



CONSULATE UPDATES

Visit to Saitama Prefecture



On 3 September, Consul-General ISHIKAWA was delighted to attend a luncheon at the official residence of Mr ONO Motohiro, Governor of Saitama Prefecture. In his remarks, Consul-General spoke about the strength of the Queensland-Saitama sister-state relationship, and how these ties have grown on government, business, and community levels since its establishment in 1984. Attended by the Honourable David Crisafulli MP, Premier of Queensland, Andrew Liveris, President of the Brisbane 2032 Organising Committee and other distinguished guests, the luncheon provided an opportunity to create further connections and expand our horizons, and celebrate the enduring friendship between Japan and Queensland. Consul-General was also treated to a tour of Kumagaya Rugby Stadium, home of the Saitama Wild Knights.

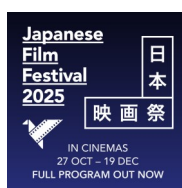
Guardian Girls Karate

On 18 September, Deputy Consul-General HANAI attended a signing ceremony for the Guardian Girls Karate program. In countries around the world, Guardian Girls Karate combats gender-based violence by equipping women and girls with vital self-defence skills. The signing ceremony confirms the commitment of both the World Karate Federation and Karate Australia to continue to support and promote this important program, and the Consulate-General of Japan in Brisbane hopes for its continued success in empowering and transforming the lives of women and girls.



Heidi Piper, International Director Griffith University, Dr Caroline Riot, Director of Games Engagement and Partnerships of Griffith University, Sara Wolff, World Karate Federation CEO, Hani Zahra, Karate Australia President, Deputy Consul-General of Japan in Brisbane Ikuko Hanai, Alan Key, Managing Director Karate Australia, Davide Benetello, Chair of World Karate Federation Athlete's Commission

What's On



Japanese Film Festival 6 November - 19th December Palace Barracks

The Japanese Film Festival is returning for 2025, and the full film program is out now! From epic dramas to exciting thrillers, comedies and more, there's plenty to discover.

[More information](#)



Consulate School Visits Term 4 (Mon 20th October – Fri 12th December) Consulate-General of Japan in Brisbane

Applications for our 2025 term 4 school visits program are now open! An exciting opportunity for students to learn more about Japanese culture at our office in Brisbane. Bookings are essential.

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The Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Programme Applications open now until Wed 5th November

Apply now to live and work in Japan as part of one of the world's biggest international exchange programs.

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Expo 2025 Osaka



Consul-General ISHIKAWA had the pleasure of visiting the Australia at Expo Pavilion at Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai, Japan. The visit provided an opportunity for friendly discussions with Consul-General and Senior Trade and Investment Commissioner in Osaka Margaret Bowen, Commissioner General for

Australia, World Expo Osaka 2025 Nancy Gordon, and Trade and Investment Commissioner Peter Koppman about the Australia Pavilion's contribution to, and role within, the Japan-Australia bilateral relationship.

Matsuri Brisbane

On 6 September, Consul-General ISHIKAWA delivered an opening address at Matsuri Brisbane 2025. Consul-General was joined by the Honourable Fiona Simpson MP, Minister for Multiculturalism, and The Right Honourable Lord Mayor of Brisbane Councillor Adrian Schrinner to perform a 'kagamibiraki' breaking open of a ceremonial sake barrel. Matsuri Brisbane has grown to become one of the most vibrant cultural festivals in Queensland.



Shizuoka Delegation

Consul-General ISHIKAWA was honoured to co-host with City of Moreton Bay Mayor Cr Peter Flannery a reception for a visiting delegation from Shizuoka City at his Official Residence on 26 August. The delegation, led by Shizuoka City Mayor Dr NAMBA Takashi, comprised government, education and business representatives, and participated in a series of meetings and events resulting in several key outcomes, and opened the door to exciting new collaboration opportunities. The growing partnership between Shizuoka and Moreton Bay, which includes reciprocal mayoral visits, reflects the shared commitment to strengthening international ties that deliver mutual benefits for their respective communities and local economies.

