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Dinners for members and their guests

In Melbourne on 11 August:

A culinary journey with Elizabeth Chong
Bamboo House

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An evening with David Thompson
Darley Street Thai

Treasures of Asian Art:

Selections from the Mr & Mrs John D Rockefeller 3rd Collection of the Asia Society, New York

**BODHISATTVA KSHITIGARBHA
(JIZO BOSATSU)**

Japan, Kamakura period, 1223-1226

Cypress wood with cut gold leaf and traces of pigment, staff with metal attachments

H. 22.75 in. (57.8cm)



The much anticipated “Treasures of Asian Art” opened in Melbourne at the National Gallery of Victoria (NGV) on 11th March and ran through until early May. The collection then opened at the Art Gallery of New South Wales (AGNSW) on 27th May and will run through until early August when it will be taken to Shanghai.

Much credit goes to the two curators of the exhibition – Derek Gillman, until recently, Deputy Director of the NGV and Edmund Capon, AC, Director of the AGNSW for the selection of some 85 pieces out of the total collection.

The exhibition has been universally acknowledged as being “quite beautiful” not only in its concentration of acclaimed masterpieces but also in the exceptional beauty of each piece.

Both galleries developed quite different but enticing installations – NGV favoured a theatrical style reflecting the fame and wealth of the Rockefeller family. The AGNSW in contrast set the pieces in the cultural context of the areas of origin of the pieces.

The AustralAsia Centre held Gala Opening Dinners to celebrate the openings and were delighted to feature as guest speakers our Asia Society colleagues

Dr. Vishakha Desai and Mr. Colin MacKenzie in Melbourne and Sydney respectively.

The AustralAsia Centre gratefully acknowledges the support of the exhibition by principal sponsor The Mobil Foundation, and supporting sponsors, The Pratt Foundation, Qantas, ANZ, Grand Hyatt Melbourne, and the Hotel Intercontinental. The Centre extends its gratitude for the generous support of the Gala Dinner by Dinner Chairmen, Scott Reid, Chase Manhattan and Fergus Ryan, Arthur Andersen.



Address by Prime Minister of Singapore Mr Goh Chok Tong

The following is a summary of the substantial speech "The Unfinished Asian Crisis," delivered by Goh Chok Tong at a dinner hosted by the AustralAsia Centre in Sydney on 2 March.



GOH SAID while he was apprehensive about the regional financial crisis in the near future, he remained optimistic about the long term. The transition in Indonesia would be crucial, as the region had benefited from a stable and prosperous Indonesia for twenty years. Indonesia's stability affected regional stability. What happened in South East Asia would also have wider effects. Fortunately relations between Japan, China and the US had been relatively stable when the regional crisis broke. Japan had made repeated efforts to stimulate its economy but there were no clear signs of recovery yet. China had made a valuable contribution in not devaluing the Renminbi. But developments in South East Asia could unsettle the economies of China and Japan and the balance between them.

Goh said that the crisis had dented ASEAN's reputation. With key members in an introspective mood there had been no bold new initiatives. He was, however, a strong believer in ASEAN's long term potential. ASEAN's main reason for existence was managing diversity and differences in South East Asia. ASEAN's critical impor-

tance as a stabilising force remained and, he added, ASEAN "would not fail". It would "steam ahead" when conditions became propitious. Australia's strong commitment to ASEAN would be "appreciated long after the present storm subsides". Australia's "inescapable Asian destiny" did not diminish the reality of our historical links with North America and Europe. In this lay "the opportunity for Australia to make a unique contribution to the resolution of the Asian crisis".

Turning to the global economy, Goh said prosperity since the second world war had been built on a free and open world economy. The idea that the recent failure of brands of Asian capitalism had proved that there were no alternatives to western models of capitalism anywhere in the world was a "smug but unspoken" European and American assumption. Such ideologically driven approaches, which failed to appreciate the nuances and diversities of Asia, were counter productive.

In conclusion Mr. Goh said that Australia, with its dual Asian and Western identity, was uniquely placed "to act as an interface". Australia should take the lead in convincing the US and Europe of the need for finesse, tolerance for diversity and urgency of action in East Asia.

Simultaneously Australia, by engaging itself ever more deeply in the region, could persuade badly hit South East Asian countries that there is no alternative to real reform. If Australia could help bring about constructive solutions it would have channelled the unfinished Asian crisis into a productive path with huge economic payoffs. Most importantly, Australia could make a vital contribution to the future peace and prosperity of Asia.

