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Minister for Finance, Trade, Employment and Training



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Official Party

The Honourable Ros Bates MP	Minister for Finance, Trade, Employment and Training, Queensland Government
Mr Peter McKay	Director-General, Department of Trade, Employment and Training
Ms Samantha McKenna	Senior Advisor, Office of the Minister for Finance, Trade, Employment and Training, Queensland Government
Ms Juna Ferrett	Queensland Trade and Investment Commissioner, Taiwan
Mr Tak Adachi	Queensland Senior Trade and Investment Commissioner, North Asia
Ms Melissa Inooka	Deputy Commissioner, Trade and Investment Queensland, Japan

International Education and Training (IET) Queensland Delegates

Name	Position	Organisation
Mr Benjamin Weeks	Principal	Robina State High School
Mrs Bernadette Storr	Manager, International Partnerships	James Cook University
Miss Chloe Pollock	Marketing Support	Pacific English Study
Ms Danelle Rosario <i>Japan section</i>	Executive Officer	Study Townsville
Mr Hayden Bell	Executive Regional Director, North Asia and Oceania	Bond University
Ms Jane Roberts <i>Japan section</i>	RTO Director / Director of Studies	Sarina Russo Institute
Ms Kayla Kuo	Marketing Manager	Canterbury Technical Institute
Mr Marc Harris	Chief Executive Officer	New England College
Ms Marnie Watson <i>Japan section</i>	Vice President (Global)	Griffith University
Mr Nelson Ferrett	Head of Global Engagement	Shafston International College
Mr Peter Homan	Chair	Study Toowoomba
Mr Peter Wei	Principal Education Officer	Shafston International College
Mr Rahul Fernandes	Principal Executive Officer	Canterbury Technical Institute
Mr Rajiv Chadda	Head of International Recruitment	Nova Anglia College
Ms Rebecca Sullivan	Acting Deputy Principal	Ipswich Girls' Grammar School
Mr Ricky Fan	Executive Director	Union Institute of Language
Ms Lorelei Baum	TAFE Queensland Board Member	TAFE Queensland
Mrs Samara Dever	President	Study Cairns
Mr Shun Hayashi	Global Marketing Manager	Langports English Language College
Mrs Simone Fuller	Executive Director	Department of Education International
Mrs Sonya McGuire	Chief Executive Officer	Australian College of Information Technology & Institute of Film and Television (ACIT & IFTV)
Ms Suha McCartney	Executive Officer	Study Cairns
Ms T'aire Olsen	Director Of Enrolments & Community Relations	Ipswich Girls' & Junior Grammar School
Ms Taka Kasahara <i>Japan section</i>	Owner	Sun Pacific College (SPC)
Ms Tanya Ferguson <i>Japan section</i>	Chief Executive Officer	Australian International Student Tours
Ms Tomoe Yamada	Study Tour Network Manager	Shafston International College
Ms Toni Riordan	Principal	St Aidan's Anglican Girls School
Mr Troy Yue	Chief Executive Officer	Charlton Brown
Ms Vickie Pollock	Director of Studies	Pacific English Study

Research and Innovation (R&I) Queensland Delegates

Name	Position	Organisation
Ms Claire Green	Associate Director (Global Strategy & Partnerships)	University of Queensland
Professor Clinton Fookes	Associate Dean Research	Queensland University of Technology (QUT)
Dr Erin Rayment <i>Japan section</i>	Chief Commercialisation and Development Officer	Queensland University of Technology (QUT)
Professor John Bell	Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research & Innovation)	University of Southern Queensland (UniSQ)
Ms Lisa Drew	Manager, Global Strategy and Partnerships (East Asia)	The University of Queensland (UQ)
Dr Mark Ashton	Director, Griffith Enterprise	Griffith University (GU)
Associate Professor Matthew Richardson	Space Program Director	University of Southern Queensland (UniSQ)
Ms Shannon Willoughby	Executive Director, Strategic Partnerships Office	The University of Queensland (UQ)

Program

Saturday 12 July 2025 – Brisbane
Depart Brisbane, travel to Taipei, Taiwan

Sunday 13 July 2025 – Taipei	
12.00pm – 1.00pm	Market briefing with Deputy Head of Post, DFAT <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Mr Daniel Stuart, Deputy Australian Representative, DFAT Venue: Grand Hyatt Taipei
1.35pm – 1.50pm	Meeting with HD Renewable Energy <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Mr Edward Hsieh, Chairman, HD Renewable Energy Group– Dr Jeffrey Chen, Chairman, HD Renewable Energy Australia and Japan Venue: Grand Hyatt Taipei
2.00pm – 3.00pm	Meeting with Taiwan Solar Photovoltaic Industry Sustainable Development Association (TPiSA) <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Mr Shang Hung Shen, Chairman, TPiSA– Mr Norman Tsai, Chairman, INA Energy Group– Mr Edward Hsieh, Chairman, HD Renewable Energy Group– Dr Jeffrey Chen, Chairman, HD Renewable Energy Australia and Japan– Mr KH Chen, Chairman, GreenHarvest Co Ltd Venue: Grand Hyatt Taipei

Monday 14 July 2025 – Taipei	
8.30am – 9.00am	DFAT market briefing with Queensland business delegation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – IET delegates – Mr Daniel Stuart, Deputy Australian Representative, DFAT <p>Venue: TIQ Taiwan Office</p>
9.05am – 9.30am	Meeting with TIQ Taiwan team <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Ms Juna Ferrett, Queensland Trade and Investment Commissioner – Taiwan – Ms Emily Cheng, Office and Marketing Manager – Taiwan <p>Venue: TIQ Taiwan Office</p>
10.30am – 11.00am	Meeting with Taiwan Ministry of Education, Youth Development Administration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Ms Hsuch-Yu Chen Director-General, Youth Development Administration – Ms Yi-Tsung Chen, Deputy Director-General, Youth Development Administration <p>Venue: Ministry of Education, Taipei</p>
1.00pm – 1.30pm	Queensland Education Showcase <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – IET delegates – Taiwan education agent representatives <p>Venue: Grand Hyatt Taipei</p>
2.00pm – 3.25pm	Queensland-Taiwan Biotech Research and Innovation Roundtable <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – R&I delegates – Dr Shiing-Jer Twu, Chairman, Development Centre for Biotechnology (DCB), Taiwan – Dr Tsai-Kun Li, President, DCB, Taiwan – Ms Wanfen Chen, Director, Division of Industrial Development, DCB, Taiwan – Ms Winnie Lin, Deputy Director, Biotech and Pharma Industries Promotion Office, MOEA – Mr Patrick Hafenstein, Chairman, Esenfa Capital – Mr Ethan Shen, CEO, JY Biomed, YD BioPharma, EG Biomed – Mr Mike Huang, Managing Partner, Taiwan Capital – Mr Jerry Huang, Chairman, Intelligene – Ms Patty Song, President, Intelligene – PhD Che Hsu, General Manager, Beiley Biofund

