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Summary

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The largest ever Australian delegation comprising 250 plus industry, government (state and federal) and academic leaders attended. Energy and resources remained the backbone of economic cooperation. The energy transition would provide new opportunities, particularly in critical minerals and clean energy supply chains. s 33(a)(iii)

From 23 - 25 October, Australian and Japanese business representatives participated in the 61st Australia-Japan Joint Business Conference (JBC) "New Beginnings" held in Nagoya.

2. The annual conference co-hosted by the Japan Australia Business Co-operation Committee (JABCC) and Australia Japan Business Co-operation Committee (AJBCC), is the largest and most influential bilateral business event of the year (final program attached). Resources Minister King, South Australia Trade, and Investment Minister Szakacs, the Governors of Victoria (Margaret Gardner) and Western Australian (Chris Dawson) and Senior Officials from DFAT, Treasury, Austrade, and EFA also attended (participant list attached).

3. Reflecting the depth and breadth of the Australia-Japan economic relationship, this year's JBC hosted a **record number of 250+ Australian and 300 Japanese delegates** representing a diverse range of sectors, from energy and resources to IT, fintech, venture capital, services and real estate. Japan's private sector turned up in force, including the CEOs of Mitsubishi, Sojitz

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and Sumitomo, Chair of INPEX and senior executives from the remaining major trading houses, as well as key industry players.

4. Minister King's participation and keynote address at the opening ceremony (cable to follow) emphasised **Australia's strong commitment to Japan on energy security, our desire to work together on the energy transition, and opportunities under FMA**, and was well received by delegates. Unable to attend in-person due to election commitments, METI Minister Muto delivered a video message that reiterated similar messages, including the importance of cooperating in the region through the CPTPP, APEC, IPEF and AZEC. Ambassadors read messages from Prime Ministers.

Key themes

5. Energy and resources featured prominently. **Australia would remain an important and reliable partner on traditional energy sources**, but Japanese partners would continue to seek reassurances. Companies appreciated the recent Future Gas Strategy, but continued to raise concerns about policy uncertainty over gas and coal. They also emphasised the role of LNG and diverse technology pathways including CCS/CCUS to reach net zero.

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AJBCC EXECUTIVE

1	Mr	Peter	Grey	President Chairman	AJBCC MLC Life Insurance
2	Mr	Bob	Seidler AM	Vice President Principal	AJBCC Kokusai Business Advisory
3	Mr	Ian	Williams	Vice President Chair	AJBCC NEX Building Group
4	Ms	Debra	Hazelton	Vice President Chair	AJBCC Export Finance Australia
5	Mr	Doug	Bartley	Treasurer Director	AJBCC Maximise Group Pty Ltd
6	Mr	Tim	Lester	Executive Chair	Jameson Boyce Partners
7	Professor	Veronica	Taylor	Professor of Law and Regulation	Australian National University
8	Mr	Andrew	Gauci	Chair, Japan / Executive Director, Development Partnerships, Global	Lendlease
9	Ms	Michaela	Browning	CEO Asia Pacific	Brunswick Group
10	Mr	Paul	Jenkins	Global CEO	Ashurst
11	Mr	Ben	Opie	Chair, Japan Practice; Lead Tax Partner	KPMG
12	Mr	Peter	Yates AM	Executive Chair	RoadKnight Investments (Australia) Pty Ltd
13	Mr	Rag	Udd	Chief Commercial Officer	BHP
14	Ms	Sally	Townsend	Regional Director, Japan and Korea	Government of South Australia
15	Mr	Richard	Andrews	CEO	AJBCC

AJBCC ADVISORY COUNCIL

16	s 47F(1)				Australian National University
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18					Whitehaven Coal
19					Mitsui & Co., Ltd.