The full text of Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong's address is available from the AustralAsia Centre.



The months since our last Newsletter have been the most active in the AustralAsia Centre's two years of existence as the Executive Director's report indicates.

The Centre's profile has been raised in Sydney as well as in Melbourne, particularly by hosting the only public address by the Prime Minister of Singapore, Mr. Goh Chok Tong, on 2 March during his visit to

Australia, the launch of the successful ongoing CEO Asia Update Forum luncheon lecture series and the openings in Melbourne and Sydney of the brilliant Rockefeller "Treasures of Asian Art" exhibition.

I also hosted on behalf of the Centre, working dinners for the Chairman of SGV Group in the Philippines, Washington SyCip; and the former Indian Minister of Finance, Mr P Chidambaram and working luncheons for the former Philippines Secretary of Finance, Roberto de O'Campo, and the former US Under Secretary of State, Mr Robert Zoellick.

The Centre is most grateful to Arthur Andersen, Citibank, ANZ, and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade for sponsoring or co-sponsoring these events.

I visited Thailand and Indonesia in March. In Bangkok I attended, as Founding Director, the inaugural meeting of the Foundation for Human Resource Development established by the Thai Government in 1998. (Unfortunately this meeting clashed with the Corporate Conference in Manila).

Apart from addressing the meeting I was able to meet with a number of Thai leaders, including Prime Minister Chuan Leekpai. My assessment is that the recovery of the economy will be uneven and slow. While the panic has ended, the Baht has stabilised and the Senate has approved bankruptcy and foreclosure laws, corporate restructuring and recapitalisation of the banks is not moving as quickly as the IMF had anticipated. Also, while relatively clean democratic institutions have been established and a stalled recovery leading to a return to authoritarian or military rule is now very unlikely, the culture of secrecy in business, corruption and bureaucratic infighting is still common, although less so than in the past. Foreign investment remains sluggish and exports flat but Thailand's long term growth prospects are good and there is still scope for selective Australian investment.

An update on the situation in Indonesia appears elsewhere in this newsletter.

I have contributed recently articles to The Australian Financial Review, The Australian and The Age on Asian affairs. In these articles I focused on the need for the wider Australian community to maintain support for Australia's engagement with Asia, despite problems in several countries, and on the fact that for Australia and the Asian region the main priority is a successful political transition to representative government in Indonesia and the recovery of its economy. The stability and economic recovery of Indonesia is also important to the future effectiveness of the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation forum (APEC), two regional organisations which are lynchpins of Australia's regional engagement.

Asia Society AustralAsia Centre Dinner for Prime Minister Goh of Singapore



Hugh Morgan AO, Goh Chok Tong and Richard Woolcott AC



Violinist Jun Yi Ma accompanied by Andrew Baslie



Prue Holstein, Maurice Newman and Goldie Sternberg

From the Executive Director



The first half of 1999 has certainly been a gratifying one for the Asia Society AustralAsia Centre. Many thanks to Fiona Wallace-Smith and Kate Rose for their efforts in organising the dinner for the Prime Minister of Singapore in Sydney, last March. The Centre had two weeks notice and the

Founding Director had just left for Thailand and myself and the Chairman had just left for the Asia Society Annual Corporate Conference held in the Philippines. (More on this conference in a separate note.)

Later on in March, the Asia Society AustralAsia Centre presented a seminar "Chinese Diaspora – Enriching Australia – A Look at Chinese Business Networks" jointly with ABC Radio Australia and the Australia Asia Management Institute, Australian National University. The objective was to bring together members of the different Chinese communities together with their Australian counterparts. The Chinese participants enjoyed hearing the latest research that had been conducted into what was for many a part of their own personal experiences.

The Centre's CEO Asia Update Luncheon Series has developed well. The luncheons have been well attended and the presentations from some of Australia's most prominent businessmen have stimulated good and, occasionally, controversial discussion.

The 1999 Classical Asian Art Lecture Series commenced with the renowned Dr. Pratapaditya Pal, former curator of the Los Angeles County Museum providing a vivid and sensual presentation of the Hindu and Buddhist influences on Indian art.

