

# AUSTRALIAN POLITICAL EXCHANGE COUNCIL

## TWELFTH DELEGATION FROM JAPAN

29 APRIL - 5 MAY 2013

### Sydney, New South Wales

- Meeting with the Hon Barry O'Farrell MP, Premier of New South Wales, State Member for Ku-ring-gai, New South Wales (USA 1996)
- Luncheon hosted by Dr Masahiro Kohara, Consul-General
- Briefing by the Australian Electoral Commission
- Meeting and guided tour of the Japan Foundation
- Briefing on parliamentary and committee procedures of Parliament of New South Wales
- Guided tour of Parliament of New South Wales
- Meeting with Mr David Elliott MP, State Member for Baulkham Hills, New South Wales (Japan 2013)
- Question Time in the Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council
- Luncheon hosted by the Hon Donald Harwin MLC, President of the Legislative Council and the Hon Shelley Hancock MP, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, New South Wales. Guests included the Hon Shaoquette Moselmane MLC and Mr Andrew Gee MP
- Dinner hosted by Senator the Hon Matt Thistlethwaite, Parliamentary Secretary for Pacific Island Affairs, Parliamentary Secretary for Multicultural Affairs, Senator for New South Wales (China 2009, Japan 2013). Guests included Ms Penny Sharpe MLC (Japan 2010) and Mr Brer Adams (Japan 2002)
- Guided tour of the Sydney Opera House

### Canberra, Australian Capital Territory

- Meeting with Ms Gai Brodtmann MP, Federal Member for Canberra
- Guided tour of Mt Stromlo Observatory
- Briefing on the Liberal Party of Australia by Mr Bruce Edwards, International Secretary (Japan 1992)
- Briefing on the Australian Labor Party by Ms Jessie McCrone, National Organiser
- Briefing on The Nationals by Mr Scott Mitchell, Federal Director (USA 2000)
- Meeting with Mr Peter Anderson, Chief Executive, Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Japan 1995), Mr Bryan Clark, Director Trade and International Affairs and Mr Paul Gallagher, Executive-Director of the Australia-Japan Business Cooperation Committee
- Briefing on Parliamentary Processes by Mr Bernard Wright, Clerk of the House of Representatives
- Guided tour of Australian Parliament House
- Visit to Geoscience Australia and guided tour of the Joint Australian Tsunami Warning Centre
- Guided tour of the Australian War Memorial, greeted by the Hon Dr Brendan Nelson, Director, Australian War Memorial (UK 1997)
- Breakfast meeting with Senator Gary Humphries, Senator for the Australian Capital Territory (Japan 1992, South Korea 2005)
- Working luncheon with Mr Stuart Robert MP, Shadow Minister for Defence Science, Technology and Personnel, Federal Member for Fadden (Japan 2011)
- Dinner hosted by His Excellency Mr Yoshitaka Akimoto, Ambassador of Japan

## **Melbourne, Victoria**

- Meeting with Sir Rod Eddington AO, President, Australia-Japan Business Co-operation Committee
- Briefing on the Australian Greens by Senator Richard Di Natale, Senator for Victoria
- Meeting with Ms Anna Burke MP, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Patron of the Council (Japan 2007)
- Meeting with Senator the Hon Kate Lundy, Minister for Sport, Minister for Multicultural Affairs, Minister Assisting for Industry and Innovation, Senator for the Australian Capital Territory (Japan 1997) and Mr Phil Martin, Manager, Government Relations, AFL House
- Guided tour of the Altona Toyota Manufacturing Plant, accompanied by Ms Jill Hennessy MP, Shadow Minister for Corrections, Shadow Minister for Crime Prevention, Shadow Minister for the Anti-corruption Commission, State Member for Altona District, Victoria (Japan 2012)
- Luncheon hosted by Mr Hidenobu Sobashima, Consul-General. Guests included the Hon Bruce Atkinson MLC, the Hon Ken Smith MP, the Hon Ted Baillieu (Japan 1993) and Mr Brad Battin MP
- *Rebels v Chiefs* Australian rugby union match, accompanied by Mr Andrew Giles, Australian Labor Party Candidate for the Federal seat of Scullin (USA 2010, Japan 2013)
- Visit to Yarra Valley including guided tour of Healesville Sanctuary and visit to Domaine Chandon
- Dinner hosted by Senator Helen Kroger, Senator for Victoria (Japan 2006). Also attended by the Hon Michael Danby MP, Parliamentary Secretary for the Arts, Federal Member for Melbourne Ports (Japan 2000)