Monday 14 July 2025 – Taipei	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – PhD Yuju Chen, Venture Creation Assistant VP, Bailey Biofund – Ms Chiping, Sales Manager, Bloodscan <p>Venue: DCB, Taipei City</p>
3.30pm – 4.00pm	<p>Meeting and site visit at the National Biotechnology Research Park (NBRP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – R&I delegates – Mr Michael Huang, Vice President, Development Centre for Biotechnology (DCB) – Dr TK Lee, Vice President, DCB – Dr Jacky Chen, Project Manager, NBRP <p>Venue: National Biotechnology Research Park, Taipei City</p>
6.00pm – 8.00pm	<p>Queensland Friends Reception</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – IET delegates – R&I delegates – Mr Johnny Lin, Deputy Director-General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Taiwan – Ms Yi-Tsung Chen, Deputy Director-General, Youth Development Administration, Ministry of Education, Taiwan – Taiwanese stakeholders from government, education, training, investment and research sectors <p>Venue: Grand Hyatt Taipei</p>

Tuesday 15 July 2025 – Taipei Tokyo	
8.55am	Travel Taipei to Tokyo
6.00pm – 7.45pm	<p>Queensland IET & R&I Welcome and Networking Reception</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – IET delegates – R&I delegates – Japanese stakeholders from education, training and research sectors <p>Venue: Imperial Hotel Tokyo</p>

Wednesday 16 July 2025 – Tokyo Osaka	
9.00am – 9.30am	Commissioner briefing / travel to meeting
9.30am – 11.00am	Meeting and site visit with Tokyo Global Gateway and Tokyo Metropolitan Board of Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – IET delegates – Mr Yoshihiro Takizawa, Deputy Director-General, Tokyo Metropolitan Board of Education – Mr Kyoji Tsuchisaka, CEO, Tokyo Global Gateway – Mr Soichiro Taniguchi, Managing Director, Tokyo Global Gateway <p>Venue: 2-4-32 Aomi, Kotu-ku, Tokyo</p>
11.30am – 2.00pm	Meeting and site visit to Research Centre for Advanced Science and Technology (RCAST) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – R&I delegates – Professor Masakazu Sugiyama, Director, RCAST – Mr Satoshi Ohara, Project Professor, University of Tokyo – Dr Kazuhiro Kuruma, Assistant Professor, University of Tokyo – Dr Kazuki Hattori, Project Assistant Professor, University of Tokyo <p>Venue: Tokyo University</p>
3.00pm – 3.30pm	Queensland IET Showcase <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – IET delegates – Japanese stakeholders from IET sector <p>Venue: Grand Prince Hotel Shin Takanawa</p>
4.55pm – 7.15pm	Travel by train from Tokyo to Shin-Osaka

Thursday 17 July 2025 – Osaka	
9.00am – 10.00am	Commissioner briefing / travel to meeting
10.00am – 10.55am	Meeting with Australia’s Commissioner General for World Expo 2025 Osaka <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Ms Nancy Gordon, Commissioner General for Australia, World Expo Osaka 2025 <p>Venue: Australia Pavilion, Expo 2025</p>
11.00am – 1.55pm	Australian Department of Education: <i>Showcase of Australian Research</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – R&I delegates – Ms Nancy Gordon, Commissioner General for Australia, World Expo Osaka 2025 – Ms Janine Pitt, Counsellor, Education and Research, Department of Education – Mr Stuart Watts, Acting Deputy Ambassador and Minister (Political), Australian Embassy Tokyo – Scientia Professor Martin Green, Engineering, Photovoltaic & Renewable Energy Engineering, University of New South Wales – Ms Kumiko Tsukamoto, Senior Manager, Education and Research, Department of Education – Professor Mark Turner, Deputy Head of School, School of Agriculture and Food Sustainability, University of Queensland – Mr Darin Lovett, Executive Director, iLAUNCH Trailblazer, The University of Queensland – Professor John Bell, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research and Innovation), University of Southern Queensland – A/Professor Matt Richardson, Space Program Director, University of Southern Queensland <p>Venue: Australia Pavilion, Expo 2025</p>
2.00pm – 3.00pm	Meeting with Stralis Aircraft and Akita University and Akita Prefectural University <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Mr Bob Criner, Co-Founder and CEO, Stralis Aircraft – Mr Junichi Sakaki, Director, Joint Research Center for Electric Architecture, Akita University/Akita Prefectural University – Mr Yosuke Saito, Deputy Section Manager, Regional Revitalization and Research Promotion Division, Akita University <p>Venue: Australia Pavilion, Expo 2025</p>

Thursday 17 July 2025 – Osaka	
4.00pm – 6.00pm	<p>Queensland IET and R&I Showcase</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – IET delegates – R&I delegates – Ms Nancy Gordon, Commissioner General for Australia, World Expo Osaka 2025 – Ms Yoshiko Hino, Deputy General Manager, Sustainability Management Division, Suntory Holdings – Mr Bob Criner, Co-Founder and CEO, Stralis Aircraft – Mr Kazuya Nakajima, Vice Principal, Ritsumeikan Uji Junior and Senior High School – Mr Ricky Fan, Executive Director, Union Institute of Language – Ms Toni Riordan, Principal, St Aidan's Anglican Girls' School – Dr Erin Rayment, Chief Commercialisation and Development Officer, Queensland University of Technology <p>Venue: Australia Pavilion, Expo 2025</p>
	<p>Meeting and site visit of United Arab Emirates Pavilion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Ms Noura Al Kaabi, Commissioner General, United Arab Emirates Pavilion <p>Venue: United Arab Emirates Pavilion, Expo 2025</p>
	<p>Meeting and site visit of France Pavilion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Mr Laurent Saillard, Deputy Commissioner General, France Pavilion – Ms Yuma Hayashi, Protocol Officer, France Pavilion <p>Venue: France Pavilion, Expo 2025</p>

Friday 18 July 2025 – Osaka Taipei	
9.00am	Commissioner briefing / travel to meeting
9.30am – 10.30am	Meeting and site visit to Nakanoshima Qross <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – R&I Delegates – Professor Yoshiki Sawa, President Future Medical Promotion Organization, General Incorporated Foundation – Professor Masakazu Yagi, Associate Professor, Division of Health Sciences, Graduate School of Medicine, Osaka University <p>Venue: Nakanoshima, Kita-ku, Osaka</p>
11.00am – 11.30pm	Meeting with Vice Governor, Osaka Prefecture Government <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Mr Shigeki Watanabe, Vice Governor, Osaka Prefecture Government – Mr Tatsuro Mizuno, President Future Medical Promotion Organisation, General Incorporated Foundation <p>Venue: Osaka Prefectural Government Office</p>
7.05pm	Travel Osaka to Taipei
11.55pm	Travel Taipei to Brisbane

Saturday 19 July 2025 – Brisbane	
10.35am	Arrive Brisbane

Market briefing with Deputy Australian Representative

Date: Sunday 13 July 2025

Attendees

Mr Daniel Stuart

Deputy Australian Representative, Department of
Foreign Affairs and Trade

Meeting Summary

The Minister met with the Australia's Deputy Head of Post to Taiwan, Mr Daniel Stuart, and received a comprehensive briefing on economic and political developments affecting the bilateral relationship between Queensland and Taiwan.

