

Consul-General Kohara's Activities

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Opening of Ukiyo-e Exhibition 53 Stations of the Tokaido by Utagawa Hiroshige

In celebration of the 30th Anniversary of the Sister-City Relationship between Manly Council and Taito City, Tokyo, a wonderful private collection of Hiroshige's complete 53 Stations of the Tokaido was held at the Japan Foundation Gallery from 13 July to 9 August. Twenty of the prints were shown together with photos of the same location taken during the Taisho period (1912-26) and today.

Here Dr Kohara marks the opening with the Mayor of Taito City, Mr Hiroshi Yoshizumi, who visited Manly for the 30th anniversary.



With federal politicians at the consul-general's official residence

As part of further strengthening Australia-Japan relations, Consul-General Kohara regularly arranges opportunities for friendly discussions with parliamentary members at the state and federal level. [See also image on p.1.]



With Senator the Hon. Don Farrell



With Mr Rob Oakeshott MP



With the Hon. Malcolm Turnbull MP

More photos of the Consul-General's recent activities can be found on our website: www.sydney.au.emb-japan.go.jp/english/about_us/consul_generals_gallery.htm

Japanese in New Caledonia: 120 years

On 5 July, a memorial service was held to mark the 120th anniversary of the arrival of Japanese migrants in Noumea.

Among those attending the service was Ms Yoshie Aihara, Consul for Information and Culture at the Sydney consulate. As the Sydney Consulate is the closest Japanese diplomatic mission, it provides consular services to Japanese people living in New Caledonia which formally falls under the jurisdiction of the Japanese embassy in France.

The story of the Japanese who went to work in New Caledonia is little known. In 1892, 600 single Japanese men arrived in Thio to work at the nickel mines on 5-year contracts. By 1919 there were 5,575 Japanese workers. Some returned home after their contracts; others married local women and had families. During the Second World War Japanese people from New Caledonia were interned in Australian camps, including children born in New Caledonia. After the war, these people were sent to Japan, many never to return to New Caledonia.

Today in New Caledonia, there are around 8,000 people out of a population of around 230,000 who are said to be of Japanese descent.



The memorial to Japanese immigrants in New Caledonia erected in Thio

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