



CONSULATE UPDATES



Consul-General Ishikawa with
Gold Coast Mayor, Tom Tate

Meeting with Gold Coast Mayor, Tom Tate

Consul-General Ishikawa was delighted to pay a courtesy call on Gold Coast Mayor Tom Tate to personally thank the Mayor for his unwavering support of the Japanese community on the Gold Coast.

Consul-General looks forward to cooperating with the City of Gold Coast to further strengthen the friendship and expand on economic and cultural exchange between the Gold Coast and Japan.

Ikenobo Ikebana Exhibition

On 4 July, Consul-General Ishikawa was invited to the first ikebana exhibition by Ikenobo (池坊) Queensland Study Group since the establishment of its Brisbane Study Group in 2021. In addition to viewing the beautiful ikebana on display, Consul-General Ishikawa expressed the hope that those gathered would continue to dedicate themselves to the art of ikebana, and pledged support to help more people appreciate its beauty and spirituality.



Image provided by Ikenobo.

Artisan Osaka Cultural Delegation

On 16 July, Consul-General Ishikawa and Mrs. Ishikawa attended the official announcement of the artisan Osaka Cultural Delegation for the Australian Pavilion, World Expo 2025 in Osaka, Japan. An outstanding group of creative practitioners who exemplify the excellence of our craft and design sector were chosen to represent



Consul-General Ishikawa with delegates chosen to
represent Queensland at World Expo 2025 in Osaka,
Japan.

Queensland's exceptional maker/designers on the world stage,

strengthening our diverse creative talent at home and abroad. Congratulations to all!

What's On

AJS Careers Evening
Friday 8 August 5:30pm
Online

The Australia Japan Society of Queensland is proud to co-host its annual Japan Careers Evening on Friday 8 August with the Consulate-General of Japan in Brisbane.

[More information](#)

Festival for Commonwealth Friendship
Sunday 31 August 11am-3pm
Government House

A celebration of food and entertainment from around The Commonwealth at this event coordinated by The Victoria League for Commonwealth Friendship in Queensland.

[More information](#)

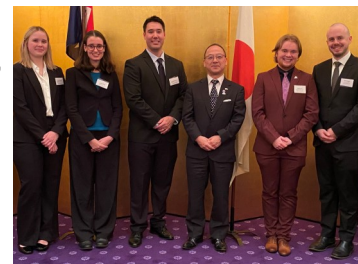
Japan and Friends Day
Sunday 24 August
Robina State High School

Japan and Friends Day is a cultural festival held annually to share Japanese culture on the Gold Coast. The Japanese Society of Gold Coast is co-hosting Japan and Friends Day with the Consulate-General of Japan.

[More information](#)

Farewell to our JET Programme participants!

On 25 July we bid a fond farewell to our 2025 JET Programme participants with a reception at the Consul-General's official residence. Mr Linus Power MP, Shadow Minister for Natural Resources and Mines and State Member for Logan, as well as the President of the JET Alumni Association QLD and Executive Director of CLAIR Sydney very kindly delivered speeches. We would like to wish our JETs all the very best in Japan. We hope they have a wonderful experience and return with many fond memories of their time on the Programme.



Consul-General Ishikawa with the 2025 JET
Programme participants from Queensland

Kobe delegation visit to Brisbane

From 22 July, we were joined by the Honourable Mr Hisamoto Kizo, Mayor of Kobe City as part of a delegation visiting Brisbane to mark the 40th anniversary of the sister-city relationship between Kobe and Brisbane. Consul-General Ishikawa received a courtesy call from the delegation, and a welcome reception was held by Lord Mayor of Brisbane Adrian Schrinner at Brisbane City Hall. Australia-Japan Society of Queensland also organised a celebration luncheon for the delegation. We hope that this visit will further develop the strong connections between our two cities.



Brisbane Lord Mayor Adrian Schrinner, Mayor of Kobe City
Hisamoto Kizo and Consul-General Ishikawa.