



CONSULATE UPDATES

Matsuri Brisbane

On 5 September, Consul-General Ishikawa attended Matsuri Brisbane at Whites Hill State College and delivered remarks at an opening ceremony attended by The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor of Brisbane, Councillor Adrian Schrinner and Mr Hermann Vorster MP, Assistant Minister for Multicultural Affairs and International Student Attraction. Matsuri Brisbane is a joyful celebration of Japanese culture and is one of the largest Japanese festivals in Queensland. According to the organisers, more than 30,000 people visited the venue. Consul-General commented that when different cultures meet and combine, it strengthens and enriches each culture. Reflecting on the festival's theme of 'The next generation connects the future', Consul-General remarked that as global interest continues to focus on Brisbane, it will bring even stronger diversity to its festivals. The Consulate-General of Japan in Brisbane would like to thank Matsuri Brisbane for a wonderful, memorable day of fun and Japanese culture.



Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT)

On 26 August, Consul-General Ishikawa attended a reception hosted by the Japanese Government, held in conjunction with the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity's (APT) preparatory meeting for the 5th International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Plenipotentiary Conference. The APT is an organisation in the Asia-Pacific region that focuses on human resource development through training and seminars, and on regional policy coordination regarding telecommunications standardisation and frequency allocation. With the Olympic and Paralympic Games scheduled to be held in Brisbane in 2032, creating an environment where everyone can access information and services is essential, and Japan intends to continue sharing its expertise in this area.



What's On



JET Programme Information Sessions

Wed 30 September 3pm @QUT Kelvin Grove and online

Mon 12 October 4pm @ UQ St Lucia and online

Join these free information sessions presented by the Consulate-General of Japan in Brisbane. Online and in-person.

[Register for QUT Kelvin Grove session](#)

[Register for UQ St Lucia session](#)



Japan Jazz Nights

Friday 23rd October 7pm

Discover the next generation of Japan's thriving jazz scene with Japan Jazz Nights, touring Brisbane this October.

[More information](#)



Japanese Film Festival

October—November, Palace Barracks

The 30th Japanese Film Festival - Australia returns to cinemas soon, and the full film program is out NOW! From festival favourites to samurai epics, animated masterpieces and more, there's plenty to discover in this stacked film program.

[More information](#)

Kanto Daiichi High School

On 26 August, the Consulate-General of Japan in Brisbane welcomed students from Kanto Daiichi High School and Highlands Christian College. In June this year, 18 students from Highlands Christian College in Toowoomba, Queensland visited Kanto Daiichi High School, and connected with Japanese students through Kendo, Japanese calligraphy and making Oyako-don, and it was wonderful to see the exchange continue with this visit by Kanto Daiichi High School to Queensland. Consul-General Ishikawa expressed the hope that students have many wonderful experiences during this exchange and answered questions, and students did an amazing job of giving speeches in Japanese and English.



Apply now! Japan Exchange and Teaching Programme 2027

Do you want to live and work in Japan in 2027? The Japan Exchange and Teaching Programme might be for you! The JET Programme is a government-sponsored initiative that invites university graduates from around the world to live and work in Japan, teaching English in public schools as an ALT or working in local government offices as a CIR. Applications close 5:00 pm Thursday 5 November 2026 (AEDT). See the Embassy of Japan in Australia website for [details on how to apply](#).



Visit to Moura

On 22 August, Consul-General Ishikawa visited Moura, which can be considered one of the starting points of Japan–Australia cooperation in the resources sector. After observing coal production and operations at Dawson Mine, the Consul-General paid his respects at a memorial commemorating those who have lost their lives in mining accidents. During his visit, Consul-General also attended the Moura Coal & Country Festival, strongly supported by local residents whose community has grown alongside the coal and agriculture industries, which are both closely connected with Japan. Japanese companies brought Japan to Moura, promoting cultural exchange and community ties by offering yakisoba and yakitori, yukata wearing, calligraphy, origami and other Japanese cultural experiences. And Consul-General Ishikawa wowed the locals with an iaido demonstration! We hope the trust built with the local community through the spirit of those who came before us will continue to strengthen the friendship between Japan and Australia.

