



# CONSULATE UPDATES

## Meeting with Mayor of Townsville

Consul-General ISHIKAWA met with Cr Nick Dametto, Mayor of Townsville on his recent visit to the city. Townsville is of great historical significance to Japan, with Japan's first diplomatic mission established in Australia opening in Townsville in 1896.

The Consul-General and Mayor exchanged views on the strengthening of the diverse Japan-Queensland relationship, touching on economic links, cultural ties and educational exchange.



Consul-General ISHIKAWA with Cr Nick Dametto, Mayor of Townsville

## Queensland Government and JASHIE

Sport and health innovation ties between Japan and Queensland were further strengthened when Consul-General ISHIKAWA attended a ceremony for a signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Queensland Government and the Japan-Australia Sports & Health Innovation Exchange (JASHIE). This new partnership will explore delivering the JASHIE program in Queensland, designed to accelerate innovation, strengthen international collaboration and unlock new opportunities for the state's sport and health industries.



## What's On



### MEXT 2027 Scholarship

Ready to level up in Japan? Fully funded by the Government of Japan, MEXT 2027 Scholarship applications are OFFICIALLY OPEN! Whether you're chasing an Undergrad degree or Research (Master's/PhD), this is your moment!

[More information](#)



### Lord Mayor's Multicultural Business Awards

Know a multicultural business leader making a real difference in Brisbane? Nominations are now open for the 2026 Lord Mayor's Multicultural Business Awards!

[More information](#)



### 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](#)

## Kobe University School of Medicine

On 13 March, Consul-General ISHIKAWA received a visit from students of Kobe University's School of Medicine. On the back of a 40-year plus sister-city agreement, Kobe and Brisbane are working to strengthen their partnership through student exchanges and community healthcare training programs. As part of this initiative, the students participated in a training program at The University of Queensland's Faculty of Medicine. We support their efforts to deepen their understanding of each other's advanced medical technologies and community healthcare systems, and wish them every success as they go on to become doctors who make their mark on the world.



## Women's Softball World Cup Finals Networking Event

Consul-General ISHIKAWA had the pleasure of attending the Women's Softball World Cup Finals 2027 Opportunities Networking Event on 23 March, graciously hosted by City of Moreton Bay Mayor Peter Flannery. Sport plays a vital role in bringing the people of Queensland and Japan together, strengthening friendships and cultural ties. We look forward to deepening Japan-Moreton Bay relations as the city prepares to host the Women's Softball World Cup Finals in 2027.



## Japanese Beverage Manufacturing in Queensland Roundtable

Consul-General had the pleasure of attending the Japanese Beverage Manufacturing in Queensland Roundtable, generously hosted by Trade and Investment Queensland on 15 April and attended by the Hon. Ros Bates MP, Minister for Finance, Trade, Employment and Training, and the Hon. Dale Last MP, Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, Minister for Manufacturing and Minister for Regional and Rural Development. A number of Japanese beverage makers have made significant investment to the tune of more than half a billion dollars in Queensland and operate manufacturing facilities, contributing greatly to the beverages sector and strongly supporting local employment.

