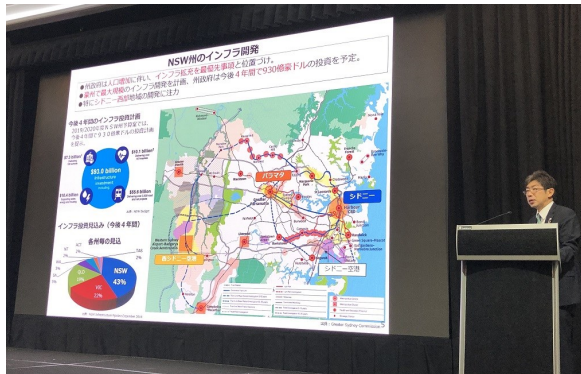


Top economic mission visits NSW from Japan

From 5 to 7 February, the **Japan/Tokyo Chambers of Commerce and Industry (JCCI/TCCI) Economic Mission** visited Sydney. The Mission was led by Dr Mimura Akio, the Chairman of JCCI/TCCI.

Consul-General Kiya Masahiko addressed the Mission with a speech on *Economic Growth in NSW and Business Opportunities for Japanese Companies*. JCCI Sydney also gave a presentation on the development of Western Sydney.



Consul-General Kiya during his speech to the Mission

During their visit to Sydney, the Mission also met with the NSW Government and the Business Council of Australia and exchanged views on further strengthening the economic ties between Japan and Australia.

Need to know —

Japan is the second largest trading partner for New South Wales.

1st for exports, and
3rd for imports!

2017/2018

Consul-General Kiya visits Darwin and Alice Springs

This Consulate covers New South Wales and the Northern Territory. While the current COVID-19 situation means interstate travel is restricted, earlier this year, Consul-General Kiya Masahiko visited both Darwin and Alice Springs as part of his undertaking to maintain and deepen strong ties between Japan and the Northern Territory.

From 18 to 20 February, the Consul-General made his second visit to Darwin. Among his many commitments, he attended the Bombing of Darwin Commemorative Service (19 Feb) and laid a wreath at the Cenotaph with representatives of the US. Later in his newsletter No. 10 (see below), he remarked that at the service, he “felt the kind consideration given by Australia to Japan-US-Australia reconciliation.”

In addition to paying courtesy calls on the Administrator of the NT and the Mayor of Darwin, Consul-General Kiya’s visit had a business focus—he visited the INPEX Ichthys LNG Project site and had discussions with representatives of the Northern Territory Departments of Trade, Business and Innovation, of Primary Industry and Resources, and of Tourism, Sports and Culture.

From 12 to 14 March, Consul-General Kiya visited Alice Springs for the first time. He paid a courtesy call on the Mayor of Alice Springs (12 Mar) and later the same day, he met with the NT Minister for Renewables, Energy and Essential Services and discussed collaboration in the areas of solar energy, hydrogen and agriculture.



In Alice Springs, he also met with local Japanese teachers. On 13 March, he observed a Japanese lesson at St Philip’s College and the Consulate also gave a kimono dressing demonstration. In the afternoon, the Consul-General was in Uluru where he gained an insight into issues facing tourism since Uluru closed the Rock to climbers.

The Consul-General is keen for representatives of the Consulate to visit Darwin and Alice Springs as soon as circumstances allow.

Need to know — Japan is the largest source market of international tourists to the Northern Territory.

Consul-General Kiya’s newsletter

Consul-General Kiya writes a regular online newsletter. The purpose of the bilingual e-newsletter is to introduce various activities he engages in as Consul-General and to share some of his thoughts and feelings as he goes about his duties.

He hopes that through these newsletters more people will learn about the multi-faceted connections between Australia and Japan.

Since the last issue, he has written on the following topics:

- No.11 **Australia’s Response to Coronavirus** (March 25, 2020)
- No.10 **Darwin and Japan (Part 2): From the Bombing of Darwin to the Ichthys LNG Project** (March 6, 2020)
- No. 9 **Sports deepen ties between Australia and Japan** (February 21, 2020)
- No. 8 **Bushfires in Australia and Support from Japan** (February 7, 2020)

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