The next few months will feature such eminent Asian art experts as – Mr. Michael Abbott, QC on Indian textiles, Mme. Maud Girard-Geslan on Gold in China and Southeast Asia between the 6th and 11th Centuries, Dr. Royall Tyler on The Tale of the Genji, to name a few.

In August, the Centre will be introducing an Asian culinary programme. A restaurant and prominent chef/food expert will offer very special one-off Asian culinary experiences. A delicious evening is planned in Melbourne with Elizabeth Chong who will take us on a culinary tour of China. In Sydney, David Thompson of Darley Street Thai will present us with a unique and unusual experience of Thai cuisine. Both menus are being put together especially for the Asia Society. Details are to be advised shortly.

The Founding Director has already foreshadowed our plans for the Annual Dinner. The Annual Dinner is becoming a major fund raiser for the AustralAsia Centre and your support is earnestly sought to enable the Centre to continue to present exciting and increasingly innovative programming designed to increase engagement with Asia.

Prue Holstein

The Outlook for Indonesia

by Richard Woolcott AC

Democracy and Free Markets in Asia in the 21st century

Friday 26 November 1999

Opening Dinner

Saturday 27 November 1999

Conference sessions

Venue Melbourne(tba)

Topics

- Democracy and Prosperity
- Democracy and the Asian Economic Crisis
- Controlled States and Free Markets
- Free Markets and Asia's Economic Recovery

Speakers

Opening Dinner:

Khun Anand Panyarachun
Former Prime Minister of Thailand

A range of eminent government and business figures, academics, and commentators from Australia and Asia have been invited.

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THE POLITICAL outlook for Indonesia cannot be predicted with certainty at the time of writing. The election process throughout the country, which stretches a distance similar to that from Broome in Western Australia to Christchurch in New Zealand, was, however, remarkably successful, given the ethnic problems and violence which might have occurred. It is true to say that the authoritarian administration of former President Soeharto has ended and a transition to a more representative government is under way.

The question now is the outcome of the election and who will form the next Government of Indonesia? Again this is not clear as all votes have yet to be counted. No one party will have an absolute majority and the next President will need to head a coalition Government. There are three most likely options: -

- Megawati Sukarnoputri, whose party (PDI) will secure more than 30% of the votes and some 30% of the seats in the Parliament (DPR), will form a coalition with Abdurrahman Wahid (Gus Dur) and his National Awakening Party.
- GOLKAR with 22-25% of seats in the DPR will form a coalition with some Islamic Groups, including Amien Rais' National Mandate Party and several minor parties.
- A Government of National Union is under discussion which could draw on the five most successful parties at the election.

Arithmetically, Megawati could be deprived of the Presidency by a coalition of GOLKAR (possibly without Habibie as its candidate for the Presidency), Amien Rais National Mandate Party and some other small groups. Moreover a number of leading Muslim spokesmen have argued that Indonesia is not ready for a female President.

The role of the army (TNI) is still not clear. It is keeping its options open. General Wiranto knows that Megawati and the PDI have the most votes and that if she is denied the Presidency there could be riots in the major cities in Java and Bali. The TNI remains the guarantor of the security of the state. General Wiranto is an influential and very important figure and in circumstances of deadlock, he could come through as a Vice President or even as President. On the other hand the prospects for the Sultan of Yogyakarta as a compromise President or Vice President seem to have dimmed.

Habibie wants to hold on to office if he can contrive to do so and a continuing Habibie Presidency cannot be ruled out.

Whoever becomes President and whatever political coalition emerges, all the key figures have indicated that economic policy would be that already worked out in conjunction with the IMF. There is no reason therefore why, if the political and ethnic situation does not deteriorate, modest foreign investment and economic growth should not return to Indonesia shortly. Chinese capital, much of which left the country after the May 1998 riots, could also start to return.

While there is a disproportionate focus on East Timor in Australia, we need to recognize that this is not a major issue outside of Australia and Portugal and that, in Indonesia itself, the situation in Aceh and the responsibility for the May riots are regarded domestically as more important issues. It is possible that tensions will continue in East Timor after the deferred referendum on autonomy, within Indonesia or independence, now planned for late August, without such tensions having a marked effect on the rest of the country.

On 29th August President Habibie will give his "accountability speech", after which the MPR will adjourn until it meets on 3rd November to elect the President and the Vice President.



