



# CONSULATE UPDATES

It's Japanese Festival season here in Queensland! There are festivals happening across Queensland, from Cairns all the way down to Brisbane. We are also delighted to bring Japan Week to Queensland again for 2024, including flagship events such as the Australia Japan Dinner and Japanese Cultural Day in the Mount Coot-tha Botanic Gardens.

July-August is also the season when many Japanese school groups visit Australia during their summer holidays. We'd like to wish a very warm welcome to all students visiting Queensland at this time, and thank all local staff, schools, homestay families, and others involved for their support in creating such opportunities.



## Japan Week returns for 2024!

Join us for a huge range of great Japan events in August. Discover Japanese culture through local festivals and exhibitions, put your Japanese skills to the test, learn about the opportunities that exist for Japan careers, and celebrate Japan in Queensland with the Japan community. We can't wait to see you there! Check out the next page for further details.

## JET Programme Farewell Reception



On 26 July, we farewelled 2024 JET Programme participants, who travelled to Japan to begin their new lives in Japan on Sunday. This year we have 21 ALTs and CIRs, 18 of whom are departing in July. We would like to wish them all the best!

## State Government Political Briefing

A big thank you to former members of Queensland parliament Glen Elmes and the Hon John Mickel for a most insightful briefing on Queensland politics. They presented a very informative overview of the political situation in Queensland to members of the Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Brisbane.



## Tokyo Global Gateway program

The Queensland Government is offering a unique opportunity for Queensland teachers to spend up to 12 weeks teaching at their TGG facility in downtown Odaiba, Tokyo. Introduce Japanese students to the Queensland classroom, with no Japanese required!

Travel from December 2024 to December 2025.

Applications close 5pm **Wednesday, 7 August 2024**

[Learn more](#)



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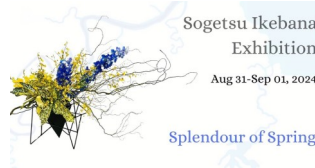
## What's on in Queensland



### Cairns Japan Bon Dance Festival 10 Aug | Festival

Celebrate Obon with music, dancing and fireworks, presented by the Japanese Society of Cairns.

[Find out more](#)



### Sogetsu Ikebana Exhibition 31 Aug - 1 Sept | Annual Exhibition

Celebrate the "Splendour of Spring" with Sogetsu through demonstrations, guided tours, and hands-on workshops!

[Discover more](#)



### Matsuri Brisbane 7 September | Festival

Matsuri Brisbane is Back! Celebrate Japanese culture right here in Brisbane.

[Mark your calendars](#)



### Japanese Film Festival Brisbane 7—22 Oct | Film Festival

JFF is back for 2024! A huge range of great films will be returning to Palace Barracks and QA-GOMA in Brisbane.

[Sign up for updates](#)

## QLD Government Opportunities in Japan for High School Students and Teachers

There are a huge range of fantastic opportunities on offer by the Queensland Department of Education International (DEI) to visit Japan!

Applications for the following programs are currently open:

- **STEM Japan Global Student Program** for Year 10 students and teaching chaperones - closing **31 July**
- **Iwasaki Sangyo Prize** for Year 12 students - closing **7 August**
- **Tokyo Global Gateway Teacher Program** - closing **7 August**
- **Osaka Global Teacher Program** - closing **9 August**

[Find out more](#)



THE CONSULATE-GENERAL OF JAPAN, BRISBANE PRESENTS

# JAPAN WEEK

## 2 - 11 August 2024

WITH FANTASTIC JAPAN EVENTS HAPPENING THROUGHOUT AUGUST!

**2 AUG**

FRIDAY 5:30PM - 7:30PM

### AJS CAREER SEMINAR

Discover the wide and exciting range of Japan-related career paths at this hybrid event hosted by The Consulate. Registrations required.

**4 AUG**

SUNDAY 10AM - 3PM

### JAPANESE CULTURAL DAY

Enjoy a huge range of cultural activities including ikebana, tea ceremony, calligraphy, bonsai, music and food at the Mount Coot-tha Botanic Gardens.

**18 AUG**

SUNDAY 11AM - 5PM

### JAPAN FESTIVAL SUNSHINE COAST

Experience a taste of Japan at Kawana Waters State College in Caloundra, with food and market stalls, Japanese performances, and activities.

**21 AUG**

WEDNESDAY 6PM - 9PM

### AUSTRALIA JAPAN DINNER

This event brings together a number of Japan-related organisations in a special evening to celebrate our relationship as part of Japan Week.

**24-25 AUG**

ALL DAY SATURDAY-SUNDAY

### UQJX SPEECH CONTEST

Calling all high school and university students! Put your skills to the test and register for the UQJX Japanese speech contest.

**31 AUG - 1 SEP**

ALL DAY SATURDAY-SUNDAY

### SOGETSU IKEBANA EXHIBITION

Celebrate the "Splendour of Spring" with Sogetsu demonstrations, tours, and hands-on workshops!

# And more to come!