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Stop Press:

Launch of new Asia Society Website – www.asiasource.org

AsiaSource, the Asia Society's comprehensive new Internet service, is now online. AsiaSource aims to become a "resource of resources" about Asia offering timely, reliable, unbiased information and assistance regarding the cultural, economic, social and political dimensions of Asia.

Australia and Asia in the Last Quarter of 1999 Changes and New Challenges

By Richard Woolcott AC, Founding Director, Asia Society AustralAsia Centre

MAJOR developments have taken place in the Asian region and in Australian policy since our last newsletter. Some of these will have an impact on the activities of the Centre. They present both challenges and opportunities.

These include:

- the election of a new President, Abdurrahim Wahid and Vice President of Indonesia, Megawati Sukarnoputri as well as the appointment of a new Ministry;
- the United Nations supervised vote in East Timor on 30 August in favour of independence and its aftermath;
- the deterioration of Australia's relations with Indonesia, mainly as a result of developments related to East Timor;
- tensions between China and the United States over a range of issues including Taiwan, Tibet, trade issues and human rights;
- continuing economic difficulties in some countries in the region, especially Indonesia, within a framework, however, of gradual regional recovery following the East/Asian financial crisis;
- domestic concerns about the increasing arrival of illegal boat people and the need to keep this issue separate from the wider and continuing need for skilled immigrants;
- Dr Mahathir's re-election for another 5 year term in Malaysia, with which Australia's relations have also come under some strain, and
- on a positive note, the recent agreement between the United States and China clearing the way for China's membership of the World Trade Organisation (WTO).

The future stability and prospects of 210 million Indonesians will always be of fundamental importance to Australia. In future, however, it will be more democratic, more explicitly Islamic, less predictable and less cohesive. Government to government relations between Australia and Indonesia are however



Richard Woolcott AC, Founding Director, Asia Society AustralAsia Centre with Kofi Annan, Secretary-General, United Nations

at present more strained than they have been for many years. This situation underlines the need, in addition to Government efforts to rebuild the relationship, for non-Governmental institutions, like the AustralAsia Centre, to do what they can through people-to-people contacts and "second track" diplomacy to improve understanding between opinion formers in both countries. To this end it was agreed at the Centre's Advisory Council meeting in Sydney on 8 November that the Centre should develop a "Bridges to Indonesia Program". This is now under consideration.

Following the referendum vote on 6 November to remain a constitutional monarchy and to retain the Queen as our Head of State, as well as some recent confusion about the Government's attitude towards Australia's strategy and place in East Asia, there is also a need to clarify, especially for Asian countries, Australia's present position.

Australia also faces a delicate and costly task in assisting the emergence of an independent East Timor, hopefully without it becoming - or appearing to become - a client state of this country.



Founding Director's Message



It has been a busy and productive period for the Centre since our Winter newsletter.

In October I visited the USA, Britain and Singapore. In New York, the Executive Director and I spent two days at the Asia Society discussing the role and work of the Centre with the President, Nicholas Platt, Executive Vice President, Marshall Bouton, Director of Regional Center Coordination & Asian Activities, Bill McKeever and others.

We attended the meeting of Trustees and International Councillors on 21st October. I also addressed an Asia Society forum on "Indonesia's New Beginning: Climate for Investment."

While in America I had private meetings with Dr Henry Kissinger, the Secretary General of the United Nations, Kofi Annan, and the Chairman of News Corporation, Rupert Murdoch. I discussed Asian issues including Indonesia and East Timor with the UN Secretary General and briefed him on the work of the AustralAsia Centre. He is familiar with and supportive of the Asia Society. Dr Kissinger agreed in principle to address one of the Centre's CEO Asia Update Meetings in 2000 if he comes to Australia about mid year which he is planning to.

In Singapore I met privately with the Senior Minister, Lee Kuan Yew. He agreed to our proposal that the Centre should host, in conjunction with the publishers (Harper Collins), the launch in Australia of the second volume of his memoirs next year.

I found in all my discussions overseas, especially at the United Nations, the view that a "No" vote at the referendum, would send a confusing signal about how Australians saw their place in the world by voting to retain constitutional links with the British Crown.

