



# 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

## Ballet Workshop



On Saturday, 10 April 2021, the Consulate-General of Japan, together with the Japanese Club of Brisbane, hosted a ballet workshop at the official residence of Consul-General Mr TANAKA Kazunari. Two prominent Japanese dancers from the Queensland Ballet (QB), Ms YOSHIDA Neneka, a newly installed principal dancer, and Mr IWAMOTO Kohei, a senior soloist, kindly offered to present a workshop for local Japanese children, who had the chance to speak with these professional dancers

living and performing in Brisbane, and learned a simple ballet routine.

Mr Iwamoto studied at the Australian Ballet School in Melbourne with a scholarship, then worked with the New Zealand Ballet before joining QB in 2018. Ms Yoshida was a finalist at the world renowned Prix de Lausanne in 2013 and was recently promoted to Principal Artist of QB. It was Mr Li Cunxin, Artistic Director of QB, who was on the jury panel in Lausanne and recruited her to join QB the following year.

We hope that this event helped inspire the next generation to pursue their passions, and show them the opportunities that exist in Australia and around the world for Japanese people.



## 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/>

## Commendation Reception for Mr Ross James McConachie



On Friday, 26 March 2021, Mr Ross James McConachie was presented with The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette, in recognition of his contributions to promoting inter-regional exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and Australia, at a special ceremony held at the official residence of the Consul-General of Japan Mr TANAKA Kazunari, who hosted the evening.

During his time as Vice-President (2002-2007), and President (2007-2012) of the Australia-Japan Society in Queensland (AJS-Q @AJSQld), Mr McConachie initiated several projects, including AJS-Q's annual careers seminar, and contributed greatly to the reinvigoration of the Kobe-Brisbane Sister City relationship, which celebrated its 35th anniversary last year. His conferment, announced as a 2020 Spring Imperial Decoration, was delayed due to COVID-19 and we were delighted to hold this ceremony safely this year. Congratulations Ross!

## 2021 Office Closure Dates

### JULY

Friday 23  
(Health and Sports Day)

### AUGUST

Wednesday 11  
(Royal Queensland Show)

### SEPTEMBER

Monday 20  
(Respect for the Aged Day)

### OCTOBER

Monday 4  
(Queen's Birthday)

### NOVEMBER

Tuesday 23  
(Labour Thanksgiving Day)

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

## Visit to Townsville

*(Memorandum of Understanding to Develop Liquid Hydrogen Facility)*



On Wednesday, 14 April 2021, Port of Townsville and Origin Energy signed a memorandum of understanding on hydrogen exports. The Port of Townsville will work with Origin Energy and Kawasaki Heavy Industries of Japan on the development of a hydrogen export facility in the Port of Townsville, with the expectation of exporting more than 36,000 tonnes of liquid hydrogen every year from 2025. Consul-General TANAKA was in attendance at this historic signing, which represents an important step forward towards exporting renewable hydrogen from Queensland to Japan.

## MLTAQ 2021 Japanese Network Conference



On the 1st and 2nd of May 2021, MLTAQ (Modern Language Teachers Association of Queensland) held a face-to-face 2021 Japanese Network Conference in Brisbane for the first time in two years.

Queensland has a strong tradition of Japanese language education with passionate educators, many of whom attended this conference; the

state also has the largest number of learners of the Japanese language in Australia.

On the 1st day, Consul-General TANAKA attended and officially opened the conference. Sydney Office Director of the Japan Foundation, Sydney (JF) Mr. SHONO Keiji also attended, and two Japanese instructors made a keynote presentation titled “What’s New in Japan?”

On the 2nd day, Mrs TANAKA Hiromi, Katoku instructor from the Ikenobo school and Consul-General’s wife, conducted an Ikebana workshop as part of the conference. Participants created and took home their very own mini ikebana!

The two day conference attracted around 150 Japanese language teachers from around the state, who received beneficial training on Japanese teaching methodology and culture while having the opportunity to network with their peers.





## Beef Australia 2021



On 5-6 May 2021, Consul-General TANAKA visited Rockhampton for Beef Australia 2021, Australia's triennial week-long premier beef cattle event, which was attended by Prime Minister Scott Morrison and Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk this year.

The visit was made possible with the kind invitation of the Hon. Mark Furner MP, Minister For Agricultural Industry Development and Fisheries and Minister for Rural Communities, and the event provided an opportunity for Mr TANAKA to engage with stakeholders, including producers and exporters, and gain valuable insights into the Queensland and Australian beef and cattle industries on a grassroots level.

Beef has always played an integral role in our bilateral economic trade relationship, with Japan being the top destination for Queensland beef in 2019-2020, reaching an export value of approximately \$1.73 billion.

## Ikebana Demonstration & Workshop on the Sunshine Coast



On Saturday, 15 May 2021, Mrs TANAKA Hiromi, wife of Consul-General TANAKA, conducted an ikebana (flower arrangement) demonstration and workshop on the Sunshine Coast, hosted by local artist Ms Tory Richards at her studio ([www.toryrichardsart.com](http://www.toryrichardsart.com)).

Mrs TANAKA is a Katoku (senior instructor) from the Ikenobo school of Ikebana, the oldest and largest ikebana school in Japan. In her demonstration she created three distinct pieces based on three styles of flower arrangement from the Ikenobo School: Shoka, Rikka, and Free Style (pictured).

16 participants, mainly artists and art connoisseurs in the region, then had the opportunity to create their own free style flower arrangement, while learning more about this traditional Japanese art form. We were pleased to provide this opportunity for cultural exchange between art lovers from Japan and Queensland.

