# **AUSTRALIAN POLITICAL EXCHANGE COUNCIL**

## THIRTEENTH DELEGATION FROM JAPAN

28 APRIL - 4 MAY 2014

## **Sydney, New South Wales**

- Meeting with Mr Guy Zangari MP, Shadow Minister for Citizenship and Communities, Shadow Minister for Sport and Recreation, State Member for Fairfield, New South Wales (Japan 2014)
- Meetings and guided tour of the University of Sydney, arranged with the assistance of Ms Kirsten Andrews (China 2002)
- Briefing on Parliamentary and Committee procedures by Ms Beverly Duffy, Clerk-Assistant Committees
- Luncheon at New South Wales Parliament with the Hon Natasha MacLaren-Jones MLC (Japan 2014), Ms Penny Sharpe MLC (Japan 2010), the Hon Carmel Tebbutt MLA (Japan 2006) and Mr Guy Zangari MP (Japan 2014)
- Guided tour of New South Wales Parliament House
- Guided tour of the Sydney Opera House
- Briefing and luncheon hosted by Mr Masato Takaoka, Consul-General

### Canberra, Australian Capital Territory

- Briefing by the Australian Electoral Commission
- Briefing on the Australian Labor Party by Mr George Wright, National Secretary, Australian Labor Party, Council Member and Ms Skye Laris, Chief of Staff to Mr George Wright
- Briefing on the Liberal Party of Australia by Mr Bruce Edwards, International Secretary, Liberal Party of Australia (Japan 1992)
- Briefing on The Nationals by Mr Scott Mitchell, Federal Director, The Nationals (USA 2000) and Mr Michael Kauter, Deputy Campaign Director, The Nationals
- Meeting with Senator the Hon Michael Ronaldson, Minister for Veterans Affairs, Minister
   Assisting the Prime Minister for the Centenary of ANZAC, Special Minister of State, Minister
   with portfolio responsibility for the exchange program, Senator for Victoria
- Briefing on the National Parliamentary Fellowships Program by the Crawford School of Public Policy, Australian National University
- Roundtable discussion with representatives from the Australian Strategic Policy Institute
- Parliamentary briefing by Ms Claressa Surtees, Deputy Clerk of the House of Representatives
- Lunch with former delegate Mr Alistair Coe MLA, Deputy Leader of the Opposition,
  Opposition Whip, Shadow Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, Shadow Minister for
  Urban Services, Shadow Minister for Transport Services, Shadow Minister for Heritage (India
  2013 and USA 2010)
- Dinner hosted by His Excellency Mr Yoshitaka Akimoto, Japanese Ambassador to Australia
- Guided tour of Parliament House
- Guided tour of the Australian War Memorial

### Adelaide, South Australia

- Briefing on the Australian Greens by Senator Penny Wright, Senator for South Australia
- Meeting with the Hon Jamie Briggs MP, Assistant Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development, Federal Member for Mayo (Japan 2010)
- Briefing by Primary Industries and Regions South Australia, arranged with the assistance of Mr Don Frater (Japan 1992)

- Lunch with former delegate Mr Grant Chapman, former Senator for South Australia (Japan 1992)
- Meeting with Senator the Hon Simon Birmingham, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Environment, Senator for South Australia (Japan 2009)
- Meeting with Senator the Hon Penny Wong, Shadow Minister for Trade and Investment, Leader of the Opposition in the Senate, Senator for South Australia (China 1994)
- Dinner with former delegate the Hon Russell Wortley, President, Legislative Council of South Australia, Member of the Legislative Council, South Australia (China 1984)
- Luncheon hosted by the Hon Amanda Rishworth MP, Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Health, Federal Member for Kingston (Japan 2011)
- Visit to Rundle Mall
- Attend Australian Rules Football match
- Guided tour of Cleland Wildlife Park
- Attend Kodomo no Hi Japan Festival