During the period I have given a number of speeches including "China, the Next Super-Power?", to the Victorian Branch of the Australian Institute of the International Affairs and "Advance Australia Where? Australia on the Eve of the 21st Century" to the Annual Dinner in Melbourne of the Order of Australia Association.

In my speech on China I stressed the growing importance of our relations with China. I said that China was one of Australia's four key relationships. China's admission to the World Trade Organisation was very important in that it should strengthen efforts to establish global rules for trade. It would also create enlarged opportunities for Australian exports, especially in the agricultural sector.

Efforts to increase commercial relations with Taiwan needed to be pursued within the context of the Government's fundamental and continuing prior commitment to the one-China policy. Like Japan and Indonesia, a stable, economically growing and benign China would be of enormous importance to Australia.

In the address to the Order of Australia Association I said that, given some recent confusion about the Government's approach to the East Asian region, we needed to strengthen the national consensus that in the 21st Century our priorities in economic, strategic and political terms will always lie in the region in which we are situated, East Asia and the South West Pacific. I said Australia needed to avoid any indication of latent racism, bigotry and insularity. On the contrary we should project an image of a secure, outward looking and distinctive Australia.

I have also contributed articles to The Australian, the Australian Financial Review and The Age on Asian affairs since our last newsletter.

May I take this opportunity of thanking you for your interest, support and cooperation and wish you a successful, healthy and prosperous 2000.

Address by Rupert Murdoch AC

Chairman, News Corporation Limited

A summary of the major address given by Rupert Murdoch AC, at the AustralAsia Centre's second Annual Dinner in Sydney on 8 November follows. The address attracted extensive media coverage. The text is also available from the AustralAsia Centre.



considered answer based on full and open debate, rather than a response to perceived lobby group pressures.

Regarding the United States, Mr Murdoch said recent disappointments over some American

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policies should not obscure the fact that a continued constructive American involvement in the region was "vital." Australia needed to "pursue an independent foreign policy within the framework of its American alliance." He added that Australia should exercise what influence it could in helping America shape its regional foreign policies, especially as it searched for coherent policies towards China, Indonesia, Japan and India.

"Living next to Asia" gave Australia, he said, an "obvious source of highly talented immigrants."

Australia could and must become a "centre of educational excellence," increasing both our human capital and that of our regional neighbours.

In conclusion Mr Murdoch said Australia could make its "greatest contribution" to the region by "strengthening our regional engagement".

RUPERT Murdoch's address covered a number of important subjects, including foreign policy issues such as relations with the United States, China, Japan, Indonesia and East Timor. He also stressed;

- the need for Australia to recommit itself to large scale immigration;
- the importance of placing education at the forefront of the national agenda; and
- the opportunity for Australia to compete with Singapore, Shanghai and Hong Kong as a world class, high-tech and financial centre.

On foreign policy Mr Murdoch posed the question of whether Australia should pursue a "purely humanitarian or moralistic" foreign policy, "divorced from attention to national interest." He said the answer might be "Yes" but it should be a con-

He-Ming 和鳴

By Zhang Dawo

designed for the Asia Society AustralAsia Centre 1999 Annual Dinner

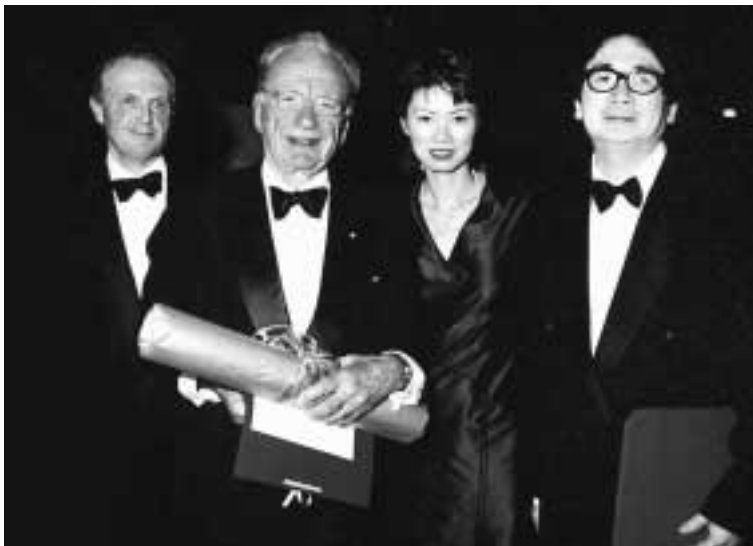
He-Ming is a classical phrase used to signify the harmony between two contrasting elements in nature. The meaning is extended in the present context to East-West relations.



