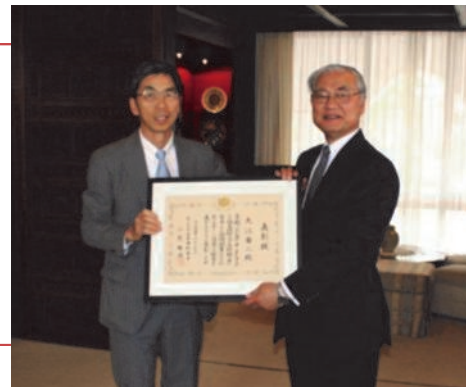


Consul-General's Activities

Mr Kikuji Ohe receives Consul-General Award

Mr Kikuji Ohe [right], Special Counsel, Norton Rose, was presented with a 'Consul-General Award' by Dr Masahiro Kohara, Consul-General of Japan in Sydney on 19 November 2012.

The award was in recognition of more than twenty years of dedicated service by Mr Ohe providing legal advice to the Consulate and other Japanese government organisations.



Lake Macquarie and Hakodate celebrate 20 years as sister cities

On 15 December 2012, Consul-General Kohara attended the 20th Anniversary Ceremony of Lake Macquarie's Sister-City relationship with Hakodate, held in Lake Macquarie. The Mayor of Lake Macquarie Cr Jodie Harrison [middle] and members of the delegation from Hakodate were among those who celebrated the anniversary.



The Japanese garden in Lake Macquarie was donated by Hakodate to Lake Macquarie City Council. The garden has taught the people of Lake Macquarie people about the history of its sister-city and helped to deepen exchange between the people of both cities.

Field trip to observe Japanese businesses in western Sydney

On 14 November, the Consul-General visited a major housing project being developed in Camden Hills, western Sydney by the Japanese company Sekisui House. Dr Kohara expressed his surprise at the size of the house and land packages, which would be out of the reach of all but the very rich in Japan, but he recognised the attention to detail and quality materials that Japanese consumers demand.

Earlier that morning, he visited Mitsubishi Electric where he observed maintenance of trains and power facilities. Mitsubishi Electric supplies systems to RailCorp in Sydney, including OSCar and Tangara.



With politicians at the consul-general's official residence

Friendly discussions with state and federal parliamentary members are an important part of further strengthening Australia-Japan relations.

With the Hon
Kevin Rudd MP

With the Hon
Gladys Berejiklian 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