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VIP GUESTS

20	HE The Hon	Christopher	Dawson AC APM	Governor of Western Australia	Government of Western Australia
21	HE Prof The Hon	Margaret	Gardner AC	Governor of Victoria	Government of Victoria
22	The Hon	Joe	Szakacs MP	Minister for Trade and Investment	Government of South Australia
23	HE Mr	Justin	Hayhurst	Australian Ambassador to Japan	Australian Embassy, Tokyo
24	The Hon	Annastacia	Palaszczuk	International Ambassador	Smart Energy Council
25	Mr	Andrew	Shearer	Director-General National Intelligence	Office of National Intelligence
26	Mr	Xavier	Simonet	CEO	Austrade
27	Mr	Bran	Black	Chief Executive	Business Council of Australia
28	Mr	Peter	Roberts OAM	Minister and Deputy Head of Mission	Australian Embassy Tokyo
29	s 22(1)(a)(ii)			General Manager, North East Asia, Austrade/ Minister (Commercial)	Australian Embassy Tokyo

CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

30	s 33(a)(iii), s 47F(1)				Building 4.0 CRC
31					Export Finance Australia
32					EG Funds Management
33					BHP
34					Department of Treasury
35					PT Blink Limited
36					Nous Group
37					Santos Limited
38					Chalice Mining Limited
39					United States Studies Centre
40					Norton Rose Fulbright
41					Rio Tinto Commercial Pte Ltd
42					PwC Australia
43					Rio Tinto Japan Limited
44					Baseball Australia
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46	Ms	Nancy	Commissioner General, Osaka Expo	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
47	s 33(a)(iii), s 47F(1)	Gordon		Gullivers Sport Travel
48				NSW Rugby & The Waratahs

DELEGATES

49	s 47F(1)			Adelaide Consultancy
50				AMCER Consulting
51				Apex Logic
52				Ashurst
53				Ashurst
54				Ashurst
55				Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited
56				Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited
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66				Australia-Japan Innovation Fund
67				Australian and New Zealand Chamber of Commerce in Japan (ANZCCJ)
68	s 22(1)(a)(ii)		Minister-Counsellor (Economic) & Senior Treasury Representative	Australian Embassy Tokyo
69			Second Secretary Trade and Economic	Australian Embassy Tokyo
70			Counsellor - Education and Research	Australian Embassy Tokyo
71			Advisor, External Engagement	Australian Government
72			General Manager	Australian Hydrogen Council

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73	s 33(a)(iii), s 47F(1)			BD Welsh & Co
74				BHP
75				Buchan
76				Building 4.0 CRC
77				Business Council of Australia
78				Business Events Perth
79				Business Events Perth
80				Cannatrek Japan KK
81				Chalice Mining Limited
82				Chalice Mining Limited
83				Clayton Utz
84				Commonwealth Bank of Australia
85				Commonwealth Bank of Australia
86				Commonwealth Bank of Australia
87				Commonwealth Bank of Australia
88				CSIRO
89				CSIRO
90				Dataminr
91				Deloitte
92				Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
93				Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
94				Dragoman
95				EG Japan
96				Element Zero Pty
97				Emerge Capital
98				Emerge Capital
99	s 47F(1)			Export Finance Australia
100				Export Finance Australia

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101	S 47F(1)				EY Australia
102					EY Australia
103					Fortescue Energy
104					Fujitsu
105					Fujitsu Australia
106					Gadens
107					Gilbert + Tobin
108					Gilbert + Tobin
109					Gilbert George & Associates
110					Global Value Partners (GVP)
111					Governance Australia & Asia
112	S 22(1)(a)(ii)			Director, Trade and Investment - Tokyo, Investment NSW	Government of New South Wales
113				Senior Trade and Investment Commissioner, North Asia International Operations, Trade and Investment Queensland Japan Office	Government of Queensland
114				Principal Business Development Manager, Trade and Investment Queensland Japan Office	Government of Queensland
115				Director, Research Partnerships, Trade and Investment Queensland Japan Office	Government of Queensland
116				Director - Resources, Fuels and Clean Technologies - Invest SA, Department of State Development	Government of South Australia
117				Chief of Staff for Minister Szakacs	Government of South Australia
118				Executive Director, Invest SA, Department of State Development	Government of South Australia
119				Acting Chief Executive Officer, Department of Trade, Business and Asian Relations	Government of the Northern Territory
120				Official Secretary to the Governor	Government of Victoria
121				Commissioner for Japan	Government of Victoria
122				Executive Director, Economic Development and International, Department of Premier and Cabinet	Government of Victoria
123				Director Investment - Asia & MENA, Invest Victoria	Government of Victoria
124				Senior Investment Director, Tokyo Office	Government of Victoria
125				Market Lead North Asia, Invest Victoria	Government of Victoria

