

Sixth National Meeting of China Matters

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Biographies of panellists, moderators and speakers**Ambassador Jan Adams AO PSM**

Jan Adams has been Australia's Ambassador to the People's Republic of China since February 2016. From 2013 to 2015, Jan was Deputy Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and chief negotiator in concluding Free Trade Agreements with China, Korea and Japan. Previously, she was First Assistant Secretary, Free Trade Agreement Division. Jan was Ambassador for the Environment and Ambassador for Climate Change (2005-2008), and Minister Counsellor (Trade) in Washington (2000-2004). She joined DFAT in 1999 as Assistant Secretary, APEC Branch, having previously worked in Parliament House and the OECD Secretariat. In 2007 Jan was awarded the Public Service Medal, and in 2016 she was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia. She holds Bachelor of Economics (Hons) and Bachelor of Law (Hons) degrees from Monash University. Jan is a Board Director of China Matters.

Ms Frances Adamson

Frances Adamson has led the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade since 25 August 2016. From 2011 to 2015, Frances was Ambassador to the People's Republic of China. She has also been posted as Representative to the Australian Commerce and Industry Office in Taipei, to the Australian Consulate-General in Hong Kong and twice to the Australian High Commission in London. She has served as International Adviser to the Prime Minister, and Chief of Staff to both the Minister for Foreign Affairs and the Minister for Defence. Frances is President of the Institute of Public Administration Australia ACT. She is a member of the Efic Board, the Advisory Board of the National Security College and the Asia Society Australia Advisory Council. Frances has a Bachelor of Economics from the University of Adelaide. She is married with four children.

Mr Kenrick Cheah

Kenrick Cheah is the current President of the Chinese Australian Forum (CAF) of NSW. For over 30 years CAF has advocated on behalf of the community and provided Chinese-Australians with a voice in the political process; fighting racism and promoting multiculturalism. At 35, Kenrick is the youngest ever CAF President. He is also a former Assistant Secretary of the Ethnic Communications Council. Kenrick holds a Master's in Communications (UTS), has tertiary qualifications in Social Science and Policy (UNSW), and has worked as a professional political adviser for the past decade in various roles such as Press Secretary, Senior Policy Adviser and Caucus Adviser at state and federal levels of government. Kenrick is currently the Community Relations Director for NSW Labor.



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Mr Benjamin Chow AO

Benjamin Chow was born in Shanghai, China but grew up in Hong Kong. He has worked continuously in the land development industry since 1968, having immigrated to Australia in 1962 and completed a degree in Civil Engineering at the University of Sydney. Benjamin holds the position of Chairman of Mindax Limited as well as numerous board positions including Sydney University Nerve Research Foundation, Sydney Medical School Foundation, Chain Reaction Foundation, Australian Chinese Charity Foundation, Australian Chinese Community Association and NSW Government Multicultural Business Advisory Panel. He has previously served on the board of Australian Government Council for Multicultural Australia, InvoCare Limited, National Museum of Australia, Bond University Limited and Western Sydney Wanderers Football Club. Benjamin was awarded a Centenary Medal in 2001 and was made an Officer of the Order of Australia in 2007 for services to inter-cultural activities in Australia and to the Chinese community.

Ms Natalie Cope

Natalie Cope is the CEO of the Australia China Business Council (NSW) where she is responsible for supporting member companies in their trade, investment and business engagement with China. Prior to her role with ACBC, Natalie was the Manager of Partnerships and Development at Asialink Business. Natalie was Australia's 2015 Top Emerging Leader and MBA Scholar, receiving the 2015 Emerging Leaders MBA Scholarship by the University of Sydney Business School and The Australian Financial Review's BOSS Magazine. She is the Ambassador of the Westpac Bicentennial Foundation, Asian Exchange Program and is a founding member and current Chair of the Australia-China Youth Dialogue. Natalie is a member of the China Matters Advisory Council.

Major General Stephen Day DSC AM

Stephen Day has extensive experience in leadership, governance and strategy. He served in the Army and saw operational service in Africa, East Timor, Iraq and Afghanistan. He left the Army as a Major General in 2015. He has led large organisations, military and civilian, in Australia and overseas. In his last appointment with the federal government he was Head of Cyber at the Department of Defence, an appointment that included responsibility for establishing and running the Australian Cyber Security Centre. Stephen currently works as an advisor to PwC, principally on cyber security but also on leadership. He has interests in the beef industry, is professionally engaged as a leadership mentor, and is actively involved with community service.