## Children's Day



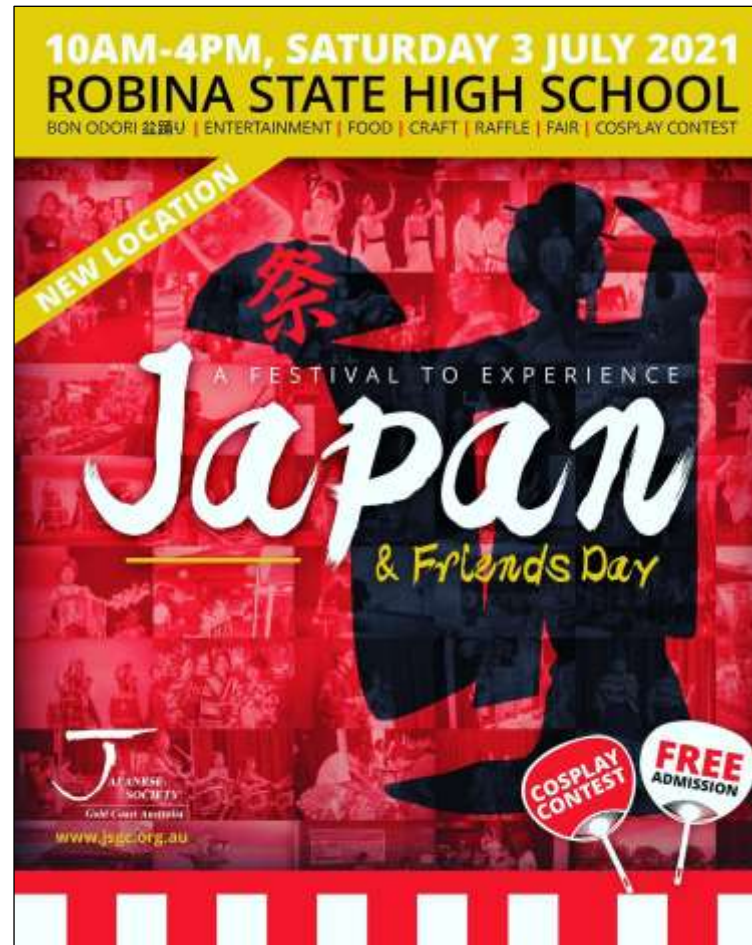
May 5th is Japan's Children's Day - this national holiday of Japan is for respecting and celebrating children's individual strengths and wishing them happiness. It is also about showing appreciation for mothers. You may have seen Koinobori (carp kite streamers), which are traditionally displayed outside houses in Japan on Children's Day. Because carp are known for their ability to swim upstream, they symbolise courage and determination.

May 5th is also the last day of Golden Week, a national holiday straddled week between April 29 and May 5, which includes such national holidays as Showa Day, Constitutional Memorial Day, Greenery Day, and Children's Day.



# JAPAN & FRIENDS DAY 2021

*Saturday, 3 July 2021 - 10:00am~4:00pm - Robina State High School – Free Admission*



<https://www.facebook.com/japanfriendsday/>

## Tokyo 2020 Olympic Torch

If you have been following the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Torch Relay, find out more about the gorgeous cherry blossom shaped torch itself!

The torch is produced from a single sheet of metal recycled from the temporary houses built in the wake of the Great East Japan Earthquake, while resembling the design of the “sakura” cherry blossom.

Check out how it's made in the below video:

Let's take a further look at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Torch



Let's take a further look at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Torch ♡聖火リレー トーチに込められた想い♡

<https://www.facebook.com/tokyo2020/videos/2233285176803958/>

## 6th JLPP International Translation Competition

The Agency for Cultural Affairs of the Government of Japan has announced, as part of the Japanese Literature Publishing Project (JLPP), the details of the sixth JLPP International Translation Competition, which is now underway!

The competition is open to all budding translators, and aims to foster emerging translators of Japanese and promote Japanese literature around the world by encouraging the translation of superb literary works from Japan.

**The application period is from 1 June to 31 July, 2021.**



For more details, please visit:

<https://www.jlpp.go.jp/en/competition6/competition6en.html>

# 15th Japan International MANGA Award

*Application Period: 7 April ~ 8 July 2021*



The 15th Japan International #MANGA Award is now open for applications for MANGA artists around the world. Make sure to submit your MANGA by 8 July 2021!

Visit [https://www.manga-award.mofa.go.jp/index\\_e.html](https://www.manga-award.mofa.go.jp/index_e.html) for more information and <https://www.manga-award.mofa.go.jp/en/application/15/index.html> for application guidelines.

(Image: Japan International Manga Award)

## Tsunagaru Japanese Lessons



Are you interested in learning Japanese? JP ☐

“Tsunagaru” will teach you practical, everyday Japanese and is perfect for anyone interested in self-studying the language. Created by the Japanese Government, this website will teach you everything from asking for directions to going to the hospital, and is suitable for absolute beginner to intermediate level learners.

 Start learning today!

[https://tsunagarujp.bunka.go.jp/?lang\\_id=EN](https://tsunagarujp.bunka.go.jp/?lang_id=EN)

(Image: Japanese Language Division, Agency for Cultural Affairs)



**Office Closure Notice**  
**Friday, 23 July 2021**  
**Wednesday, 11 August 2021**



The Consulate-General of Japan in Brisbane will be closed on Friday, 23 July 2021 (the Japanese public holiday Health and Sports Day), and Wednesday, 11 August 2021 (Royal Queensland Show “Ekka” Holiday). The Consulate re-opens on the respective following business days.

**For a full list of office closure dates for 2021, please visit:**

<https://www.brisbane.au.emb-japan.go.jp/en/about/index.html#officeclosure2021>

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

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[https://www.brisbane.au.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr\\_en/jicc\\_newsletters.html](https://www.brisbane.au.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_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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For the latest news and updates on Japanese culture related events, visit:

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