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126	s 22(1)(a)(ii)		Deputy Director General, Resources and Project Facilitation, Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation	Government of Western Australia
127			Official Secretary to the Governor	Government of Western Australia
128			Deputy Director General, Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation	Government of Western Australia
129			Director Business Development, Invest and Trade WA Tokyo Office	Government of Western Australia
130	s 47F(1)			Gullivers Sport Travel
131	Mr	Gerhard	CEO Group Operations	Hancock Prospecting
132	s 47F(1)	Veldsman		Hancock Prospecting
133				Herbert Smith Freehills
134				Herbert Smith Freehills
135				Hitachi Australia Pty Ltd
136				Hitachi Australia Pty Ltd
137				Holan Group
138				Holan Group
139				Idea Partners
140				Industrial Growth Platform, Inc.
141				Industrial Growth Platform, Inc.
142	Mr	Joshua	CEO	Innovation Dojo Japan
143	s 47F(1)	Flannery		Innovative Research Universities
144				Innovative Research Universities
145				Iron Road Ltd
146				JERA Australia Pty Ltd
147				Kintsugi
148	Mr	Yukinori	CEO	Kita-Sanriku Factory Australia
149	Mr	Carl	CEO	Kohei Consulting
150	s 47F(1)			Kokusai Business Advisory
151				Kokusai Business Advisory
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153	s 47F(1)				KPMG
154					Lendlease Australia Pty Limited
155					Magnetite Mines
156					Magnetite Mines
157					Marubeni Australia Limited
158					MinterEllison
159					Mitsubishi Estate Asia
160					Mitsubishi Estate Asia
161					National Australia Bank Limited
162					National Australia Bank Limited
163					New Hope Group
164					Norinchukin Australia Pty Limited
165					Norinchukin Australia Pty Limited
166					North West Shelf Gas
167					Norton Rose Fulbright Australia
168					Norton Rose Fulbright Canada LLP
169					Ohtani & Co. Pty. Ltd.
170	Ms	Yoko	Kosugi	CFO	Pembroke Resources
171	Professor	Gordon	Flake	CEO	Perth USAsia Centre
172	s 47F(1)				Planum Partners
173	Mr	Craig	Carmody	CEO	Port of Newcastle
174	s 47F(1)				PwC Australia
175					PwC Australia
176					PwC Australia
177					Australia-Japan Innovation Fund
178					QIC Limited
179					Real Assets Advisory & Finance
					Rio Tinto Japan Limited

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183	RMIT University			
184	Roy Hill Holdings			
185	Santos Limited			
186	Santos Limited			
187	Shinka Management			
188	Smart Energy Council			
189	Smart Energy Council			
190	Southern Cross Gold Ltd			
191	Southern Cross Gold Ltd			
192	Stanwell Corporation			
193	Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation			
194	SunCable			
195	SunCable			
196	Tanarra Capital Pty Ltd			
197	Tanarra Capital Pty Ltd			
198	The Chamber of Minerals and Energy of Western Australia			
199	Theia Energy Pty Ltd			
200	Thiess			
201	Thomson Geer			
202	Thomson Geer			
203	Tin Alley Ventures			
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205	TreviPay			
206	Trinity Indo-Pacific Partners			

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207	S 47F(1)			UGL Pty Limited
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209				University of New South Wales
210				University of South Australia
211				University of South Australia
212				University of Technology Sydney
213				University of Technology Sydney
214				Veracity Worldwide
215				Whitehaven Coal
216				Whitehaven Coal
217				Woodside Energy
218				Woodside Energy
219				Xodus
220				Yandina
221				Yokogawa Australia Pty Ltd

FUTURE LEADERS PROGRAM

222	S 47F(1)			Ashurst
223				Ashurst
224	Mr	Susumu (Steve)	Handa	CEO
225	S 47F(1)			Daiwa Capital Markets Australia Limited
226				Deloitte
227				EX-Fusion
228				EY Australia
229				EY Australia
230				Government of the Northern Territory
231				KPMG
232				Marubeni Australia Limited
233				MLC Life Insurance
234				National Australia Bank Limited

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234	S 47F(1)			Norton Rose Fulbright
235				Planum Partners
236				Smart Energy Council
237				University of New South Wales
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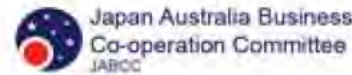
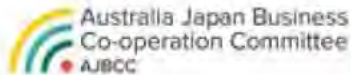
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Wednesday, 23 October 2024

