



# CONSULATE UPDATES

## Visit to Osaka Prefecture and Shizuoka City

On 14 November 2025, Consul-General ISHIKAWA visited two key regions important to Queensland-Japan relations: Osaka Prefecture and Shizuoka City. In Osaka, Consul-General received a warm welcome from Mr ICHISAKA, Senior Executive Director of International Relations in the Department of Civic and Cultural Affairs at the Osaka Prefectural Government. Their discussions focused on the vibrant exchanges between Osaka and Queensland, especially highlighted during the recent Expo in Osaka. In Shizuoka City, Consul-General had a fruitful meeting with Mayor NANBA, where they shared updates regarding Shizuoka City's initiatives in international exchanges. They agreed to strengthen the relationship between the City of Moreton Bay and Shizuoka City moving forward.



Consul-General ISHIKAWA with Mayor NANBA in Shizuoka City.

## Queensland Resources Council

Consul-General ISHIKAWA attended the Queensland Resources Council's annual State of the Sector Forum and Lunch on 26 November, gaining a deep insight into the current situation of the state's resources industry.

Japanese businesses have been long-term investors in Queensland's resources sector, and we look forward to the Sunshine State continuing to be a stable and secure investment destination well into the future.



Consul-General ISHIKAWA with Premier and Minister for Veterans David Crisafulli MP and Chief Executive Officer of the Queensland Resources Council (QRC) Janette Hewson.

## Visit to Kobe

On 13 November, Consul-General ISHIKAWA had the opportunity to visit Kobe City for the second time, where he was warmly welcomed by Mayor HISAMOTO and the Chair of Kobe City Council, Mr SUGANO. They exchanged updates on the Kobe-Brisbane sister city relationship, which is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year. Consul-General and Mayor HISAMOTO confirmed their commitment to continuing to foster good relations between Brisbane and Kobe going forward.



Consul-General ISHIKAWA with Mr. SUGANO and Mayor HISAMOTO.

## Brisbane Kobe Student Art Exchange exhibition

On 3 November, Consul-General ISHIKAWA and Mrs Ishikawa visited Brisbane Square Library to view the Brisbane Kobe Student Art Exchange exhibition, which features artwork created by students from Tanigami Elementary School in Kobe and Ironside State School in Brisbane. In a short time, the exhibition has received a wonderful reaction, and exhibitions of the works held in Kobe in September were also very well received.

The Consulate-General of Japan in Brisbane would like to thank AJS-QLD, Brisbane City Council, Kobe City, Ironside State School and Tanigami Elementary School for their efforts to realise this initiative in this, the 40th anniversary of the Brisbane Kobe sister city relationship. You can see the exhibition at Brisbane Square Library until 31 January 2026.



Consul-General ISHIKAWA and Mrs Ishikawa at Brisbane Square Library

## What's On



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### Happy Birthday 2U2

29 Nov 2025 - 15 Mar 2026

**HOTA Gallery, Ground Floor, 135 Bundall Rd, Surfers Paradise**

HOTA, Home of the Arts, has opened an interactive installation connecting visitors through the simple joy of giving and receiving hand drawn birthday cards.

[More information](#)

### 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](#)

### Brisbane Taiko Fest

Thursday 11 December 6:30pm  
**Seven Hills Hub**

Join drumming group Brisbane Taiko on a journey through their past, present, and future — a heart-pounding celebration of traditional favourites and bold new creations at this free concert.

[Book your ticket](#)

### Consulate School Visits

Term 1 2026

**Consulate-General of Japan in Brisbane**

Applications for our 2026 term 1 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.

[More information](#)

## LOTE4KIDS



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