COVERED JAR
China, Jiangxi Province; Ming period,
Jiajing era, 1522-1566
Porcelain painted with underglaze cobalt blue
and overglaze enamels (Jingdezhen ware)
H. (47.0 cm) with cover D. (40.0 cm)

Asia Society 1999 Corporate Conference:

The Philippines

Asia's Choice – Open Markets or
Government Control?



...reaffirming the Philippines' commitment to securing greater transparency in the banking system, greater social responsibility in governance, "banishing corruption" and securing global partnerships.

THE ASIAN economic and financial crisis was again the focus of the Asia Society 1999 Corporate Conference held in the Philippines, 24-26th February, 1999 at the Sheraton Hotel in Manila.

In order to arrest the Asian crisis, some countries in the region have remained open to global markets relying on market mechanisms to stimulate their economies. Others have tried to protect themselves from further shocks by intervening in international capital markets.

The Conference explored the differing and often conflicting approaches to promoting economic stabilisation and recovery. Such issues explored included: restructuring industries and corporate governance, managing the banking/financial crisis and reform, the social consequences of the crisis, restoring growth and the role played by the international community and the prospects for foreign investment. The opportunity was also taken to look more closely at the Philippines and how they have weathered the crisis.

The conference was opened by the Hon. Joseph Estrada, President of the Philippines who delivered an impressive address reaffirming the Philippines' commitment to securing greater transparency in the banking system, greater social responsibility in governance, "banishing corruption" and securing global partnerships.

The Conference coincided with the opening of the Asia Society's Philippine Office in Manila. Asia Society AustralAsia Centre Founding Members who were at the conference were included in opening celebrations held in the Dream House at Malacanang Palace hosted by the first Lady of the Republic of the Philippines, Dr. Luisa Ejercito Estrada.

The Australian delegation was smaller this year due to the timing in February, but the conference was considered to have been an excellent opportunity to meet with some of the key decision makers and business leaders from the region.

Conference speeches can be accessed from www.asiasociety.org

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Williamsberg Conference XXVII

REPUBLIC OF KOREA

Cheju - May 7 - 10, 1999
Seoul - May 10, 1999

THE ASIA SOCIETY in partnership with the Sejong Institute and the Korea International Trade Association, brought together 54 leaders in government, business, academia, and journalism from 16 countries and economies on both sides of the Pacific for the twenty-seventh Williamsburg Conference. Held in Cheju, Korea, from May 7-10, the conference was convened by Carla A. Hills of the United States, Tommy T. B. Koh of Singapore, and Yoshio Okawara of Japan. The Williamsburg Conference was last held in Korea in 1985.

Although several member of the Australasia Centre attended the Williamsburg Conference in New Zealand in 1998 none were able to do so on this occasion.

Under Chatham House Rules the participants focused on four major issues and trends affecting the Asia-Pacific region. These included needed steps to improve the international economic system, promote reconciliation and peace and reduce tensions on the Korean Peninsula, as well as understanding better how the economic crisis is affecting social and political change. A summary of the discussion is available to Advisory Council and corporate members of the Centre.



Senator Richard Alston
with Vishakha Desai



Joji and Klaus-Werner
Diefenbach



Nicholas Platt

Gala Opening Dinner at the National Gallery of Victoria

P.C. Tan,
Mobil Oil Australia Ltd



Gala Opening Dinner at The Art Gallery of New South Wales

Cr Kathryn Greiner, Edmund Capon AC and Nick Greiner



Coming Events

WE ARE delighted that Rupert Murdoch AC, Chairman & Chief Executive of News Corporation has agreed to address the AustralAsia Centre's second annual dinner on the 8th November in Sydney.

We have invited the Senior Minister and former Prime Minister of Singapore, Lee Kuan Yew, to launch the second volume of his memoirs in Australia (the first volume was reviewed in our Summer newsletter).

Mr. Lee has replied that he appreciates the invitation and that he and his publishers are interested. He is to update his chapter on ASEAN after the situation in Indonesia is clearer and this will delay publications of the second volume until October or early next year.

The AustralAsia Centre will host The Minister for Foreign Affairs, Alexander Downer, at a luncheon address in Perth on 19 August. This will be the first event held in Perth since the Contemporary Art in Asia

exhibition, "Traditions and Tensions" at the Art Gallery of Western Australia in March last year.

The Founding Director will be visiting Indonesia and the Philippines in July in his capacity as a Director of Bonlac Foods, Ltd. (one of our corporate sponsors) and he intends to update members on his impressions of developments in those countries shortly after he returns to Australia.

