明けましておめでとうございます

(Akemashite Omedetou Gozaimasu)

Happy New Year from the Consulate-General of Japan in Brisbane!

Thank you for all your support in 2020.

We send you our best wishes for 2021, the year of the Ox (丑年),  
and The Third Year of Reiwa (令和 3 年) in the Japanese calendar system.

## 2021 Office Closure Dates

### JANUARY

*Tuesday 26  
(Australia Day)*

### FEBRUARY

*Thursday 11  
(National Foundation Day)*

*Tuesday 23  
(Emperor's Birthday)*

### APRIL

*Friday 2  
(Good Friday)*

*Monday 5  
(Easter Monday)*

*Monday 26  
(ANZAC DAY)*

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

## Courtesy call to the Hon. Mick de Brenni MP

On Tuesday, 22 December 2020, Consul-General TANAKA paid a courtesy call to the Hon. Mick de Brenni MP, Minister for Energy, Renewables and Hydrogen, and Minister for Public Works and Procurement.

Japan has had a long-term presence in Queensland's energy and resources sector, particularly in coal mining, which has been mutually beneficial for many years. Discussed were ways to further strengthen ties within this context on the back of Japan and Queensland's respective hydrogen strategies and greenhouse gas emission-reduction policies.

Consul-General TANAKA and Minister de Brenni also spoke about collaborative efforts to enhance investment opportunities for Japanese businesses in Queensland.

We look forward to mutually beneficial outcomes in these sectors in the years to come!



## Brisbane Bandits Pep Rally



On Monday, 21 December 2020, Consul-General TANAKA attended a pep rally for Mr NAKAMURA Masaru, and a baseball clinic run by Mr NAKAMURA and his team mates. He has recently signed to play for the Brisbane Bandits of the Australian Baseball League for the 2020/2021 season, wrapping up his 10-year career in Japan for the Hokkaido Nippon Ham Fighters to join the Australian pro team this year. Mr NAKAMURA has overcome many hurdles, studying to improve his English during the lockdown and training for his COVID-delayed debut, to represent both Japan and Brisbane and further strengthen ties between our two countries.

We wish Mr NAKAMURA all the best during his time in Brisbane, and will be cheering on the Brisbane Bandits this season!

## JFF Classics at QAGOMA – Event Update

Important information regarding JFF Classics at QAGOMA.  
All sessions for Friday, Saturday and Sunday have been cancelled.

This includes:

- ハウス(House) at 6.00pm Fri 8 Jan and 3.00pm Sun 10 Jan
- マインド・ゲーム (Mind Game) at 8.15pm Fri 8 Jan and 12.30pm Sun 10 Jan
- 伝説の午後＝いつか見たドラキュラ (Emotion (That Dracula We Once Knew)) at 12.45pm  
Sat 9 Jan
- エロス＋虐殺 (Eros + Massacre) at 2.15pm Sat 9 Jan 2021

Please check the QAGOMA website for the latest updates.

<https://www.qagoma.qld.gov.au/whats-on/cinema/programs/japanese-film-festival-classics-2020>



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H.I.S. & TRAVEL JAPAN PRESENTS

# JAPANESE CULTURAL EXCHANGE

EVERY 2ND & 4TH FRIDAY  
OF THE MONTH  
15:00~16:00  
\$10.00 PER PERSON



 Brisbane Arcade, Lower Level,  
Shop 9, 117 Adelaide St, Brisbane

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日本人同士で情報交換したい!  
HISでは、  
日本 x オーストラリアの交流を応援しています。  
HISスタッフや現地のオージー、日本人と  
楽しくお話ししながら交流を広めましょう♪  
毎月第二&第四金曜日 15時~@HISブリスベン支店

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**Dreaming of a long awaited holiday in Japan?  
Interested in Japanese culture?  
Or want to learn Japanese?**  
**Come and join our 1 hour cultural exchange to  
talk with Japanese locals over afternoon tea!**  
**Tea, coffee and snacks will be provided**



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[www.traveljapan.com.au](http://www.traveljapan.com.au)





# 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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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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