ZHANG DAWO

Born in 1943, Beijing/Australian calligrapher and visual artist, Zhang Dawo is known for his many facets of art including photography. Zhang, who is a member of the Beijing branch of the prestigious Chinese Calligraphy Association and a member of the Chinese Modern Painting Council, has held exhibitions in Paris, London and Melbourne and his works are held in many public, corporate and private collections, including the British Museum.

From a background of traditional calligraphy, Zhang, has devoted himself to creating 'modern calligraphy'. Since 1982, he has overcome the classical barrier, by moving from the two dimensional into the three dimensional, a visual revolution made largely possible by the rearrangement of the spatial construction and the use of different tones of ink on special calligraphic paper. From 1990 Zhang crossed the boundary of modern calligraphy into modern art by pushing its frontier with the ink medium.



Presentation of the original calligraphy to Rupert Murdoch. Co-Dinner Chairman Doug Shears, Berri Limited, Rupert & Wendi Murdoch and the artist, Zhang Dawo.

From the Executive Director



1999 has been another exciting year for the Asia Society AustralAsia Centre. 1999 has seen such highlights as the successful launch of the CEO Asia Update Luncheon Forum. Prominent chief executive officers of Australian and American organisations engaged in the Asian region offered their insights into events unfolding in the Asian region. Seven of these lunches were held over **Sydney and Melbourne**.

The Centre hosted its first major event in **Perth** with the Hon. Alexander Downer MP as guest speaker in August this year. The CEO Asia Update Luncheon Series will commence in February in **Perth**, with Mr. Hugh Morgan, Chief Executive Officer, WMC Limited as the first speaker.

The Centre also held dinners – both public and private to coincide with the visits of such dignitaries as the Prime Minister of Singapore, HE Mr. Goh Chok Tong, Mr. Palaniappa Chidambaram, former Finance Minister of India, and Mr. Roberto de O'Campo, former Secretary for Finance, the Philippines to name but a few.

The 1999 Annual Dinner held in **Sydney** this year was another highlight. The guest speaker was, Mr. Rupert Murdoch AC, Chairman and Chief Executive, News Corporation, who presented thought provoking comments on Australia's relationship with the Asian region. 600 guests attended. A mix of valuable insights into the Asian region, as well as exposure to some Asian-Australian talent was also offered. Shu Cheen Yu, soprano with the Australian opera delighted the audience with three Chinese folk songs. Zhang Dawo, a contemporary Chinese calligrapher living in Launceston donated his East Meets West calligraphy design for the invitation and programme. He presented the original to Mr. & Mrs. Murdoch as a gift. A local Melbourne florist, Rick Eckersley Flowers devised a beautiful table centrepiece reminiscent of a Chinese garden.

On the cultural side, the Centre continued its Classical Asian Art Lecture Series. This series saw a 70% increase in its audience figures in 1999 over the 1998 Series. The Centre also co-presented the "Treasures of Asian Art Selections from the John D. Rockefeller 3rd Collection of Asian Art" during 1999, and offered their corporate members gala opening dinners in **Melbourne and Sydney**.

2000 will be a year of further expansion and challenge for the Centre. The Centre will be broadening its programming to bring a range of social and cultural issues of concern to Australia's Asian neighbours, into the mainstream of public debate.

Some events for 2000 to bear in mind – the Classical Asian Art Lecture Series will commence in April in both **Melbourne and Sydney**. In February in **Perth**, the Centre will be running a symposium on the Peony Pavilion, which is to be staged at the Perth Festival. And, in Melbourne in March, the Centre is delighted to have the opportunity of presenting "A Musical Evening with Vikram Seth", the renowned Indian author.