Discussions focused on expanding trade and investment opportunities for Queensland, with particular attention given to key export sectors such as resources and critical minerals, food, agritech, life sciences, consumer goods, and international education and training.

The Minister actively promoted Queensland as a premier destination for global investment, emphasising the State's commitment to fostering new partnerships and collaborations across a broad spectrum of industries.

The Minister also provided an update on Queensland's approach to energy investment, advising that the State is open for business and welcoming of affordable, reliable and sustainable energy projects.



Meeting with HD Renewable Energy

Date: Sunday 13 July 2025

Attendees

Mr Edward Hsieh	Chairman, HD Renewable Energy Group
Dr Jeffrey Chen	Chairman, HD Renewable Energy Australia and Japan

Meeting Summary

The Minister met with representatives from HD Renewable Energy (HDRE) to express appreciation for the company's ongoing commitment to, and investment in, Queensland-based projects and its expanding footprint in the region.

During the meeting, HDRE provided updates on two major battery energy storage projects planned for Queensland, noting that investment in these initiatives is expected to increase significantly. The Minister reaffirmed the Queensland Government's dedication to collaborating with international partners to deliver economically viable clean energy solutions that drive long-term impact.

HDRE, a publicly listed energy company headquartered in Taiwan, is a leading developer of utility-scale solar and battery projects. Renowned for its sustainability efforts, the company received multiple awards in 2023. HDRE also operates significant projects in Japan, supported by 20-year contracts, strategic partnerships, and ongoing expansion efforts.

Trade and Investment Queensland (TIQ) will continue to work with HD Renewables to support local operations and their strategic business objectives in Queensland. TIQ will also continue leveraging its network to connect HD Renewables with key partners, such as Queensland Investment Commission (QIC), to advance projects including Noble Vale and Hookey Creek, representing over \$1 billion in estimated investment.



Meeting with Taiwan Solar Photovoltaic Industry Sustainable Development Association

Date: Sunday 13 July 2025

Attendees

Mr Shang Hung Shen	Chairman, Taiwan Solar Photovoltaic Industry Sustainable Development Association
Mr Norman Tsai	Chairman, INA Energy Group
Mr Edward Hsieh	Chairman, HD Renewable Energy Group
Dr Jeffrey Chen	Chairman, HD Renewable Energy Australia and Japan
Mr KH Chen	Chairman, GreenHarvest Co Ltd

Meeting Summary

Members of the Photovoltaic Industry Sustainability Association (TPiSA) welcomed the Minister for a strategic meeting focused on advancing solar and battery energy storage initiatives to promote investment from Taiwan to Queensland.

The Minister acknowledged the leadership of both regions in renewable energy technologies and expressed a strong commitment to deepening bilateral collaboration in solar and battery storage. Queensland’s position as an investment-ready destination for renewable energy was highlighted, with particular emphasis on its strengths in solar and battery energy storage. TPiSA acknowledged that the Queensland market is open for business.

INA Energy, HD Renewable Energy, and GreenHarvest were recognised for their ongoing partnerships and contributions to Queensland’s renewable energy sector, through local investment. Discussions also explored opportunities for further investment and future projects.

TPiSA continues to play a pivotal role in driving Taiwan’s solar energy development by promoting renewable energy adoption, fostering industry collaboration, and supporting innovation across the solar technology ecosystem.

On behalf of the Government, TIQ will continue to support solar and battery storage investment initiatives from INA Energy, HD Renewable Energy, and GreenHarvest. Through its networks, TIQ has connected HD Renewable Energy with strategic partners, including QIC, underscoring its role in enabling high-impact projects and fundraising. TIQ will also assist other TPiSA members by providing market insights and identifying viable opportunities to encourage future investment in Queensland’s solar and battery sectors.



DFAT Market briefing with Queensland business delegation

Date: Monday 14 July 2025

Attendees

IET delegates

Mr Daniel Stuart

Deputy Australian Representative, Department of
Foreign Affairs and Trade

Meeting Summary

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) delivered a detailed briefing on the Taiwan market to the International Education and Training (IET) delegates, offering valuable market insights. This briefing followed the briefing provided to the Minister the day prior.

Acknowledging DFAT's ongoing support, the Minister expressed appreciation for their contributions to advancing Queensland's international education, training, and research initiatives, as well as strengthening export and investment ties with Taiwan.

Taiwan currently ranks as Queensland's 10th largest source of international students, representing 2.7% of total enrolments. Queensland is also the second most popular Australian destination for Taiwanese students, with 29% of Taiwanese students in Australia choosing to study in Queensland. The relationship between Queensland and Taiwan continues to evolve into a strategic and forward-looking research partnership.

TIQ will continue to work closely with DFAT to align Queensland's education, research, and investment promotion priorities in Taiwan. This includes sharing market intelligence, co-hosting sector-specific briefings for Queensland stakeholders, and jointly identifying emerging opportunities for Queensland institutions and exporters in Taiwan's evolving economic landscape.





Meeting with TIQ Taiwan team

Date: Monday 14 July 2025

Attendees

Ms Juna Ferrett	Queensland Trade and Investment Commissioner – Taiwan
Ms Emily Cheng	Office and Marketing Manager – Taiwan

Meeting Summary

Since its establishment in 1991, the Queensland Government's Trade and Investment Office in Taipei has played a pivotal role in facilitating exports from Queensland and attracting Taiwanese investment.

During the visit, the Minister expressed appreciation for the dedication and achievements of the TIQ Taiwan team, acknowledging their significant contributions to promoting trade and investment outcomes over the years. The Minister also presented a certificate to TIQ's Taiwan Office and Marketing Manager for over 10 years of service.

Queensland is proud to host six of the seven sister city relationships between Australia and Taiwan, underscoring the strong ties between the two regions. Queensland is also the only Australian state or territory with an office in the market, further cementing the importance placed on the relationship. Queensland also leads the nation in the number of Taiwanese migrants and remains the top destination for Taiwanese students, tourists, and working holiday makers.



Meeting with Taiwan Ministry of Education, Youth Development Administration

Date: Monday 14 July 2025

Attendees

IET delegates

Ms Hsuch-Yu Chen

Director-General, Youth Development Administration

Ms Yi-Tsung Chen

Deputy Director-General, Youth Development Administration

Meeting Summary

The Minister and the IET delegation met with representatives from Taiwan's Ministry of Education, Youth Development Administration (YDA) to explore opportunities for collaboration under the Taiwan Global Pathfinders Initiative (Initiative). This Initiative aims to bring Taiwanese young professionals to Queensland for study tours and internship experiences.

YDA shared an update on the Initiative, confirming that 48 Taiwanese youth will travel to Queensland to participate in a range of educational and professional activities, supported by funding from the initiative.

