

# Consul-General's Activities

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## Consul-General visits Darwin

Consul-General Kohara visited Darwin from 18 to 20 February for the 71st Anniversary Bombing of Darwin commemoration held on 19 February where he laid a wreath in memory of the fallen. Dr Kohara is seen here after the service with the recently appointed Honorary Consul-General of Japan, Mr James Paspaley, standing in front of the cenotaph.

The following day the Consul-General visited the new office of the Honorary Consul-General.



## Essay Contest Awards Ceremony

The awards ceremony for the 30th Australia-Japan Relations Essay Contest was hosted by the Consul-General at his residence on 31 January. First prize winners in all three categories were NSW students—Ms Lucia Chen [back row, 3rd from right], Ms Alyssa Sealtiel [back row, centre] and Ms Sarah Webster [back row, 4th from left], seen here with other prize winners, judges and sponsors.



The Japan National Tourism Organisation (JNTO) and Tourism Australia have agreed to set the period from 1 January to 31 December 2013 as the Australia-Japan Tourism Exchange Year 2013, aiming to promote bilateral exchange in the tourism industry of both countries.

2013 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first sister-city relationship for Japan and Australia between Yamato-Takada City in Nara Prefecture and Lismore City in New South Wales, and throughout this year active tourism exchange promotions will be carried out including hosting a range of events in various regions of both countries, with the aim of facilitating the bilateral exchange of approximately 650,000 people, including usual travellers.



Through this, and ensuring the stable supply of available seats on flights, both countries will endeavour to further deepen mutual exchanges and implement policies to facilitate tourist flows between Australia and Japan.

### Travelling to Japan

JNTO has a Sydney office with its own webpage which is a great place to start planning a trip to Japan.

[www.jnto.org.au](http://www.jnto.org.au)

Here you will find suggested itineraries—the top sites and off-the-beaten-track locations—as well as helpful information about voltage, ATMs and all those points that make travelling smoother.

## Letters to the Editor

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