MORNING PROGRAM

Venue: Nagoya Kanko Hotel

Future Leaders Program - Morning Pre-Session (Future Leaders only)

Future Leaders Program - Lunch Pre-Session (by invitation only)

AFTERNOON PROGRAM

2:00pm - 2:30pm

Conference Registration Starts

Venue: Nagoya Kanko Hotel | 3F Nago (West)

2:30pm - 4:30pm

Meeting of the Joint Steering Committee (Steering Committee members only, a separate invitation will be sent with details on the agenda and venue for this meeting)

Venue: Nagoya Kanko Hotel

5:00-6:00PM

Australian Delegation Briefing

Venue: Nagoya Kanko Hotel | 2F Akebono (East)

WELCOME RECEPTION*

6:30-8:30PM

Venue: Hilton Nagoya | 5F 'Ohgi'

Standing buffet and networking reception

Partners are welcome

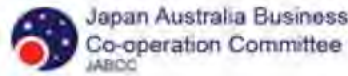
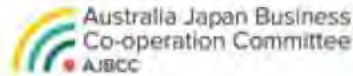
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MORNING PROGRAM

Venue: Nagoya Kanko Hotel | 3F 'Nago'

8:15am - Registration opens

9:00am - 9:30am

Opening Ceremony*

- Opening Remarks by Michiaki Hirose, Chairman, JABCC and Peter Grey, President, AJBCC
- Messages from the Prime Ministers of Japan and Australia
- Welcome remarks by Guest of Honour, Hideaki Ohmura, Governor of Aichi Prefecture

9:30am - 9:50am

Special Ministerial Addresses

- Yoji Muto, Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry
- The Hon Madeleine King MP, Minister for Resources and Minister for Northern Australia

9:50am - 10:40am

Keynote Speeches

- s 47F(1) President and Director, Chubu Electric Power Co., Inc.
- Author, Economist

10:40am - 10:55am

Coffee Break

10:55am - 11:45am

Keynote Speeches

- Seiji Izumisawa, President and CEO, Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Ltd.
- s 47F(1) AM, Chair of Building 4.0 CRC

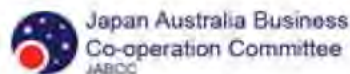
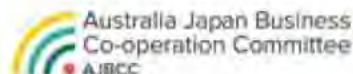
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LUNCH

11:45am - 1:10pm

Venue: Hilton Nagoya | 5F 'Ohgi'

Buffet style, seated (free seating)

AFTERNOON PROGRAM

Venue: Nagoya Kanko Hotel | 3F 'Nago'

1:10pm - 2:25pm

Plenary Session: Economic Partnership between Japan, Australia and South East Asia

Moderator:

- s 47F(1) Professor, Graduate School of Public Policy, University of Tokyo

Panelists:

- Shingo Ueno, President and CEO, Sumitomo Corporation
- s 47F(1) Chief Investment Office, Export Finance Australia
- Chair of the Permanent Committee for Asia Pacific, Indonesian Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- s 47F(1) Executive Vice-President, Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry

2:25pm - 3:40pm

Plenary Session: Diversity in Action – Building Business Success through Inclusion

Moderator:

- Michaela Browning, Partner and CEO, Asia Pacific, Brunswick Group

Panelists:

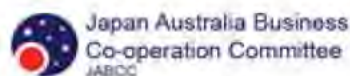
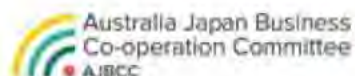
- s 47F(1) Co-Founder and Partner, Trinity Indo-Pacific Partners Pte. Ltd
- s 47F(1) Japan Country President, BHP
- Dr Michael Easson AM, Founder, EG Fund Management
- s 47F(1) President, Ochanomizu University

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Venue: Nagoya Kanko Hotel | 3F 'Nago'

3:40pm - 4:00pm

Coffee Break

4:00pm - 5:15pm

Plenary Session: Pioneering the Future – Innovation, Technology and Manufacturing

Moderator:

- s 47F(1) Executive Officer, General Manager, Chubu Branch, Marubeni Corporation

Panelists:

- s 47F(1) Director of AirMobility Business Development Department, SkyDrive Inc
- Mohita Zaheed, First Assistant Secretary, Australian Treasury
- Murray Ellen, Founder and Executive Chairman, PT Blink
- s 47F(1) Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corporation, Senior Vice President of R&D

