

Celebrating
the 50th Anniversary of Australia Japan Joint Business Conference
&
the 55th Anniversary of Australia Japan Agreement of Commerce

*“Heartfelt gratitude to
our forefathers for their extraordinary effort and commitment
to build the foundations for
a prosperous, strong business relationship between Australia and Japan”*

Photograph exhibition

A History of Australia-Japan trade, investment, commerce after the war

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Australian Trade Minister John McEwen and Japanese Prime Minister Nobusuke Kishi signing the Australia - Japan Commerce Agreement at Hakone, Japan, 6 July 1957. (Australian Government, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade)

Agreement of Commerce & AJBCC / JABCC History

- 1957 Prime Minister Menzies visits Prime Minister Kishi at Meguro Tokyo 18 April.
- Signing of The Australia-Japan Agreement on Commerce 1957 in Hakone 6 July
- 1958 Japanese cars, such as the Datsun and the Toyota, made a big impact.
- 1959 Japanese industrial products, cultural artefacts and fashion began to appear in Australian department stores.
- 1960 The Japanese sent in November 1960 a floating fair, the 10,000-ton freighter, the Aki Maru, to promote its industrial goods throughout the region.
- 1961 Japanese Trade Mission to Australia & New Zealand In March. (Refer Japanese Newspaper)
- 1962 JABCC & AJBCC were established (Refer Japanese Newspaper)
- 1963 February: AJBCC & JABCC were officially launched (Refer Japanese Newspaper)
- 1963 16-17 May - 1st Australia Japan Business Cooperation Committee Joint Meeting in Tokyo



Prime Minister Menzies at Prime Minister Kishi's official residence in Meguro, Tokyo, 18 April 1957. (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan)



1st Australia Japan Business Cooperation Committee Joint Meeting in Tokyo, 16-17 May 1963



Left: A Japanese Datsun car at Bondi Beach preparing to start in the 1958 Mobilgas around-Australia trial. (Mitchell Library, State Library of NSW)
Right: Japanese models arriving on a Qantas plane at Mascot Aerodrome, Sydney, for the Nitto Boseki fashion parade at Mark Foy's Department Store, 2 April 1959. (Mitchell Library, State Library of NSW)



Left: The Aki Maru berthed at Outer Harbour, Adelaide, 18 December 1960. (The Advertiser, Adelaide, 19 December 1960)
Right: A long queue of Brisbane people waiting on board the Aki Maru, 1 December 1960. (John Oxley Library, Brisbane)



Prime Minister Menzies headed Delegates and Observers for 2nd Joint Meeting in Canberra

Joint Business Conferences - the early years

- 1964 2nd Joint Meeting in Canberra
- 1965 3rd Joint Meeting in Tokyo
- 1967 5th Joint Meeting in Tokyo
- 1972 10th Joint Meeting in Kyoto
- 1974 12th Joint Meeting in Tokyo
- September, Australian Prime Minister Whitlam visits Nippon Electric Company, Penrith NSW
- 1979 17th Joint Meeting in Melbourne
- 1983 The Japanese trade grew almost twenty five fold, rapidly and substantially.



