

日豪友好協力基本条約署名 50 周年及びクイーンズランド
州日本友好議連発足記念レセプションにおける
島田外務大臣政務官ビデオ・メッセージ

- Members of Queensland Parliament,
Representatives of the Queensland Government,
Members of the Japanese Community,
Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen.
- It is my great honor to deliver congratulatory
message on behalf of the Ministry of Foreign
Affairs of Japan at this inaugural gathering of
the Parliamentary Friends of Japan Group.
- I would like to express my gratitude to all those
dedicated individuals who have worked tirelessly
for many years to strengthen the enduring
friendship between Japan and Queensland.
- The establishment of the Parliamentary Friends
of Japan Group is significant as parliamentary
diplomacy can serve as a powerful means of
advancing our shared goals and values. I
sincerely thank you for stepping forward to play
such an important role in deepening mutual
understanding and further strengthening the ties
between our nations.
- This year marks two very important
anniversaries: the 50th anniversary of the

signing of the Basic Treaty of Friendship and Co-operation between Japan and Australia, and the 130th anniversary of the establishment of the first Japanese consular office in Townsville in Queensland. We are proud to celebrate these two milestones together with the people of Queensland.

- These anniversaries remind us that our relationship, which began in Townsville in 1896, has grown into a truly multifaceted partnership, ranging from complementary economic relations to security cooperation, including Australia's recent selection of the upgraded Japanese Mogami-class frigate. This ever-growing strong partnership was further enhanced by Prime Minister TAKAICHI's visit to Australia this May, where two leaders confirmed a concrete direction for deepening our partnership.
- In closing, I once again extend my sincere appreciation to all those involved in establishing the Parliamentary Friends of Japan Group as well as to those who have contributed to our relationship thus far. I look forward to a further successful year in Japan-Queensland relations, and to seeing how our partnership continues to grow and thrive in the years ahead. Thank you.