5:30pm - Bus transfer to Tokyu Hotel (available only to pre-registered delegates)

5:45pm - Dinner registration opens

CONFERENCE DINNER*

6:30pm - 8:30pm

Venue: Nagoya Tokyu Hotel | 3F 'Versailles'

Formal seated dinner (business attire)

Partners are welcome

- Remarks by Guest of Honour, Tadashi Shimao, Chairman, Nagoya Chamber of Commerce & Industry

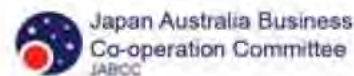
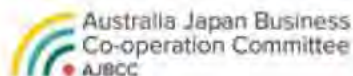
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Friday, 25 October 2024

MORNING PROGRAM

Venue: Nagoya Kanko Hotel | 3F 'Nago'

9:00am - 10:15am

Plenary Session: Energy Transition – Collaborating Towards Net Zero

Moderator:

- s 47F(1) Chairman, Hydro Tasmania

Panelists:

- Masayoshi Fujimoto, Chairman & CEO, Sojitz Corporation
- s 47F(1) Managing Director, Corporate Engagement, MUFG Bank, Ltd.
- Alexander Dorsch, Chief Executive Officer, Chalice Mining Limited
- s 47F(1) Vice President, Marketing, Trading and Shipping, Santos

10:15am - 10:30am

Coffee Break

10:30am - 11:45am

Plenary Session: Forging a Resilient Future

Delivered by Future Leaders

Moderator:

- s 47F(1) Manager, Mitsui & Co. (Australia)
- Opening: s 47F(1) Commercial Manager, Aluminium, Rio Tinto
- Research Presentation: s 47F(1) Director, Japanese Services Group, Deloitte
- Closing: s 47F(1) Senior Manager, Assurance & Japan Service Desk, PwC

Panelists:

- s 47F(1) Senior Economic Adviser, United States Studies Centre
- s 47F(1) Global Head of Sales and Marketing, Rio Tinto
- s 47F(1) Head of Project Origination (ESG, Decarbonization & Energy Transition), Sojitz Australia Limited
- s 47F(1) Senior Associate, Projects and Construction, Norton Rose Fulbright Australia

11:45am - 12:15pm

Closing Ceremony and 62nd Joint Business Conference Host City Announcement

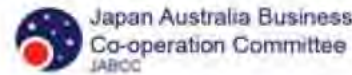
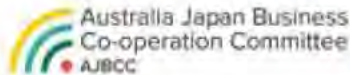
Remarks by Peter Grey, President, AJBCC and Michiaki Hirose, Chairman, JABCC

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LUNCH

Venue: Hilton Nagoya | 5F 'Ohgi'
Seated lunch (free seating)
12:15pm - 1:15pm

Panel discussion: Building business links through major events and sport

Moderator:

- Ian Williams, AJBCC Vice President and Chair of the Major Events & Sport Advisory Committee

Panelists:

- s 47F(1) Executive Director and Commissioner General of Australia at Osaka Expo Taskforce
- s 47F(1) General Manager, NSW Positive Rugby Foundation at NSW Rugby and Super Rugby Waratahs
- Glenn Williams, CEO, Baseball Australia
- s 47F(1) Chairman & Director, Gullivers Sport Travel
- s 47F(1) Corporate Sports Management Office, Fujitsu Ltd

AFTERNOON PROGRAM

Venue: Nagoya Kanko Hotel
12:15pm - 12:45pm
Joint Media Conference (by invitation only)

SITE VISITS

Two optional Site Visits are planned for the afternoon:

Site Visit Option 1:

- Visit to Minato Acres Energy Center
- Visit to the Kirin Brewery

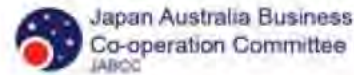
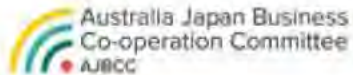
Site Visit Option 2:

- Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Aerospace Systems Tobishima Plant
- Toyota Museum

* Indicates events that partners can participate in. There will also be a full-day Partners' Program on Thursday, 24 October.

