



# CONSULATE UPDATES

September has been a huge month for Japan related activities in Queensland, with the return of festivals such as Matsuri Brisbane in Brisbane and Japan and Friends Day on the Gold Coast bringing crowds to participate in and enjoy a huge range of Japanese culture.

Spring has most definitely sprung, and Consul-General Gomakubo has been taking advantage of the sunshine by visiting several regional Japanese gardens. He recently attended a celebration of Gladstone-Saiki Sister City relations in Gladstone, and visited Toowoomba for the opening of a new tea house in UniSQ's Japanese garden, where the cherry blossoms were just starting to bloom. We encourage you to seek out your local Japanese garden and enjoy the atmosphere!



## Japan and Friends Day 2024

on 21 September, Japan & Friends Day was held in Broadbeach Cultural Precinct, Gold Coast. This year, a Japanese Mikoshi (portable Shrine) was showcased in public and the Consul-General also joined in as a shrine bearer, carrying it on his shoulders. It was great to see so many people enjoying Japanese cultural activities and food!



## Matsuri Brisbane 2024



Thank you to all who attended Matsuri Brisbane. The annual festival brings together Japanese organisations, artists, performers, and businesses from around Queensland to provide an exciting Japanese festival experience right here in Brisbane. Congrats on a smashing success!

## Gladstone-Saiki Sister City Celebrations

Consul-General Gomakubo recently attended a ceremony for the 28th anniversary of the Gladstone-Saiki sister city relationship, held in the Japanese Garden at the Tondoon Botanic Gardens.



## Japanese Tea House Opening at University of Southern Queensland



The University of Southern Queensland recently unveiled their new Japanese Tea House at their Japanese Garden Ju Raku En. Toowoomba is currently hosting its annual Carnival of Flowers festival, so it's the perfect time to visit and enjoy the tranquil garden in full bloom.

[Learn More](#) about Ju Raku En at the Carnival of Flowers.

## What's on in Queensland



### UQ Taiko 10th Anniversary

**6 October | Concert**

Celebrate 10 years of UQ Taiko with their FREE concert on 6 October! Registrations required.

[Register here](#)



### 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.

[Check out the lineup](#)



### JETAA Hanami

**13 October | Picnic Event**

Former JET programme participants and friends of Japan are invited to enjoy a picnic under the jacaranda and connect with fellow JET alumni.

[Mark your calendars](#)

## 2025 JET Programme Applications Now Open



Apply now to live in Japan and create meaningful connections between Australia and Japan working as an Assistant Language Teacher or Coordinator for International Relations.

Applications for the 2025 JET Programme must be submitted to the Embassy in Canberra (not Brisbane) by **Friday 8 November**.

[Apply now!](#)

## JET Information Sessions

Consulate-General of Japan in Sydney will also provide online info sessions (via Zoom) on following dates:

**4 October, 6-7:30pm (AEST)**

**10 October, 5-6:30pm (AEST)**

Please note Daylight Savings will start on 6 October.

Register to attend an online info session [here!](#)