Dr Pratapaditya
Pal and Elizabeth
Morgan

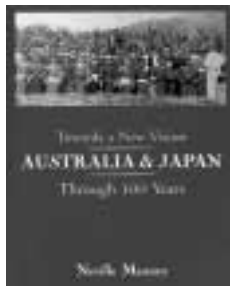


Richard
Woolcott and
his daughter
Anna Feliciano



New Publications

Towards a New Vision



Australia & Japan Through 100 years

By Neville Meaney
Kangaroo Press,
1999
\$19.95

THIS IS the first comprehensive illustrated history of Australia's relations with Japan.

It tells the story of the comparative history of the two peoples. As Professor Meaney writes "In wrenching the two histories out of their respective European and Asian contexts and placing them side by side we can see that these are not mutually inscrutable societies but peoples who have been fashioned in many ways from similar parallel experiences. Just as Australia, more than any other Western nation has been preoccupied with coming to terms with the East, so Japan more than any other Asian power has been compelled to find a way of living with the West".

To be Free



Stories from Asia's Struggle against Oppression

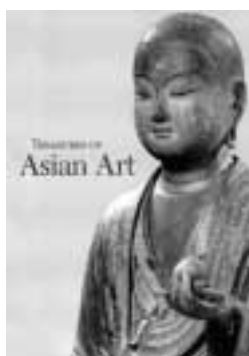
By Chee Soon Juan
Monash Asia
Institute, 1999
\$24.95

MANY DIFFERENT aspects of the relationship are covered, including early Australian responses to Japanese culture and customs, Japanese diving communities in northern Australia, the impact of 'White Australia' and fear of the 'Yellow Peril', the experience of Japanese and Australian POWs during the Pacific War, and the forging of new ties during the last fifty years

through trade, immigration, tourism, science and arts.

To be free tells the stories of six of Asia's most significant activists in their fight for freedom. He recounts the struggles of Taiwanese opposition politician Shih Ming-teh, Burma's Aung San Suu Kyi, Indonesian author Pramoedya Ananta Toer, the late Benigno Aquino Jr of the Philippines, and Kim Dae Jung from South Korea. Each account explores the corruption of power and how governments can prey on their citizens. Many of these stories are disturbing, exposing in graphic detail the indignities and injustices which they suffered. Despite the unremitting bleakness, human courage shines through in this book. Each protagonist overcomes challenges, some by succeeding in spite of government oppression, others by simply refusing to be oppressed. In particular, this book refutes the idea that "Asian values" limit human rights. Rather, these stories show that the fight against oppression is universal.

Treasures of Asian Art



Selections from the Mr and Mrs John D. Rockefeller 3rd Collection of the Asia Society, New York

Editor: Jackie Menzies
Art Gallery of New South Wales, 1999
\$25.00

Catalogue of the exhibition which was presented in collaboration with the Asia Society AustralAsia Centre at the National Gallery of Victoria and the Art Gallery of New South Wales. The exhibition continues at the Art Gallery of New South Wales until 15 August 1999.

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Asia Society Programme Calendar

SYDNEY

Treasures of Asian Art: Selections from the Mr. & Mrs. John D. Rockefeller 3rd Collection of the Asia Society, New York.

Presented at the Art Gallery of New South Wales in collaboration with the Asia Society, AustralAsia Centre. This exhibition is being sponsored by the Mobil Foundation, The Pratt Foundation, Qantas, The ANZ Banking Group, Grand Hyatt Melbourne and the Hotel Intercontinental Sydney.
12 May – 17 August.
Art Gallery of New South Wales, Art Gallery Road, The Domain, Sydney.
For more information (02) 9225 1744.

MELBOURNE

“Gold in China and Southeast Asia between the 6th and 11th Centuries AD”

Maude Girard-Geslan
Classical Asian Art Lecture Series
Tuesday 6 July, 5.45 for 6.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m. **DFAT, Level 14, Casselden Place, 2 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne.**
Registration fee: \$15 members, \$25 non-members.
For more information (03) 9650 0998.