PARTNER PROGRAM

NAGOYA | 24 OCTOBER 2024



Exploring Nagoya's Prominent Cultural Attractions: Atsuta Shrine, Nagoya Castle and Noritake Museum

Join Chris Glenn, an Australian tour guide who has resided in Nagoya for 30 years, on a journey to discover Japanese Shinto (Atsuta Shrine), history (Nagoya Castle), and traditional crafts (Noritake Museum).

Meeting Point and Time:

Meet at 9:35 AM at the 1st floor lobby of Nagoya Kanko Hotel.

What to wear:

Comfortable clothing and shoes suitable for walking (as we will be exploring Atsuta Shrine and Nagoya Castle on foot).

Things to keep in mind:

The venue for lunch will be "Kusumura", which features traditional Japanese-style dining (horigotatsu). Please note that you will need to remove your shoes at the restaurant.

Itinerary:

- 9:40 AM: Depart from Nagoya Kanko Hotel
- 9:55 AM: Arrive at Atsuta Shrine (50 minutes)
- 10:45 AM: Depart for Nagoya Castle (20 minutes)
- 11:05 AM: Arrive at Nagoya Castle (70 minutes)
- 12:15 PM: Depart for lunch (10 minutes)
- 12:25 PM: Lunch at Kusumura (Tofu Kaiseki) (60 minutes)
- 13:25 PM: Depart for Noritake Garden (15 minutes)
- 13:40 PM: Arrive at Noritake Garden (Craft Center/Museum tour) (50 minutes)
- 14:30 PM: Pottery painting experience (60 minutes)
- 15:30 PM: Depart for Nagoya Kanko Hotel and Hilton Nagoya (10 minutes)
- 15:40 PM: Arrive at Nagoya Kanko Hotel and Hilton Nagoya

All times are approximate and subject to change.

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FYI: [Visit to Japan to promote resources and investment | Ministers for the Department of Industry, Science and Resources](#)

Visit to Japan to promote resources and investment

23 October 2024

Minister for Resources and Northern Australia Madeleine King will visit Japan this week to promote resources and energy trade and investment.

The visit will also advance efforts to identify further opportunities to partner with Japan on critical minerals projects under the Future Made in Australia agenda.

Minister King will hold talks with executives from some of Japan's largest companies and will deliver a keynote address in Nagoya to a major Joint Business Conference, which brings together major Japanese and Australian business leaders.

"Japan is one of Australia's most trusted and valued trading partners and Australia is rock solid in its commitment to remain a reliable and stable source of resources and energy," Minister King said.

"At the same time, the transition to net zero creates new opportunities to deepen ties in critical minerals projects under our \$22.7 billion investment in a Future Made in Australia."

Under the Japan-Australia Critical Minerals Partnership, both countries are committed to delivering on their net-zero targets by building secure supply chains for critical minerals.

The Australia-Japan Joint Business Conference is the formal business connection between Australia and Japan.

Japan's largest companies and trading houses are significant investors in Australia's resources and energy sectors.

Japan is Australia's second largest trading partner with two-way trade worth more than \$120 billion in 2023.

Exports to Japan, including LNG, iron ore and coal, were worth \$90 billion in 2023, while total Japanese investment in Australia was worth \$265 billion in 2023.

This is Minister King's third visit to Japan.

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Good morning, Sharing Minister King's speech to the AJBCC Conference yesterday – s 22(1)(a)(ii) and team, may be useful for your Estimates briefs 😊

Thanks,

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[Address to Australia-Japan Joint Business Conference | Ministers for the Department of Industry, Science and Resources](#)

On energy security:

Importantly, Australian LNG helps provide power to tens-of-millions of Japanese families and businesses across Japan.

It truly is a remarkable part of our shared story that a country of 26 million people is able to support the energy needs of a country of 124 million, the third largest economy in the world.

Australia understands that Japan depends on reliable, secure and affordable energy imports.

This will continue into the future.

We will not let Japan down.

We will help keep the lights on.

I made this commitment earlier this year in Tokyo.

Our Prime Minister, Anthony Albanese, did the same when he met Japan's new Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba earlier this month at the ASEAN summit.

On Expo:

Expo 2025 Osaka

The Australian Government is also preparing itself for a spectacular presence at Expo 2025 in Osaka.

The size of our pavilion and the scale of our participation reflects the importance of Japan to Australia.

Australia's pavilion and programming at Expo will highlight a modern, diverse and innovative Australia.