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Mr John Denton AO

John Denton is a Partner and CEO of Corrs Chambers Westgarth, Australia's leading independent law firm. He is a legal expert on international trade and investment, government and workplace relations, and an adviser on global policy. John is Chair of the Business Council of Australia's Global Engagement Task Force; board member of Asialink and The Australian Ballet and a founding member of the Australia-China CEO Roundtables. John is First Vice-Chairman at the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC). He is a member of the ICC G20 CEO Advisory Group; an originating member of the B20 (business reference group of the G20); a member of the Australian B20 Leadership Group and a member of the Australian Government advisory panel for the 'Australia in the Asian Century' White Paper. In 2015 John was appointed as an Officer of the Order of Australia for his services to the business community, arts and rights of refugees.

Mr David Irvine AO

As a long-serving Australian diplomat, David Irvine was High Commissioner to Papua New Guinea (1996-1999), Australian Ambassador to the People's Republic of China (2000-2003) and concurrently, Australian Ambassador to Mongolia and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. Later, for almost twelve years he headed both Australia's foreign intelligence collection agency and its domestic security agency. David currently holds offices as: Chairman of the Foreign Investment Review Board; member of the Advisory Council of the National Archives of Australia; Adjunct Professor at Charles Sturt University; Chair, Australian Cyber Security Research Centre and lectures at the National Security College within the Australian National University. David has published two books on Indonesian culture. He has honorary doctorates from the University of Western Australia (Letters) and Edith Cowan University (Science). In 2005, David was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia for services to the promotion of Australia's international relations.

Ms Linda Jakobson

Linda Jakobson is the CEO and Founding Director of China Matters, an independent public policy initiative which aims to advance sound China policy and stimulate a nuanced and informed public discourse in Australia about China's rise. From 2011 to 2013, she served as the Lowy Institute's East Asia Program Director. Before moving to Sydney in 2011, she lived and worked in China for 22 years and has published six books on Chinese and East Asian society. Her last position in Beijing was as Director of the China and Global Security Programme at the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI). Over the past three decades she has served as a policy advisor to the governments of seven countries. Her most recent book, written with Dr Bates Gill, is *China Matters: Getting It Right for Australia* (La Trobe University Press / Black Inc., 2017).



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Mr Lloyd Jones

Lloyd Jones spent most of his career with Alcoa Inc., a Dow 30 company producing aluminium products, and Cerberus Capital, a \$35B New York-based private equity fund. He served as General Manager of Alcoa's WA Alumina business, President of their North American Metals business and founded Alcoa's business in Asia. He oversaw large investments in each business, including strategic investments in China, while based in Tokyo and Beijing. He was later President of Cerberus Capital Management's Asia Advisory Unit, overseeing acquisition, fundraising and investment in Greater Asia. Since his return from overseas he has served on boards including Myer Family Investments, RCR Tomlinson, Arafura Resources and Bluescope Steel, and has been an Advisory Director to Deutsche Bank's Australian infrastructure asset management business. He holds a Bachelor of Engineering and an MBA from the University of Western Australia and resides in Melbourne.

Mr Jason Yat-sen Li

Jason Yat-sen Li has over 15 years of experience in law, corporate advisory, general management and politics. Jason was Head of China Strategy and Head of Sustainability for Insurance Australia Group. Before that, he was an M&A lawyer with Davis Polk & Wardwell in New York and Corrs Chambers Westgarth in Australia as well as having worked for the United Nations in the Netherlands. Jason is a Director of the George Institute for Global Health, a leading global medical research organisation and has been Vice Chairman of the Australia-China Chamber of Commerce in Beijing. Jason brings excellent commercial, transactional and management skills, extensive commercial and political relationships & a deep understanding of China. In 2009, he was appointed a Young Global Leader of the World Economic Forum and is currently a member of the WEF's Global Agenda Council for China. Jason is a member of the China Matters Advisory Council.

Ms Ming Long

Ming Long is a non-executive director in funds and investment management, real estate, education and professional associations. She has held leadership positions including CEO and CFO roles and is the only Asian woman who has led an ASX-100 or 200 listed entity in Australia. Ming led the establishment of the Property Male Champions of Change, was named as one of the 100 Women of Influence and was a finalist in the Telstra Business Women's Awards. She is a Fellow of Chartered Accountants Australia & New Zealand, a Fellow of Finsia, a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and a member of Chief Executive Women. Ming is a non-executive director and Chair of the Audit & Risk Committee for AMP Capital Funds Management Limited. She is also on the board of Chartered Accountants, Diversity Council of Australia, and a member of the Finance & Audit Committee at Sydney University.



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Mr Andrew Michelmore

Andrew Michelmore was Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director of MMG Limited from 2009 until February 2017 following his tenure as CEO of Zinifex Limited and then OZ Minerals Limited. Prior to this he spent two years working in London and Russia as CEO of EN+ Group and became interim Chairman of RUSAL, an EN+ portfolio company, in October 2006. Andrew spent 12 years at WMC Resources including three years as CEO. He holds an Honours degree in Engineering (Chemical) from the University of Melbourne and a Master of Arts in Politics, Philosophy and Economics from Oxford University. He is a Rhodes Scholar and a fellow of the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering. Andrew is Chairman of the Jean Hailes Foundation for Women's Health and Chairman of the Council of Ormond College at the University of Melbourne. He is a Board Director of China Matters.