The Minister reaffirmed Queensland's reputation as an outstanding destination for learning and career development – whether through long-term education programs, short-term study and work experiences, internships, or professional training.

YDA, a division of Taiwan's Ministry of Education, is guided by a vision to empower young people to realise their potential and become agents of positive change.

TIQ and Study Queensland will continue to engage with YDA and Queensland institutions to facilitate the successful delivery of programs in Queensland as a part of the 2025 Initiative, ensuring a smooth experience for the participating youth and promoting long-term institutional relationships.



Queensland Education Showcase

Date: Monday 14 July 2025

Attendees

IET delegates

Taiwan agents listed below

Name	Position	Company
Carol HUNG	Director	Academic Asia Taiwan
Caroline LU	Counsellor	Academic Asia Taiwan
Tammy Chen	Consultant	Ausfun Education & Migration
Fan Chi Chu	Director	Australian Multicultural Education Centre
Blair LO	Senior Consultant	Ausway International Education
Maggie LIN	Associate Director	Ausway International Education
Victor Tong	Program Director	Broad Education
Petra Chiu	Manager	Chiaoshun
Minni Chiang	Chairman's Assistant	Dadi Education Group
Candy Ying	Counsellor	Dadi Overseas Studies Service Centre
Gini Chung	Branch Manager	Dadi Overseas Studies Service Centre
Chu Ling Liu	Manager	Elite Formosa
Judy Liu	Marketing Manager	Elite Formosa
Michelle Huang	Marketing Manger	Elite Formosa
Eva Chiu	Manager	Frontier Planning International
Emma Chen	Senior Counsellor	I.S. Education Consultancy – Taipei Office
Lisa Tung	Senior Sales Support Officer	IDP Education – Taiwan – Taipei Office
Mark Wang	Executive Manager	Jason International Education Services Co.
Cindy Lin	Branch Manager	OZ FAIR
Cheng Pei Yang	Marketing director	Study central
Wolf Wu	President	Wolf English Co., Ltd

Meeting Summary

The Minister hosted delegates from the IET delegation and Taiwanese education service providers at the Queensland Education Showcase. This event brought together a diverse group of Taiwanese education agent representatives to highlight the exceptional education and training opportunities available across Queensland.

This business-to-business event served as a valuable platform for Queensland's IET delegates to present their strengths and engage in meaningful, one-on-one discussions

with education agents. Providers shared insights into their programs and the high-quality student experiences offered throughout the state.

The event reinforced Queensland's strong commitment to expanding education and training partnerships, and affirmed that Queensland remains open, welcoming, and ready to support students from Taiwan.

Study Queensland and TIQ Taiwan will follow up with participating agents to convert interest into student enrolments and partnership agreements. A post-event survey has been conducted to collect feedback from providers who were part of the delegation. TIQ will also work with providers to explore a potential follow-up agent familiarisation tour to Queensland in 2026.



Queensland-Taiwan Biotech Research and Innovation Roundtable

Date: Monday 14 July 2025

Attendees

R&I delegates

Taiwan attendees listed below

Name	Position	Company
Dr. Shiing-Jer Twu	Chairman	Development Center for Biotechnology (DCB, Taiwan)
Dr. Tsai-Kun Li	President	Development Center for Biotechnology (DCB, Taiwan)
Ms Wanfen Chen	Director, Division of Industrial Development	Development Center for Biotechnology (DCB, Taiwan)
Ms Winnie Lin	Deputy Director	Biotech and Pharma Industries Promotion Office, MOEA
Mr Patrick Hafenstein	Chairman	Esenfa Capital
Mr Ethan Shen	CEO	JY Biomed, YD BioPharma, EG Biomed
Mr Mike Huang	Managing Partner	Taiwania Capital
Mr Jerry Huang	Chairman	Intelligene
Ms Patty Song	President	Intelligene
PhD Che Hsu	General Manager	Beiley Biofund
PhD Yuju Chen	Venture Creation Assistant VP	Beiley Biofund
Ms Chiping	Sales Manager	Bloodscan

Meeting Summary

The Minister hosted a Queensland-Taiwan Biotech Roundtable with key biotech industry leaders in Taiwan to explore opportunities for joint research and development. Discussions focused on leveraging Queensland's strengths in translational research alongside Taiwan's cutting-edge biotech innovation.

During the roundtable, the Minister positioned Queensland as a global hub for biotechnology and biomedical innovation, inviting high-impact collaborations in areas such as translational R&D, clinical trials, co-development, licensing, and commercial scale-up.

Taiwan's '5+2 Industrial Innovation Plan' underscores its commitment to advancing biomedicine and fostering international partnerships to drive industry growth and innovation. Queensland offers a vibrant biotechnology ecosystem, underpinned by world-class universities, innovation precincts, and a strong regulatory framework.

Following the roundtable, TIQ will explore opportunities to strengthen cross-collaboration between Queensland and Taiwan's biotech ecosystems, focusing on translational research, clinical trials, and innovation exchange. Insights gathered will help shape future engagement strategies and identify high-impact partnership opportunities.



Site visit at the National Biotechnology Research Park (NBRP)

Date: Monday 14 July 2025

Attendees

R&I delegates

Mr Michael Huang

Vice President, Development Center for
Biotechnology

Dr TK Lee

Vice President, Development Center for
Biotechnology

Dr Jacky Chen

Project Manager, National Biotechnology
Research Park

Meeting Summary

The Minister and Queensland R&I delegates were provided with a detailed briefing and guided tour of the National Biotechnology Research Park (NBRP) in Taipei. During the visit, the Minister explored avenues for enhancing collaboration between Taiwan and Queensland's biotechnology sectors, showcasing Queensland's strengths in synthetic biology.

The Minister reaffirmed the Queensland Government's commitment to biotechnology through strategic investment and support for a collaborative ecosystem that connects academia, industry, and government.

Queensland boasts six world-class health and biomedical precincts and is home to over 130 biotechnology research and development organisations. The State also has a thriving and rapidly expanding synthetic biology and industrial biomanufacturing sector.

Established in 2018, the NBRP is Taiwan's first cross-ministerial hub dedicated to integrating biomedical research, translational development, regulatory support, and industry incubation.

The visit serves as a valuable platform to explore further opportunities for collaborative research within the Queensland/Taiwan biotech ecosystem. TIQ will continue to work with NBRP stakeholders to develop research collaboration opportunities.

The Director-General, Department of Trade, Employment and Training will work with R&I delegates and other Queensland Government Departments to understand how the systems and structures observed on the visit can inform future research and innovation directions in Queensland.