It will encompass renewable energy, critical minerals, space, food and wine, international education and research, health and sport.

I encourage companies here to consider if they would like to partner with the Australian Government at Osaka Expo 2025 and be sponsors of an exciting and monumental event for Japan.

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Australian Embassy Tokyo
Weekly Trade & Economic Snapshot

**Australia-Japan Joint Business Conference held in Nagoya – Record Aussie Buy-In**

- The Japan-Australia Business Cooperation Committee (JABCC) held its 61st annual Joint Business Conference in Nagoya on 23-25 October.
- Around 250 Australian businesspeople – the biggest delegation ever – came to Nagoya to explore opportunities with major Japanese business leaders. We are tracking several possible business outcomes – watch this space.
- Minister for Resources and Northern Australia Madeleine King delivered the [keynote address](#).
- HOM delivered a message from PM Albanese and Australia's Commissioner-General for the Osaka Expo 2025 spoke to Australian and Japanese businesses on expo opportunities.
- WA Governor Dawson, Victoria Governor Gardner and SA Trade and Investment Minister Szakacs also flew in from Australia to attend.
- Deep in election mode, PM Ishiba gave remarks (delivered by Ambassador Suzuki), referencing his Young Political Leader's Exchange trip to Australia in 1998, while METI Minister Muto Yoji sent a video message.
- Discussions focused on traditional sectors like resources and energy and also financial services, real estate, start-ups and venture capital. There were multiple side-events, including on the energy transition, hydrogen, wine and innovation.
- The Australian government team included representatives from the Australian Embassy in Tokyo, DISR, Treasury FMA front door and EFA.

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Photos of the Week*Minister King giving keynote remarks*



Packed conference discussions



Roundtable with DHOM Peter Roberts, Austrade Senior Trade and Investment Commissioner Elizabeth Cox and Japanese businesspeople



Australia's Commissioner-General for the Osaka Expo 2025 Nancy Gordon with Australia's Expo 2025 team



Minister King with HOM Justin Hayhurst and AJBCC President Peter Grey



Hip-hop dancers from a local school entertain guests at the official dinner



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Cheers,

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BACKGROUND BRIEF | CRITICAL MINERALS

What Is It?

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Australia can be a long-term reliable supplier to Japan of critical minerals essential to modern technologies.
- The Japan-Australia Critical Minerals Partnership was signed by you and then Japan's Vice Minister for International Affairs, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) Hirohide Hirai during a visit to Australia in October 2022.
 - o Australia and Japan convene an officials-level Working Group biannually under the Partnership.
- Direct Japanese investment secures many Australian critical minerals projects and numerous Japanese companies have offtake agreements or MOUs with Australian critical minerals providers.
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Your visit is

an opportunity to encourage further Japanese investment into Australia's critical minerals industry, with the aim of diversifying supply chains.

- o Lynas Rare Earths has received more than \$500 million in debt and equity finance since 2011 to develop the Mt Weld project from Japan Australia Rare Earths (JARE)— a joint venture (JV) between Japan Organization for Metals and Energy Security (JOGMEC) and Sojitz Corporation--in return for 65% of the dysprosium-terbium (DyTb) offtake produced over the life of the mine.

- o Ardea Resources recently formed a joint venture (Kalgoorlie Nickel Pty Ltd, KNPL) with Mitsubishi Corporation and Sumitomo Metal Mining to develop its Goongarrie Nickel Hub (Kalgoorlie, WA). The JV will fund a Definitive Feasibility Study for the project. If a successful Final Investment Decision is made, the Japanese consortium will have the right to increase its stake in KNPL to 50%. Sumitomo is providing nickel processing IP as part of its investment.

- o Idemitsu Australia (subsidiary of Idemitsu Kosan) is a major investor in several Australian critical minerals project proponents including:

- Delta Lithium: 15% share of the company in Western Australia.
- Critical Minerals Group: cornerstone investor (~32%) in the vanadium and copper-gold focussed company preparing to mine in Queensland.
- Graphinex: a significant stake in the graphite battery anode company and its Esmeralda Graphite Project in Queensland.

- o Idemitsu has also partnered with Sumitomo Electric Industries and Australian firm Vecco Group to market vanadium-redox flow batteries in Australia using vanadium electrolyte mined and manufactured in North Queensland. Idemitsu has a 14.7% shareholding of Vecco.

