



# CONSULATE UPDATES

## New Colombo Plan Pre-Departure Networking Reception in Brisbane



On 3 March, Consul-General ISHIKAWA attended the New Colombo Plan (NCP) Pre-Departure Networking Reception in Brisbane. The New Colombo Plan Scholarship Program supports Australian undergraduate students to strengthen their Indo-Pacific capability and Asia literacy including through study, language learning and internships. The Consulate-General of Japan in Brisbane would like to wish this year's NCP Scholars all the very best with the program and their future careers.

Image courtesy of NCP Secretariat

## Karate

On 2 March, Consul-General ISHIKAWA received a courtesy call from Mr Shuichi Matsunawa and Mr Vesa Pekkarinen from the Australian Academy of Martial Arts Karate-Do Club Inc., along with two karate champions from Japan who were visiting Brisbane. There was discussion of ways to participate in karate beyond competing, the popularity of karate in Queensland and hopes for the further development of karate globally.



## What's On



### Borrow cultural items

Borrow Japan-related display and teaching materials, literature and cultural items free of charge through the Consulate's Cultural Loans Scheme for educational purposes.

[More information](#)

### JFF Theatre Online

From films that celebrate traditional Japanese culture to stories that transcend timelines, you can browse JFF Theater's current lineup of free movies online.

[Watch online now](#)



### Consulate School Visits

Term 2-4 2026

### Consulate-General of Japan in Brisbane

Applications for our 2026 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](#)



## Visit to Townsville

On his recent visit to Townsville, Consul-General ISHIKAWA had the pleasure to visit Kardinia, Japan's first diplomatic mission in Australia, which was established 130 years ago this year in 1896. Kardinia has been beautifully maintained to hold its original appearance, reflecting its significant heritage. Building on the strong historical ties between Queensland and Japan, we look forward to deepening cooperation of economic, cultural, and educational ties to further strengthen the diversified partnership for the future.



## NARA Treaty

Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the signing of the NARA Treaty in 2026! Apply to certify your Japan-Australia exchange events and deepen Japan-Australia friendship. Gain official status, use the anniversary logo and be listed on Embassy sites! For guidelines, [click here](#).



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## Queensland State Archives

On 6 March, Consul-General ISHIKAWA was very kindly received by Queensland State Archives, the custodian of the largest documentary heritage collection in Queensland. During a tour led by Queensland State Archivist Ms Louise Howard, Consul-General viewed QSA's current book binding exhibition and learned about preservation challenges and techniques. In the repository, Consul-General was shown several items relating to Japan, such as the outcome of a coronial inquest into the death of a Japanese pearl diver and a naturalisation certificate from more than 100 years ago. The Consulate-General of Japan in Brisbane would like to thank Queensland State Archives for providing such a fascinating tour of this important facility, and for the essential work done here to restore and preserve Queensland memory.