Queensland Friends Reception

Date: Monday 14 July 2025

Attendees

IET delegates

R&I delegates

Taiwanese stakeholders from government, education, training, investment and research sectors (total of 102 guests)

Taiwanese VIP stakeholders:

Name	Position	Company
Mr Johnny Lin	Deputy Director-General	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Taiwan
Ms Yi-Tsung Chen	Deputy Director-General	Youth Development Administration, Ministry of Education, Taiwan
Mr Hung-Lin Yuan	Director, Bilateral Trade Division	International Trade Administration, Ministry of Economic Affairs, Taiwan
Ms Yu-Wen Chen	Deputy Education Counsellor	Department of International and Cross-strait Education, Ministry of Education
Mr Daniel Stuart	Deputy Australian Representative	Australian Office
Mr Christopher Lim	Senior Trade and Investment Commissioner and Deputy Representative	Australian Office
Mr Daniel Bowman	Executive Director, Economic and Policy Section	Australian Office
Dr Shiing-Jer Twu	President	Development Center for Biotechnology (DCB)
Mr David Leong	CEO	ANZ Bank
Mr Gordon Lee		Fonterra Taiwan
Mr Wei Yin	Chairperson of Research, Development and Evaluation Commission	Taipei City Government
Mr Chun An Chen	Commissioner of Department of Economic Development	Taipei City Government
Mr Harvey Hong	Section Chief	Department of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Mr Alfred Tsai	Section Officer	Department of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
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Meeting Summary

The Minister hosted a Queensland Friends Reception, welcoming senior officials and representatives from Taiwan's education, training, and research sectors. The event aimed to strengthen ties between Queensland and Taiwan in these fields and encourage collaborative research, particularly in biotechnology, health, and renewable energy.

During her address, the Minister underscored the strong and growing partnerships between Queensland and Taiwanese researchers, who are collaborating on critical projects including vaccine development, cancer research, tropical agriculture, aquaculture, coral reef conservation, renewable energy, and smart city technologies.

Productive discussions also took place between the IET and R&I delegations and Taiwanese stakeholders, further reinforcing the commitment to deepening cooperation across education and research.

Australia remains the second most popular destination for Taiwanese students studying abroad, following the United States. Of those who choose Australia, nearly 30% opt to study in Queensland.

TIQ will continue to promote Queensland as a welcoming destination for Taiwanese students, researchers, and key trade and investment stakeholders, reinforcing its strong education, training, and R&D links with Taiwan. Efforts will also focus on fostering deeper research and commercial partnerships, particularly in biotechnology, health, and renewable energy.



Queensland IET & R&I Welcome and Networking Reception

Date: Tuesday 15 July 2025

Attendees

IET delegates

R&I delegates

Japanese attendees listed below

Name	Position	Company
Koji Mizukami	Deputy Senior General Manager	Asia Air Survey co., Ltd.
Shigenori Hirooka	Senior Counsellor	Asia Air Survey co., Ltd.
Stephanie Hillman	First Secretary	Australian Embassy
Peter Nagy	Counsellor (Trade and Economic)	Australian Embassy – Tokyo
Masateru Manabe	Director	DEOW
Satoshi Tobinaga	Senior Researcher	Global Strategy Division
Hiroki Koyama	CEO	iae GLOBAL Japan
Yasuo Sone	CEO	ICC Consultants Inc.
Akie Suyama	Executive Director	ICC Consultants Inc.
Hidekazu Nakamura	Deputy General Manager	Idemitsu Kosan Co., Ltd.
Tomoki Muto	Manager	Idemitsu Kosan Co., Ltd.
Masato Fujimura	Assistant Manager	Idemitsu Kosan Co., Ltd. Coal and Energy Solution Department)
Tomoko Ichikawa	Country Manager	IDP Education Japan
Nobuhiro Hayashi	Vice President	Institute of Science Tokyo
Yoshitaro Iwasaki	Chairman	Iwasaki Group
Takamitsu Iwasaki	CEO	Iwasaki Group
Shoichi Okawa	Executive Secretary	JAOS
Tetsuya Tanaka	Managing Director & CEO	Japan Bioindustry Association
Jiro Ogiwara	Senior Researcher	Japan Bosai Platform
Takanori Hirao	Director	Japan Science and Technology Agency
Kensuke Mimura	Senior Manager	Kinki Nippon Tourist Co., Ltd. Organization
Kosaku Matsuno	President & CEO	Koushin Special Glass Co Ltd
Haruka Urata	Director, Office for Student Exchange	Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology
Tomoko Nishikawa	PR & Marketing Tema Leader	Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology
Mitsutaka Matsumoto	Manager	National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology

Natsuko Uehara	Executive Officer	National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology
Asami Kaihara	Principal Engineer	National Institute of Quantum Science and Technology
Shigeo Koyasu	President	National Institute of Quantum Science and Technology
Akiko Imura	Executive Director	NEDO
Takuya Kanda	Director	NEDO
Naoto Yamashita	Deputy Director	NEDO
Keisuke Yamaguchi	Deputy General Manager	Nippon Travel Agency Co.,Ltd
Tsuyoshi Tajima	Senior Assistant Professor	Nippon Veterinary and Life Science University
Tetsuya Yamato	Managing Director	Oceanz International Support Centre
Akihiro Yamamoto	Director	OKC Co.Ltd.
Tomoaki Horikawa	Director	Tobu Top Tours
Kenichi Yokoyama	President	Ryugaku Journal Inc.
Norimasa Okamura	Deputy Division Manager	SHARP Corporation
Shumpei Nishinaka	Associate Manager	SHARP Corporation
Masanobu Yamazaki	Director	Showa Women's Uni
Rieko Tagawa	Director, Global Promotion Section	Tokyo Metropolitan Government
Tomoko Ssugano	Professor	The University of Tokyo
Motonari Suzuki	Director	Tokyo Board of Education
Kenichiro Nakajo	Director	Tokyo Board of Education
Megumi Fujita	Director for Planning and Coordination	Tokyo Metropolitan Government
Kazuhiro Chiba	President	Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology
Shozo Shibata	Marketing Manager	Tourism and Events Queensland
Takako Karuo	In-Country Representative	Union Institute of Language
Takeshi Yamashita	Project Director	Urban Renaissance Agency
Keisuke Miyamaru	Section Chief	Urban Renaissance Agency
Saki Hisatsune	Staff	Urban Renaissance Agency
Yoshikazu Ueoku	President	Zenken Corporation / Japan Association of Overseas Studies

Meeting summary

The Minister hosted the Queensland IET and R&I Reception, welcoming a diverse group of representatives from Japan's education, training, and research sectors.

The event served as a platform to celebrate and strengthen the longstanding relationship between Queensland and Japan, while showcasing the Queensland Government's commitment to fostering educational and research partnerships.

Leading a robust business delegation to Japan, the Minister was accompanied by 37 Queensland representatives – 29 from the IET sector and eight from the R&I sector – underscoring the Government's dedication to international collaboration.

In her address, the Minister highlighted the strategic importance of the Queensland-Japan relationship, introducing the newly launched *Queensland-Japan Trade and Investment Strategy 2025-2028* and reaffirming that Queensland remains open for business and open for learning.

In 2024, Japan ranked as Queensland's seventh-largest source market for international education, contributing 3.3% of total international student enrolments across the state.

