



## Inaugural Curtin Japan Engagement Event **Japan in the World: Past, Present, Future**

Japan has held a significant position in the contemporary world, having risen from the ruins of World War II to become a global economic giant, driving technological advancements, contributing to cultural enrichment, and assuming a central role in international diplomacy. Australia played a crucial role in shaping Japan's global position. Despite being on opposing sides during World War II, Japan and Australia have cultivated a robust and amicable relationship. The two nations frequently collaborate on regional and global concerns, encompassing areas such as climate change mitigation, disaster response, and development aid. Australia, notably Western Australia, continues to be a vital source of the energy required to power Japan's economy, supplying an array of natural resources. Cultural exchanges, educational initiatives, and tourism play pivotal roles in nurturing the human connections between Japan and Australia. Many Japanese students opt to pursue their studies in Australia, and substantial tourism traffic flows between the two countries.

To explore pressing global issues through the lenses of Japan, Australia, and their enduring partnership, Curtin University is pleased to announce its inaugural Japan Engagement Workshop. Specifically, the workshop will delve into topics such as Energy Transition and Critical Minerals, History and Culture, as well as Student Learning and Engagement. Distinguished speakers, including researchers and students from Curtin University and collaborative partners from Japan, will share their insights. This event serves as an engagement platform, fostering connections among academics, students, and partners from industry and government sectors.

### **Program**

10-10.30am

#### **Opening remarks**

- Dr. Reto Hofmann (Dean Global, Japan, Curtin University)
- Prof. Seth Kunin (DVG, Global, Curtin University)
- Mr. NAITO Yasushi (Consul-General, Japan)

10.30am-12pm

#### **Energy Transition and Critical Minerals**

- Prof. Klaus Regenauer-Lieb (Curtin University)
- Professor Jacques Eksteen (Curtin University)
- Dr. Jonah Gamutan (Curtin University)
- Prof. MATSUBAE Kazuyo (Tohoku University)

**LIGHT LUNCH**

1-2.30pm

**Japan and Australia in Global History**

- Prof. ADACHI Hiroaki (Tohoku University)
- Mr. CHEN Zibo (Tohoku University)
- Mr. HOSOI Takuma (Tohoku University)

3-4.30pm

**Learning Japan, Learning Australia: The Student Experience**

- Engineering: Dr Richard Alorro (Curtin University) and Mr Nozaki Hiromasa (Hokkaido University/Rio Tinto)
- Architecture and Planning: Dr Annette Condello (Curtin University) and Ms. Elanor Munn (Curtin University)
- Japanese Studies: Dr Reto Hofmann (Curtin University) and Ms. Sulani Gamagedera (Curtin University)

5.30 -7.30pm

**Reception and exhibition of Japanese prints at the residence of Professor Seth Kunin, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Global), Curtin University, in Shelley (address will be provided later)**