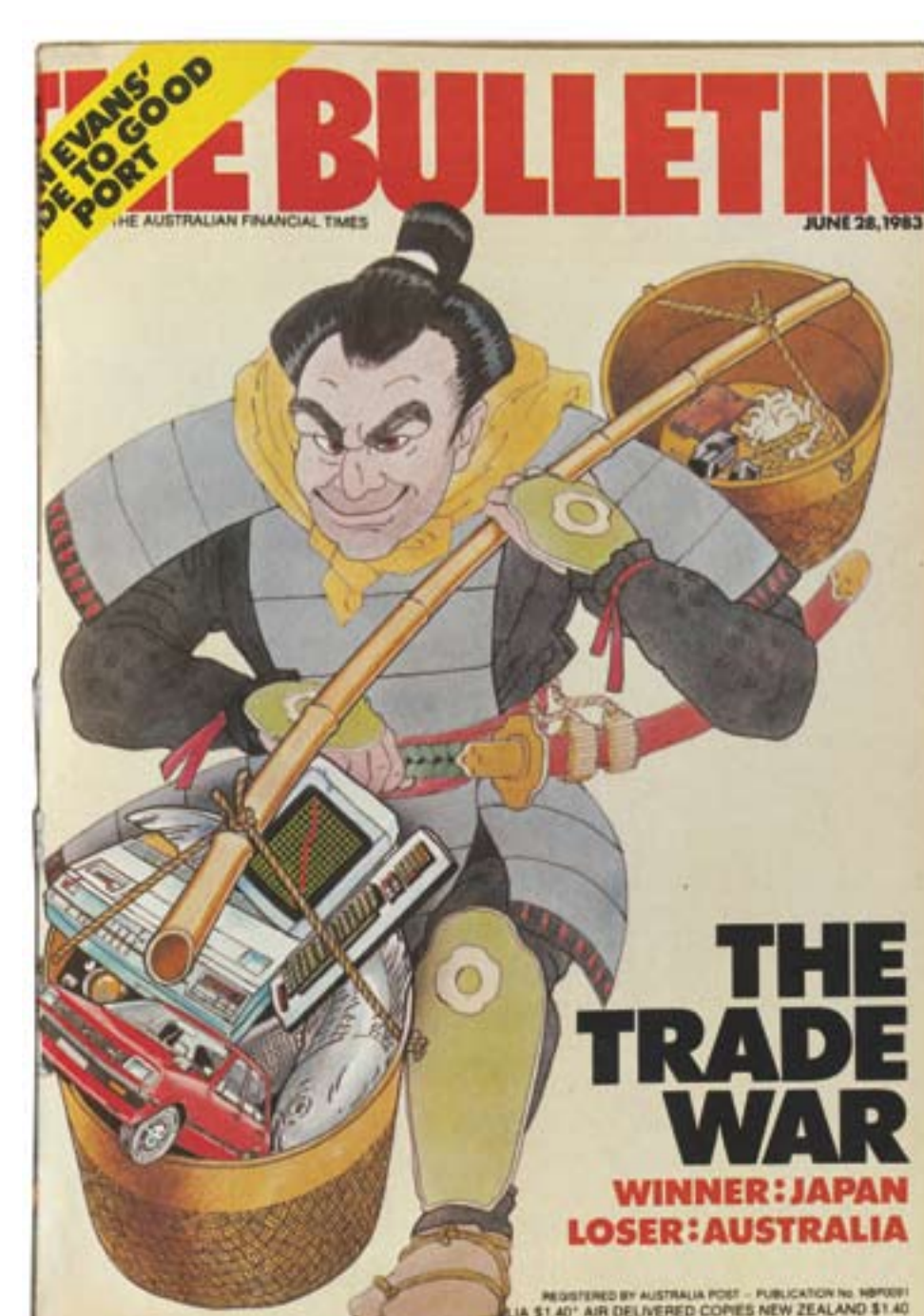
3rd Joint Meeting in Tokyo



Left: 5th Joint Meeting in Tokyo
Right: 10th Joint Meeting in Kyoto



Left: 12th Joint Meeting in Tokyo
Right: 17th Joint Meeting in Melbourne



Left: September Australia Prime Minister & Nippon Electric Company Penrith NSW
Right: A 1983 Bulletin front cover design



Tokyo – Kimono 23 October 2007

Australia Japan Joint Business Conference – Ladies’ Activities

- 2001 Kamakura
- 2007 Tokyo, Kimono, 23 October
- 2008 Bell Tower, Perth, 14 October
- 2010 Brisbane, 11 October
- 2011 Kyoto



Kamakura 2001

AJBCC Mrs. Elizabeth Morgan [1st row 3rd from left], JABCC Mrs. Yasue Imai [1st row 4th from left]



Left & Right: Perth –Bell Tower, Perth, 14 October 2008



Left & Right: Brisbane, 11 October 2010



Kyoto 2011

AJBCC Lady Young Sook Eddington [1st row 4th from right], JABCC Mrs. Yoshiko Mimura [1st row 3rd from right]



Australian and Japanese Prime Ministers at the first East Asia Summit in Kuala Lumpur in December 2005. (Australian Government, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade)

Political Partnership in the Asia-Pacific Region of unprecedented quality

- 1989 APEC was proposed by Australian Prime Minister Bob Hawke and 1st APEC Ministerial Meeting was held in Canberra in 1989 and 1st Economic Leaders' Meeting in Seattle in 1993.
- 2005 The 1st East Asia Summit (Prime Minister J. Howard / Prime Minister J. Koizumi in Kuala Lumpur December - following ASEAN + 3 (Japan, Korea and China 1997), Japan proposed ASEAN + 6 (+ Australia, India, NZ 2006) - APEC
- 2006 Cooperation of Australian and Japanese Forces in Iraq
- 2007 Japan Australia Joint Declaration on Security Cooperation (Prime Minister J. Howard / Prime Minister S. Abe in Tokyo 13 March) Photo from JFA
- 2012 4th Australia Japan Foreign-Defence Ministers meeting in Sydney, September

(Photo from MFA Japan)



For the Bright Future of Iraq: Australia and Japanese Forces in al-Muthanna Province, 2006. (Defence Australia)



4th Australia Japan Foreign-Defence Ministers meeting, September 2012



4th Australia Japan Foreign-Defence Joint Press Conference, September 2012



Visit Kuttubul Navy Base, September 2012

Japanese trade pioneers, Mr and Mrs Fusajiro Kanematsu and their contribution in Australia



Mr and Mrs Fusajiro Kanematsu enduring much hardship, pioneered trade between Japan and Australia at the end of the 19th century.

Fusajiro and Sen Kanematsu in whose honour the Kanematsu Memorial Institute of Pathology at Sydney Hospital was named. (Kanematsu Laboratories, Royal Prince Alfred Hospital)

The most outstanding Japanese contribution to the development of medical science in Australia was their gift to the Sydney Hospital in 1929 for the erection of a building to house the pathology and biochemistry departments.

A New Time, a New World & Interweaving Culture

- 1973 Maestro Iwaki the Chief Conductor of the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra begins his 30 years in the role
- 1989 Wakako Asano and Australian Contemporary Dance-She joined the Australian Ballet School in Melbourne in 1989, then Graeme Murphy's Sydney Dance Company.
- 2004 Healing the Wounds of the War
- 2005 Riley Lee's Shakuhachi and Matthew Doyle's Didgeridu at Aichi Expo
- 2006 The Australia-Japan Year of Exchange - celebrated by more than 1,000 events in Australia and Japan

Many Australian teenagers and young adults have become fascinated by Japanese comic books (manga) and films (anime).



Maestro Iwaki and the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra. (Melbourne Symphony Orchestra)



Wakako Asano and Australian Contemporary Dance 1990's. (Newsprint)



Left: Healing the Wounds of War. (Newsprint)
On 4 August 2004, the sixtieth anniversary of the World War II Japanese POW breakout from the Cowra internment camp.
Right: The Exotic Woodwinds: Riley Lee's shakuhachi and Matthew Doyle's didgeridu. (Newsprint)



The Sydney 2005 Animania Festival. (Anime Entertainment)