Study Queensland will continue to engage with stakeholders in Queensland and Japan to further promote opportunities for collaboration and partnerships.





Meeting and visit with Tokyo Global Gateway and Tokyo Metropolitan Board of Education

Date: Wednesday 16 July 2025

Attendees

IET delegates

Mr Yoshihiro Takizawa

Deputy Director General, Tokyo Metropolitan Board of Education

Mr Kyoji Tsuchisaka

CEO, Tokyo Global Gateway

Mr Shoichiro Taniguchi

Managing Director, Tokyo Global Gateway

Meeting Summary

The Minister toured the “Queensland Classroom” and engaged with Queensland educators delivering lessons to Japanese students. The visit provided an opportunity to witness firsthand the innovative teaching approaches being used to support English language development and cross-cultural learning.

During the visit, the Minister expressed appreciation for the strong, collaborative relationship between the Tokyo Global Gateway (TGG) and Queensland.

The Queensland Classroom Project enables Queensland state schoolteachers to showcase the state’s world-class education system in Japan. Through STEAM-focused, inquiry-based lessons, educators engage Japanese students in immersive learning experiences that foster both language acquisition and global competencies. It emphasises real-world education and English proficiency.

This initiative stems from a Memorandum of Understanding signed in 2016 between the Tokyo Metropolitan Board of Education (TMBoE) and the Queensland Department of Education, which was renewed in 2024.

Study Queensland will continue to engage with TGG and TMBoE to promote opportunities for further collaboration and the State’s diverse education and training offerings – from universities and public/private schools to vocational education and English language programs in Japan.



Meeting and site visit to Research Centre for Advanced Science and Technology (RCAST)

Date: Wednesday 16 July 2025

Attendees

R&I delegates

Professor Masakazu Sugiyama	Director, Research Centre for Advanced Science and Technology, University of Tokyo
Mr Satoshi Ohara	Project Professor, University of Tokyo
Dr Kazuhiro Kuruma	Assistant Professor, University of Tokyo
Dr Kazuki Hattori	Project Assistant Professor, University of Tokyo

Meeting summary

The Minister visited the Research Centre for Advanced Science and Technology (RCAST) at the University of Tokyo, where she met with Professor Sugiyama, Director of RCAST and TIQ Global Connector. The meeting focused on exploring future opportunities for innovation-led collaboration between RCAST and Queensland's research institutes and universities, highlighting the need to share resources, including people, to supplement Japan's aging population.

Professor Sugiyama and other professors provided comprehensive briefings of RCAST's work, and R&I delegates provided overviews of their respective research fields.

The Minister and R&I delegates then received a guided tour of the facility, offering insights into RCAST's cutting-edge research and development initiatives.

RCAST is a leading multidisciplinary research hub renowned for its partnerships with industry, government, and international institutions. Its recent collaborations include projects with the University of Queensland and Queensland University of Technology, alongside long-standing relationships with top-tier universities in Europe, the United States, and Korea.

TIQ will continue to engage with Professor Sugiyama and RCAST to explore further areas of collaboration between RCAST and Queensland research institutions and universities.



Queensland IET Showcase

Date: Wednesday 16 July 2025

Attendees

IET delegates

Japanese stakeholders listed below

Name	Position	Company
Natsumi Irie	Counsellor	Affinity
Shizuko Fukui	Coordinator	ARC THREE
Saori Tominaga	Education Manager	Austrade
Emiko Matsushita	Division Director	AZ Ryugaku Centre (OnePlanet Abroad.,Inc)
Sayaka Yamada	Owner	Beyond Vision
Miki Miyamukai	Counsellor	DEOW Co., Ltd
Yuki Suenaga	Manager	GIO CLUB
Masumi Iida	Director of Operation	GSI
Kiriko Komuro	Director	HEC
Keiko Kokufu	Sales Manager	iae GLOBAL Japan
Hiroki Koyama	CEO	iae GLOBAL Japan
Tomoko Ichikawa	Country Manager – Japan	IDP Education, Guest Speaker
Misa Shimizu	Coordinator	International Office, International Affairs Division, Waseda University
Yoshikazu Ueoku	President	JAOS
Takuya Hirasawa	Manager	JTB Corp
Midori Obi	Education & Exchange Sec.	JTB Corp.
Kensuke Mimura	Senior Manager	Kinki Nippon Tourist Co., Ltd.
Hiromu Harada	Division Manager	Kinki Nippon Tourist Co., Ltd.
Yuto Kinoshita	Chief of Policy Research Unit Office for Student Exchange	MEXT
Atsuyuki Oba		Nippon Travel Agency Co.,Ltd. Greater Metropolitan Area Sales Dept.
Kazuha Kushiya	Counsellor	OCEANS
Akihiro Yamamoto	Management Director	OKC Co. Ltd.
Mieko Monna	Senior Counsellor	OKC Co. Ltd.
Shingo Sasazaki	Manager	Overseas Travel Department, Tobu Top Tours Co., Ltd.
Takeru Abe	Business Development Team ASST Manager	Re-abroad inc./Smaryu
Ai Kawamura	Marketing Coordinator	Ryugaku Journal Inc.

Kaori Sotta	Manager	SKYUS
Reiko Kanenami	Assistant Manager	STA Travel
Michiko Hiromi	Senior Counsellor	Study Abroad Association
Miki Saito	Manager	Study Abroad Association
Yoko Shirozu	Counsellor	Study Abroad Association
Hiroshi Watanabe	Executive Manager	Tobu Top Tours Co.,Ltd
Motonari Suzuki	Director	Tokyo Metropolitan Board of Education
Ryohei Shimohashi	Chief Supervisor	Tokyo Metropolitan Board of Education
Yuuki Morii	Deputy Director	Tokyo Metropolitan Board of Education
Yuuko Yanagida	Senior Staff	Tokyo Metropolitan Board of Education
Takako Karuo	In-Country Representative, Japan	Union Institute of Language
Shimpei Kumagai	International Officer	Waseda University
Yasunori Yokoyama	Representative Director	World Au Pair in JAPAN
Yuri Toriumi	Senior Consultant	World Avenue Co., Ltd.

Meeting Summary

The Queensland IET Showcase provided the Queensland International Education and Training delegates an opportunity to promote their unique education and training programs to key Japanese stakeholders in the higher education, school, ELICOS and vocational education sectors.

The Minister reaffirmed that Queensland is open for learning and is committed to deepening education and training ties between Queensland and Japan to welcome more Japanese students to Queensland's classrooms and communities.

This business-to-business event provided the opportunity for Queensland providers to share information about their programs, and the quality student experiences on offer throughout Queensland.

The Minister highlighted the additional Queensland opportunities in the lead up to and beyond the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games, for long-term education programs, short-term student experiences, work-based internships and professional development opportunities.

TIQ will continue to engage with Japanese government and industry to promote opportunities for partnerships and collaboration in the IET sector.



