



CONSULATE UPDATES

This month we will be farewelling our Consul-General Mr GOMAKUBO Junji, who is ending his tenure in Brisbane in November. Since his arrival in April 2023, Consul-General GOMAKUBO has been actively involved in further developing the Queensland-Japan relationship at an important time in our relationship, with tourists from Australia to Japan soaring, business and government ties deepening, and the 2032 Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games drawing closer. We would like to wish him all the best in his next posting, and thank him for his efforts here.

As we approach the end of the year and the weather heats up, we hope you're staying cool over the Bonenkai (end of year party) period. Don't forget that Japan's ski season is just around the corner!



Image: attendees at our Foreign Minister's Commendation Reception on October 31

Foreign Minister's Commendation

On October 31, the Consul-General of Japan in Brisbane formally recognised the efforts of Dr Yuriko Nagata and Mr Andrew Hay through the conferment of The Foreign Minister's Commendation. This year's recipients have both made profound contributions to the Australia-Japan relationship.



What's on in Queensland



Tai So - Japanese Calisthenics

11-12 November onwards | Sport

Enjoy free Tai So classes on Mondays at Stafford and Tuesdays at Kalinga in Nov/Dec through Brisbane City Council.

[Start exercising](#)



11th Asia Pacific Triennial of Contemporary Art

30 Nov - 27 April | Art Exhibition

APT is returning to QAGOMA with more than 70 artists from 30 countries, including Japanese artist Katsuko Ishigaki.

[Mark your calendars](#)



Gold Coast Budo Challenge

The Consul-General recently attended an exciting opening ceremony for the 2024 Gold Coast Budo Challenge. The Kyokushin Karate World Cup will be held here on the Gold Coast in 2025. Let's all get together to make it a success! Osu!

Japanese Film Festival in Brisbane

The Consulate-General of Japan, Brisbane was delighted to celebrate 28th Annual Japanese Film Festival Opening Night with friends of Japan and Japanese film buffs. We would like to sincerely thank Japan Foundation, Sydney Director Yukihiro Ohira and staff, along with the whole Japanese Film Festival team, for bringing amazing Japanese cinema to Brisbane.



Looking for Summer Japan Activities?



Brisbane City Council has put together a list of Brisbane's best Japanese spots to explore for your next day or night out, from traditional Japanese cuisine to picturesque gardens.

[Check out what's on](#)

JFF Theatre - Watch Japanese Movies Online



You can enjoy topnotch Japanese cinema from the comfort of your own

home all year round with JFF Theater. This online platform from the Japan Foundation offers free streaming with a range of films on rotation. New films are now available, including some previous Film Festival fan favourites, so make sure to check them out

[Start watching!](#)

World Tsunami Awareness Day 2024



Students from Yeppoon State High School visited Japan as part of the High School Students Summit ahead of World Tsunami Awareness Day 2024 on November 5. The summit brought students from around the world to Kumamoto to empower them to enhance resilience and disaster prevention in their communities and grow as youth leaders.