- o Iwatani Australia (previously Doral Pty Ltd), subsidiary of Iwatani Corporation has mineral sands operations in south-west WA (Doral) producing ilmenite, leucoxene, rutile and zircon concentrates, and also value-added fused zirconia.
- o On 2 July 2024 Chalice (WA) announced a deal with Mitsubishi Corporation to develop its Gonneville platinum group element-nickel-copper-cobalt project, located in Western Australia. A pre-feasibility study is expected to be completed by mid-2025.

Why It Matters

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Recent Developments/Interactions

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- Under the Japan-Australia Critical Minerals Partnership, the officials’ level bilateral Critical Minerals Working Group (CMWG) met in May 2024 in Tokyo.

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On 24 October, Minister for Resources King was asked to comment on Sullivan's words in Japan and said Australia had been working with the US on finding ways to create a marketplace for critical minerals produced according to high environmental, social and governance standards and reflected in pricing.

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Hi CMN team,

For your senate estimates brief, drawing your attention to an article from this morning from Minister King's travel to Japan – interview with Nikkei.
Note yellow highlight.

**Australia's minerals czar courts Japan in critical minerals
push**

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She added that Japan's battery-making and advanced manufacturing expertise would be integral to Australia's plans to increase its own involvement in processing critical minerals.

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But China has a tight grip on the supply of critical minerals, thanks in part to its decades of experience in processing them. Historically, drops in rare earth prices have hit non-Chinese companies particularly hard, with U.S.-based Molycorp notably filing for bankruptcy protection in 2015.

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Here is the article reporting Minister King's interview in Tokyo.

Australia's minerals czar courts Japan in critical minerals push

Madeleine King aims to boost cooperation on China-free supply chain



Australian Resource Minister Madeleine King says she wants to tap Japan's manufacturing expertise. (Photo by Naoaki Murayama)

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Summary

The Minister for Resources, Madeleine King MP, visited Japan to promote partnership on the Future Made in Australia critical minerals agenda and to reaffirm commitment to the Future Gas Strategy. Japan's corporate leaders welcomed the Minister's commitment to the economic relationship and enthusiastically discussed the next generation of Japanese investments they plan with Australia, including in critical minerals mining and processing.

Minister King visited Japan from 22 to 25 October, meeting business leaders in Tokyo and Nagoya, and addressed the 61st Australia-Japan Joint Business Conference (attended by 550 delegates, and the Governor of Aichi Prefecture).

2. The Minister reaffirmed Australia's commitment to be a **reliable supplier of energy** and encouraged **partnership on critical minerals**. Minister King had good access to some of Japan's most significant CEOs, reflecting Australia's status as a critical partner on resources and energy investment.

3. Japan's corporate leaders appreciated the Minister's effort to travel for the important business conference, despite the fact Japan was preparing for a general election and ministerial meetings were not possible.

4. Japanese business leaders welcomed the **Future Gas Strategy** as a demonstration of the Australian Government's commitment to the energy transition of the region. They shared concerns about regulatory and planning uncertainty and investment conditions in Australia, though the overall the message was optimistic about future projects. s 33(a)(iii), s 33(b)

5. **Carbon capture and storage (CCS)** was another key theme of several meetings, including developments in Japan and potential opportunities for further engagement with Australia (including details of current projects).

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s 22(1)(a)(ii)

6. Business leaders saw Minister King as a key counterpart in the Australian system. Her portfolio responsibility for **mining, oil & gas, and critical minerals** covered the important areas of investment. There were further links through Minister King's responsibility for Northern Australia, with broader Japanese interest in **energy transition, industry development and agriculture in the north**.

7. A topic across meetings was **Japan's 7th Strategic Energy Plan** - a plan renewed every three years by the Japanese Government to set the direction for energy policy. The 7th Plan, due to be completed by March 2025 (end of the Japan financial year), would set targets for Japan's 2040 energy mix. s 33(a)(iii), s 33(b)

9. The Japan visit by DISR Secretary Quinn in early October (s 22(1)(a)(ii)) prepared the ground well for Minister King's engagements. Post can continue the momentum on FMA partnership through Treasury Secretary Kennedy's planned November visit for the Economic Policy Dialogue with Japan.

10. Minister King's office, HOM Tokyo, and DISR were consulted on preparation of this cable.

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