Mr Chris Moraitis PSM

Chris Moraitis was appointed Secretary of the Attorney-General's Department in September 2014. Before this, he was a Deputy Secretary in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Over a 25-year career in DFAT, he held several senior positions, including as head of Corporate Management, International Organisations and Legal Divisions and as DFAT's Senior Legal Adviser. He joined DFAT as a graduate in 1989. Chris served as Australia's High Commissioner to Papua New Guinea from 2006 to 2009. He also served in Australian missions in Paris, Madrid and Geneva. Chris was awarded the Public Service Medal in 2014 for outstanding public service to Australia's international affairs. Chris holds Bachelor of Arts (Hons) and Bachelor of Laws (Hons) degrees from the University of Melbourne and a Master's of International Law from the Australian National University. He was admitted to practice in Victoria as a barrister and solicitor in 1988.

Mr Andrew Parker

Andrew Parker is a Sydney-based Partner at PwC where he leads the Australian Firm's Asia Practice. Andrew joined PwC in 1985, became a partner in 1999 and spent 12 years in PwC's London, Moscow and Jakarta offices where he gained considerable experience advising companies investing in foreign (and particularly developing) markets. Andrew was previously the leader of PwC's Asian telecoms industry team. He is a China Matters Board Director. He is also a member of the Advisory Board of the Asia Society and a non-executive director of the Australia Indonesia Centre at Monash University. Andrew was the lead author of PwC's landmark report on Australia's lack of business investment in Asia titled 'Passing us by'.



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Dr Brendan Taylor

Brendan Taylor is an Associate Professor and Acting Director of the Coral Bell School of Asia Pacific Affairs, ANU. Specialising in great power strategic relations in the Asia-Pacific, economic sanctions and regional security architecture, he previously served as Head of the Strategic & Defence Studies Centre from 2011. Brendan holds a PhD and Master's degree from the Australian National University and a BA (Hons) from Waikato University in New Zealand. With a longstanding association at the ANU, Brendan has also held the position of Director of Studies at the Strategic & Defence Studies Centre. He has been featured in leading journals, including the *Washington Quarterly*, *Survival* and *International Affairs* and has authored or edited five books. With his current research focusing on flashpoints in Asia, to be published as a book by Black Inc. in 2018, Brendan is often sought as an expert on Asia-Pacific security.

Ms Erny Wah (China Matters Young Professionals representative)

Erny Wah is a policy adviser at the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. She will shortly commence language training to augment her Mandarin skills ahead of a posting at the Australian Embassy in Beijing from 2018 to 2021. Erny spent the last 15 months on secondment to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet where she was the International Division's adviser on China, and prior to that, on trade. Erny was previously a services trade negotiator, and was part of the team that concluded the China-Australia Free Trade Agreement in 2014. She also worked on FTA negotiations with India and Indonesia. Prior to this, Erny was a policy adviser on Middle East issues, and served as a diplomat with the Australian Embassy in Cairo from 2010 to 2013.

Professor Michael Wesley

Michael Wesley is Professor of International Affairs and Dean of the College of Asia and the Pacific at the Australian National University. He has published on Australian foreign policy, Asia's international relations and strategic affairs, and the politics of state-building interventions. His 2011 book, *There Goes the Neighbourhood: Australia and the Rise of Asia*, was awarded the John Button Prize for the best writing on Australian politics and public policy. Previously, Michael was the Director of the Coral Bell School of Asia Pacific Affairs at ANU (2014-2016); the Executive Director of the Lowy Institute for International Policy (2009-2012); Director of the Griffith Asia Institute at Griffith University (2004-2009); and Assistant Director-General for Transnational Issues at the Office of National Assessments (2003-2004). He gained his PhD from the University of St Andrews and his BA (Hons) from the University of Queensland. Michael is Chair of the China Matters Advisory Council.



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Dinner Keynote Speaker:

Professor Brian Schmidt AC FAA FRS

Brian Schmidt was appointed Vice-Chancellor and President of the Australian National University in January 2016. Winner of the 2011 Nobel Prize in Physics, Brian was an astrophysicist at the ANU Mount Stromlo Observatory and Research School of Astronomy and Astrophysics before becoming Vice-Chancellor. Brian received undergraduate degrees in Astronomy and Physics from the University of Arizona in 1989, and completed his Astronomy Master's degree (1992) and PhD (1993) from Harvard University. Under his leadership, in 1998, the High-Z Supernova Search Team made the startling discovery that the expansion rate of the Universe is accelerating. Fellow of the Australian Academy of Science, the United States Academy of Science, and the Royal Society, he was made a Companion of the Order of Australia in 2013.



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