



CONSULATE UPDATES

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Welcome to our latest newsletter. We have had a busy start to 2023 and are looking forward to even more exciting events in the coming months. Sadly, we must also say farewell to Consul-General ONO Masuo, who will be finishing his tenure in Brisbane later this month. Thank you Consul-General for your service to the Queensland-Japan community and your important work in strengthening ties at this pivotal point in the relationship, as we pass the Olympic baton from Tokyo to Brisbane and shift towards new energy technologies.



Image: Consul-General ONO with his wife and recent returnees at the JET Programme Returnee Reception

JET Programme Returnee Reception

On 3 March, the Consulate hosted a reception for 10 recent JET Programme participants who have returned to QLD. We celebrated their return with the wider JET community, including the JET Alumni Association, former JETs and supporters of the JET Programme. Thank you to JETs old and new for your ongoing support of the programme and QLD-Japan ties.

Japan Agricultural Exchange Council Program in Bowen

On 28 March we said farewell to Japanese students who participated in the 2022-2023 agricultural program hosted by the Bowen Gumlu Growers Association.

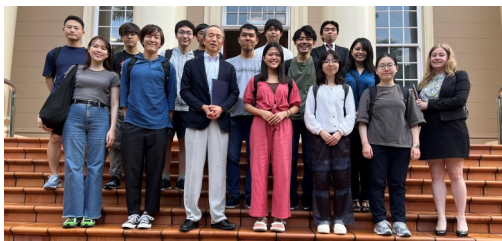
We hope these students have enjoyed their time in Bowen learning about horticulture, and are delighted to hear that three students will be returning in May!



University visits from Japan

Last month the Consulate met with students from Chuo University and the University of Tokyo, who were visiting Brisbane on short study tours.

It is exciting to see academic partnerships blossoming between Japan and Queensland. We would like to wish these students all the best, and look forward to seeing collaborations and research and exchange opportunities continue to grow!



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What's on in Queensland



Japanese Films at GOMA 12 and 22 April | Films

Enjoy FREE films from acclaimed directors including KOREEDA Hirokazu's *Air Doll* (12 April) and MIYAZAKI Hayao's *Porco Rosso* (22 April) at GOMA.

[Check it out!](#)



Kokedama Workshop Thurs 11 May | Workshop

Create your own hanging planters at the Beelalong Community Farm in Morning-side.

[Find out more](#)



Kanji Kentei Exam in Brisbane Sat 24 June | Examination

Put your written Japanese skills to the test with this Kanji proficiency test. There are 10 levels available!

[Register by 21 May](#)



JFF+ Independent Cinema Now Streaming

Enjoy independent Japanese films for FREE! There are six new films from around Japan now available for streaming as part of the Japanese Film Festival's online program.

Whether you're into coming-of-age stories, crime dramas, immersive music films or heartfelt documentaries, there's something for everyone to enjoy in this eclectic line up!

Available online until June 15. Check out [the JFF+ website](#) for details.