Meeting and site visit with Australia's Commissioner General for World Expo 2025 Osaka

Date: Thursday 17 July 2025

Attendees

Ms Nancy Gordon

Commissioner General for Australia,
World Expo Osaka 2025

Meeting Summary

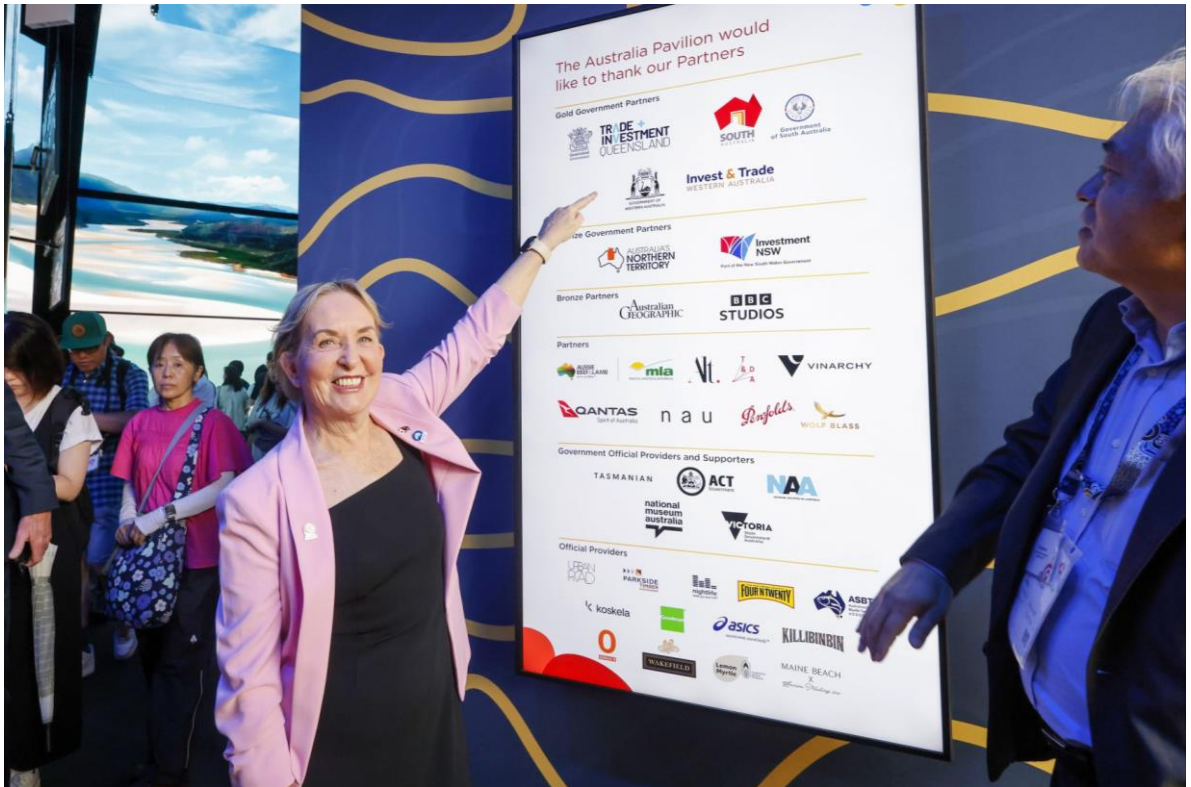
The Minister visited the Australia Pavilion at Expo 2025, where she met with the Commissioner General for Australia, World Expo Osaka 2025. During the visit, the Commissioner General provided a comprehensive briefing on Australia's objectives for participating in the Expo and guided the Minister through the Pavilion's Visitor Experience and Special Events Zone, highlighting the valuable contributions of Queensland-based companies.

Queensland, a Gold Partner of the Australia Pavilion in collaboration with DFAT, has leveraged this global platform to showcase the State's capabilities throughout the six-month duration of Expo 2025 and to promote Brisbane 2032.

The Commissioner General also shared an update on the first three months of the Expo, including feedback received so far. Notably, the Australia Pavilion has proven to be a major attraction for Japanese visitors, consistently ranking among the top five pavilions.

Distinct from other national pavilions, the Australia Pavilion offers a unique and immersive visitor experience. It features a vibrant program of Australian cultural performances, special events, and a strategic business agenda designed to present Australia's strengths to a global audience.

TIQ will continue to engage with DFAT to leverage the location of Queensland at Australian Pavilion to raise the profile of Queensland globally, including through additional Ministerial engagements.



Australian Department of Education: Showcase of Australian Research

Date: Thursday 17 May 2025

Key attendees

R&I delegates

Ms Nancy Gordon	Commissioner General for Australia, World Expo Osaka 2025
Ms Janine Pitt	Counsellor, Education and Research, Department of Education
Mr Stuart Watts	Acting Deputy Ambassador and Minister (Political), Australian Embassy Tokyo
Scientia Professor Martin Green	Engineering, Photovoltaic & Renewable Energy Engineering, University of New South Wales
Ms Kumiko Tsukamoto	Senior Manager, Education and Research, Department of Education
Professor Mark Turner	Deputy Head of School, School of Agriculture and Food Sustainability, The University of Queensland
Mr Darin Lovett	Executive Director, iLAUNCH Trailblazer, University of Southern Queensland
Professor John Bell	Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research and Innovation), University of Southern Queensland
A/Professor Matt Richardson	Space Program Director, University of Southern Queensland

Meeting Summary

The Minister addressed attendees at the Australian Government Department of Education's event at World Expo 2025 in Osaka, which showcased Australia's Trailblazer Universities and celebrated Australia's research excellence.

The Trailblazer Universities Program is a four-year, \$370 million initiative (2022-2026) designed to strengthen research capabilities, accelerate commercialisation, and foster deeper industry collaboration.

Six universities across Australia were selected to lead Trailblazer projects, including two from Queensland: The University of Queensland and the University of Southern Queensland. Representatives from these institutions presented their pioneering work at the event, highlighting Queensland's unique strengths:

- Food and Beverage Accelerator – The University of Queensland
- Innovative Launch, Automation, Novel Materials, Communications and Hypersonics (iLAUNCH) – The University of Southern Queensland

The Minister and university representatives underscored Queensland's strong commitment to advancing world-class research and innovation through the Trailblazer initiative.

Aided by the connections made during the mission, TIQ will continue to engage with both Japanese and Queensland research institutions, universities and corporate partners to seek opportunities for partnerships and collaboration.

Meeting with Stralis Aircraft and Akita University and Akita Prefectural University

Date: Thursday 17 July 2025

Attendees

Mr Bob Criner	Co-Founder and CEO, Stralis Aircraft
Mr Junichi Sakaki	Director, Joint Research Center for Electric Architecture, Akita University/Akita Prefectural University
Mr Yosuke Saito	Deputy Section Manager, Regional Revitalization and Research Promotion Division, Akita University

Meeting Summary

Stralis Aircraft, Akita University and Akita Prefectural University have agreed to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for joint research and development of human resource development initiatives, including skills development and knowledge transfer, relating to future aircraft, including electrification systems.