I want to thank all of our members for their generous donations of time, as well as funds for the Centre. I also want to thank in particular, the staff of the Centre – Fiona Wallace-Smith, Paul Turner and Kate Rose for the long hours of dedication to making the Centre's events so successful. Very best season's wishes to you and your families from all of us here at the Centre. We look forward to seeing you again next year.

Prue Holstein

Asia Society AustralAsia Centre 1999 Annual Dinner



Rupert and Wendi Murdoch

Co-Dinner Chairman Doug Shears, Berri Limited,
with Dame Elisabeth Murdoch

Eilaine Seidler, Edmund Capon AM, AGNSW and Janet McDonald AO

Terry Campbell, J B Were & Son, Sarah & Lachlan Murdoch, Richard Woolcott and
Co-Dinner Chairman, Garry Hounsell, Arthur Andersen

**ASIA SOCIETY
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ADDRESSED BY
THE HON.
ALEXANDER
DOWNER MP**



THE ASIA Society AustralAsia Centre held its first event in Perth, since the “Traditions and Tensions” art exhibition in 1998, with a luncheon in honour of the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Hon. Alexander Downer, MP.

Mr. Downer provided an update on Australia’s foreign policy. The event attracted a prestigious gathering which included chief executive officers and chairmen of some of Australia’s largest corporations and academic institutions based in Perth. The lunch was generously sponsored by WMC Limited and Rio Tinto Limited.



APPOINTMENT OF THE ASIA SOCIETY AUSTRALASIA CENTRE N.S.W. REPRESENTATIVE

THE CENTRE has much pleasure in announcing the appointment of Mr. Ian Hutchinson as the Centre's New South Wales Representative.

Ian was formerly National Chairman, Freehill Hollingdale & Page. Ian had a vision for the firm in Asia, and built an extensive network of offices and representations for the partnership throughout the Asian region – in particular in Singapore, Jakarta, Tokyo, Ho Chi Minh City, Hanoi and Bangkok.

Ian is currently a consultant to Freehill Hollingdale & Page and is on the boards of a number of Asia based organisations represented in Sydney.

Ian will provide the Centre with a valuable focus for our Sydney based members and we look forward to benefiting from his extensive experience and contact base throughout the region.

Obituary of Sir Russel Madigan OBE

22.11.1920 – 19.7.99, aged 78

Mining Executive, International Trustee of the Asia Society and Advisory Council Member of the AustralAsia Centre



SIR RUSSEL Madigan was one of the great developers of the Australian mining industry, and helped establish our critical trading links with Japan.

He worked for CRA for 41 years. During his time at Hamersley Iron, as Managing Director in 1965, and Chairman in 1972, he was responsible for the development of mines, towns and infrastructure in the rugged Pilbara region of WA. He also joined the boards of CRA in 1968 and Rio Tinto Zinc Corporation in London in 1970, where he later became Deputy Chairman.

Sir Russel was farsighted. He was one of Australia's first leading business figures to grasp the fundamental importance of the need for Australia to engage itself more fully with Asian countries. He developed important trade links with Japan and, later on, with other Asian countries as their economies developed. He was a keen traveller, and pilot, who traveled widely throughout Asia. He had a long and active involvement with the Asia Society in New York, and more recently with the AustralAsia Centre. He was also engaged with other bodies, such as the Australian Institute of International Affairs, the Pacific Basin and Economic Council and the Australia Japan Foundation.

He married Margaret in 1942 and together they had five children. Margaret predeceased him and his second wife, Satsuko, died in a car accident five years ago.

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Asian Restaurant Evenings in Melbourne and Sydney

A Culinary Journey through China with Elizabeth Chong

Bamboo House, Melbourne

THE SELECTION of the menu for the Banquet was quite a complicated process, as the theme chosen for the night “A Culinary Journey with Elizabeth Chong” had to genuinely represent all the major culinary ‘schools’ in China.

Master Chef Simon Chan of Bamboo House presided over a specially chosen team in the kitchen, and the dishes were prepared under the watchful eye of owner, Alex Tseng.

