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Mr Masahiko Kiya  
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Dear Consul-General,

On behalf of the Government and people of New South Wales, I would like to convey my sincere best wishes to you and the people of Japan on the auspicious occasion of His Majesty Emperor Naruhito's 61<sup>st</sup> birthday. This is a day of great significance for Japanese people around the world and we proudly join you in the celebrations.

New South Wales and Japan share a longstanding and deep friendship. Japan was the first international destination I visited as Premier of New South Wales. The relationship between New South Wales and Japan continues to grow and flourish. We were touched by the support Japan provided in response to the devastating 2019/2020 bushfires.

As the world emerges from the global pandemic that changed the course of history, New South Wales looks forward to working with our many partners in Japan to create an even brighter future for our communities.

Once again, it is my privilege to offer His Majesty Emperor Naruhito heartfelt congratulations on his 61<sup>st</sup> birthday. His Majesty the Emperor is a much-loved and highly regarded leader, guided by generations of tradition while keenly attuned to the modern world. He will no doubt continue to successfully lead the Japanese nation through the Reiwa era.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Gladys Berejiklian'.

**Gladys Berejiklian MP**  
**Premier**

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