The Minister observed the signing of the MoU and highlighted this partnership as a successful international collaboration between a Queensland company and Japanese educational institutions.

The signing demonstrated a great example of international collaboration between Queensland innovators and Japan's expertise that will contribute to decarbonising the aviation industry.

Queensland company Stralis Aircraft is developing innovative, lightweight, hydrogen-electric fuel cell technology that can outperform battery-electric alternatives and be cheaper to operate than fossil fuel-powered aircraft.

TIQ has played a pivotal role in supporting the establishment of this partnership and has been a key enabler in its development. TIQ will continue to assist Stralis Aircraft in exploring collaborative opportunities and expanding their presence in the Japanese market.



Queensland IET and R&I Showcase

Date: Thursday 17 July 2025

Attendees

IET delegates

R&I delegates

Ms Nancy Gordon	Commissioner General for Australia, World Expo Osaka 2025
Ms Yoshiko Hino	Deputy General Manager, Sustainability Management Division, Suntory Holdings
Mr Bob Criner	Co-Founder and CEO, Stralis Aircraft
Mr Kazuya Nakajima	Vice Principal, Ritsumeikan Uji Junior and Senior High School
Mr Ricky Fan	Executive Director, Union Institute of Language
Ms Toni Riordan	Principal, St Aidan's Anglican Girls' School
Dr Erin Rayment	Chief Commercialisation and Development Officer, Queensland University of Technology

Meeting Summary

At this event, the Minister, alongside members of the IET and R&I delegations, showcased Queensland's strengths in education and research to key Japanese stakeholders – including agents, schools, and regional governments in the Kansai region.

The delegation members had the opportunity to strengthen ties with Japan and explore new and emerging business opportunities with Japanese stakeholders.

Mr Peter McKay, Director-General of the Department of Trade, Employment and Training, led a panel discussion featuring selected delegation members. The discussion focused on collaborative opportunities between Queensland and Japan, as well as the student experience that fosters learning and lifelong connections.

In addition, guests heard from:

- Suntory Holdings, offering a Japanese perspective on their collaboration with Griffith University;
- Stralis Aircraft, sharing insights into their partnership with Akita University; and
- Ritsumeikan students, who spoke about their personal experiences studying in Queensland.

The Minister highlighted the robust education and research partnership between Queensland and Japan, noting that Queensland is the most popular Australian destination for Japanese students – with one third of all Japanese students in Australia choosing to study there.

TIQ will continue to engage with Japanese corporate and education institutions to promote Queensland research and education institutes and explore opportunities for

partnerships and collaboration, building on the connections made during this showcase and the mission more broadly.



Meeting and site visit of United Arab Emirates Pavilion

Date: Thursday 17 July 2025

Attendees

Ms Noura Al Kaabi

Commissioner General, United Arab Emirates
Pavilion

Meeting Summary

The Minister visited United Arab Emirates (UAE) Pavilion to meet with representatives to understand the themes of the pavilion and strategic priorities of the region ahead of a planned visit to the UAE in September.

This was a valuable opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of the UAE prior to entering the market. Engagements such as these are incorporated into missions where they can support stronger relationships between Queensland and trade partners.

TIQ will continue to leverage the global event of World Expo 2025 Osaka to engage with and seek opportunities for Queensland.

Meeting and site visit of France Pavilion

Date: Thursday 17 July 2025

Attendees

Mr Laurent Saillard
Ms Yuma Hayashi

Deputy Commissioner General, France Pavilion
Protocol Officer, France Pavilion

Meeting Summary

The Minister visited France Pavilion to meet with representatives to understand the themes of the pavilion and strategic priorities ahead of a planned Ministerial visit to the France in September.

This was a valuable opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of France prior to a Ministerial mission to the market. Engagements such as these are incorporated into missions where they can support stronger relationships between Queensland and trade partners.

TIQ will continue to leverage the global event of World Expo 2025 Osaka to engage with and seek opportunities for Queensland.

Meeting and site visit to Nakanoshima Qross

Date: Friday 18 July 2025

Attendees

R&I delegates

Professor Yoshiki Sawa

President Future Medical Promotion
Organization, General Incorporated
Foundation

Professor Masakazu Yagi

Associate Professor, Division of Health
Sciences, Graduate School of Medicine,
Osaka University

Meeting Summary

The Minister visited Nakanoshima Qross to gain insights into its role as a collaborative hub connecting Japanese companies and medical institutions. The Minister also explored opportunities for innovation-driven partnerships between Nakanoshima Qross and Queensland research organisations.

During the visit, the Minister received a briefing on Nakanoshima Qross' initiatives in advancing future medicine – including genomic medicine, artificial intelligence, IoT, and regenerative medicine – through a model of practice, creation, and knowledge sharing.

Operated by the Future Medicine Promotion Organization and officially known as the International Center for Future Medicine, Nakanoshima Qross is dedicated to putting the concept of 'future medicine' into real-world application.

Australia and Japan's commitment to a collaborative educational and research ecosystem is underpinned by the Japan-Australia Economic Partnership Agreement (2015) and the Memorandum of Cooperation in Education (2018). These frameworks support joint programs, collaborative research, and stronger ties between academia and industry.

TIQ will continue to engage with Nakanoshima Qross to further develop opportunities for collaboration in research and innovation partnerships. The Director-General of the Department of Trade, Employment and Training will collaborate with R&I delegates and other Queensland Government departments to explore opportunities following insights gained during the visit.



Meeting with Vice Governor, Osaka Prefecture Government

Date: Friday 18 July 2025

Attendees

Mr Shigeki Watanabe

Vice Governor, Osaka Prefecture
Government

Mr Tatsuro Mizuno

President Future Medical Promotion
Organization, General Incorporated
Foundation

Meeting Summary

The Minister extended congratulations to the Vice Governor on the successful delivery of World Expo 2025 Osaka.

During the meeting, the Minister acknowledged the enduring friendship between Queensland and Osaka Prefecture and explored opportunities for future collaboration. Discussions included the potential to establish new sister school partnerships and study tours to Queensland in support of Osaka's International Sister Schools Scheme (the Scheme).

The Minister also received an update on the Osaka World Expo Ambassador Program and the Osaka Global Teacher Program – initiatives jointly developed by the Osaka Prefectural Government and Education Queensland International. These programs aim to foster collaboration between students and educators in addressing global challenges.

The Minister reaffirmed that Queensland is open for business and open for learning, and warmly welcomes students from Osaka. She also expressed Queensland's strong interest in expanding cooperation with the Osaka Prefecture Government in other areas, including innovation.

TIQ will follow up with the Osaka Prefectural Governments Education Exchange program with Department of Education and Education Queensland International to support the broadening of the Scheme. TIQ will also continue to engage with the Osaka Prefecture Government regarding the potential trade mission to Queensland in late 2025 that would be led by the Governor of Osaka.