Elizabeth Chong, the First Lady of Chinatown, hosted the evening and personally set up the Bamboo House Banquet Room with striking classical Ikebana Floral arrangements that appropriately set the tone of the dinner.

Our honoured guests were enthralled by Elizabeth’s fascinating stories of China...it’s history, it’s people and culture, especially the relationship between the food and it’s regions. Such information was interspersed with delightful and humorous anecdotes.

It was noted that all present gave their undivided attention as each successive dish was presented to the tables, as Elizabeth described the origins of each dish. Dishes were sourced from Shanghai, Beijing, Sichuan and Cantonese cuisine. Particularly memorable dishes from the banquet included seafood and spinach soup from Hangzhou, Sichuan smoked duck, steamed scampi and hand pulled noodle with lobster.

An Odyssey back in time to the food from the courts of Siam with David Thompson

Darley Street Thai, Sydney

THE MEAL chosen for the Asia Society at Darley Street Thai was sourced from recipes in the memorial book of Thanpuuying Pliang Pasagonrawong, a descendant of King Rama II (1809-1824). She was the wife of a government minister in the late nineteenth century and was the heir to an ancient tradition of cooking.

Most of the dishes on the night were selected because they rarely see the light of day, and in their own way reflect the complexity and diversity of Thai cuisine as a cultural *mélange*.

The Mussaman curry originally came from Persia with Arab emissaries treating with Siam. The envoys stayed (in fact Thanpuuying Pliang is a descendant of that first ambassador) and Mussaman curry became one of many dishes that was incorporated into Thai cooking. Of course, during the passage of history it was transformed completely. But this is in the very nature of Thai food, to incorporate, ‘siam-ise’ and digest then express.

New Publications



White Turtle

A collection of short stories

By Merlinda Bobis

Spinifex Press, 1999
\$19.95

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In ‘The Long Siesta as a Language Primer’ Bobis gives us a short sequence of dictionary definitions of words from Filipino low life that tells us a lot, funny and sad, about Che-che, the 14 year-old mistress of a Japanese businessman. With cynicism beyond her years, but with pragmatic toughness that is very Filipina, Che-che ends up looking for another sugar daddy.

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HEAD OF BUDDHA

Thailand; mon style,
about 8th century.

Limestone (H. 68.6cm)

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Celebrations

Fifty Years of Sri Lanka – Australia Interactions

Edited by C A & I H Vanden Driesen

Government Press, Sri Lanka, 1999

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This compendium of articles and essays (some 600 pages) by a wide range of persons with Sri Lankan connections and involved in various ways with relations between Australia and Sri Lanka was launched in Canberra by Foreign Minister Alexander Downer on 21 July 1999 at a function hosted by the High Commissioner for Sri Lanka, H. E. Mr HKJR Bandara.

The book, which was launched to coincide with 50 years of Sri Lankan independence, is an informative and timely contribution to an understanding of the extensive personal links between Sri Lankans and Australians, which had not been so comprehensively documented prior to this publication. It also contains a forward by the Founding Director of the Asia Society AustralAsia Centre, Richard Woolcott.

The work records the experiences of Australians of Sri Lankan origin in all states and territories of Australia and in different sections of society. It deals frankly with attitudes encountered, as well as problems of adjustment and successes. What it does reveal is the valuable and disproportionate contribution made by ethnic Sri Lankans to Australia's evolving multi-ethnic, multi-cultural society. It chronicles the creative contribution made in fields as varied as academia, the law, medicine, business, literature, science, media including cartooning and sport. It is an important book and the type of work which could be a model for other ethnic Asian communities in Australia.

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Asia Society AustralAsia Centre Programme Calendar

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Asia Society Symposium on Peony Pavilion

The Peony Pavilion is being performed at the Perth Festival
Thursday 10 February, 2.30 – 5.00 p.m.
Venue to be advised
For more information
(03) 9650 0998

PERTH

CEO Asia Update Luncheon Mr Hugh Morgan AO

Chief Executive Officer, WMC Limited and Chairman, Asia Society AustralAsia Centre
Thursday, 24 February, 12.15 for 12.30 p.m.
Parmelia Hilton, Mill Street, Perth
For more information
(03) 9650 0998

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A Musical Evening with Vikram Seth

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