MELBOURNE

Neither Bonanza nor Borrasca

Barry Cusack, Managing Director, Rio Tinto Limited
CEO Asia Update Forum with luncheon speaker
Wednesday 7 July, 12.15 p.m. for 12.30 p.m.
The Grand Hyatt Melbourne, 123 Collins Street, Melbourne
Registration fee: \$65 members, \$75 non-members
For more information (03) 9650 0998

MELBOURNE

The Tale of the Genji
Dr Royall Tyler, Faculty of Asian Studies, ANU
Classical Asian Art Lecture Series
Thursday 15 July, 5.45 for 6.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m. **Asia Society AustralAsia Centre, Level 1, 175 Collins Street, Melbourne.** Registration fee: \$15 members, \$25 non-members.

For more information (03) 9650 0998

SYDNEY

Issues of Security in North Asia with a focus on China, Japan and North Korea

Luncheon with guest speakers, The Hon. Kevin Rudd MP, Federal Member for Griffith & Mr Richard Woolcott AO, Founding Director, Asia Society AustralAsia Centre
Tuesday 3 August, 12.15 p.m. for 12.30 p.m. **ANA Hotel, 176 Cumberland Street, The Rocks**
Registration Fee \$65 member, \$75 non-members
For more information (03) 9650 0998.

MELBOURNE

A culinary journey through China with Elizabeth Chong

Dinner for Members and their guests
Bamboo House, 47 Lt Bourke Street, Melbourne
Cost: \$125 per person
Wednesday 11 August, 7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m.
For more information (03) 9650 0998.

MELBOURNE

Indian Trade Textiles

Mr Michael Abbott, QC
Classical Asian Art Lecture Series
Thursday 12 August, 5.45 for 6.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m.
DFAT, Level 14, Casselden Place, 2 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne.
Registration fee: \$15 members, \$25 non-members.
For more information (03) 9650 0998.

PERTH

The Hon. Alexander Downer MP

Minister for Foreign Affairs
Guest speaker at lunch
Thursday 19 August, 12.15 for 12.30 p.m.
Parmelia Hilton, Mill Street, Perth
For more information (03) 9650 0998.

SYDNEY

A evening with David Thompson at Darley Street Thai

Dinner for Members and their guests.
Thursday 26 August 1999, 7.00 for 7.30 p.m.
Darley Street Thai, 28-30

Bayswater Road, Kings Cross

Cost: \$125 per person
For more information (03) 9650 0998

SYDNEY

Richard Hein Managing Director & Chairman, P&O Ltd.

CEO Asia Update Forum with luncheon speaker.
Monday 30 August 1999, 12.15 p.m. for 12.30 p.m.
ANA Hotel, 176 Cumberland Street, The Rocks
Registration fee \$65 members, \$75 non-members.
For more information (03) 9650 998

MELBOURNE

Professor Allan Fels Chairman, Australian Competition & Consumer Commission

CEO Asia Update Forum with luncheon speaker.
Friday 3 September, 12.15 for 12.30 p.m. **Grand Hyatt Melbourne, 123 Collins Street, Melbourne.**
Registration Fee: \$65 members, \$75 non-members.
For more information (03) 9650 0998.

MELBOURNE

Dr Michael Brand Assistant Director, Queensland Art Gallery

Classical Asian Art Lecture Series
Thursday 23 September, 5.45 for 6.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m.
Venue to be advised.
Registration fee: \$15 members, \$25 non-members.
For more information (03) 9650 0998.

SYDNEY

Asia Society AustralAsia Centre Annual Dinner
Guest of honour – **Mr Rupert Murdoch AC Chairman & Chief Executive, News Corporation Limited**

Monday 8 November 1999, 7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m.
The Regent, 199 George Street, Sydney
For more information (03) 9650 0998

MELBOURNE

Deccan Islamic Architecture and Art in the 16th Century India
Mr George Michell

Classical Asian Art Lecture Series.
Wednesday 10 November, 5.45 p.m. for 6.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m.
Venue to be advised.
Registration Fee: \$15 members, \$25 non-members.

For more information (03) 9650 0998.

SYDNEY

Deccan Islamic Architecture and Art in the 16th Century India
Mr George Michell

Classical Asian Art Lecture Series.
Thursday 18 November, 5.45 p.m. for 6.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m. **DFAT, International Media Centre, Level 29, Westpac Plaza, 60 Margaret Street, Sydney.**
Registration Fee: \$15 members, \$25 non-members.
For more information (03) 9650 0998.

SYDNEY

Michael Armacost President, The Brookings Institution, Washington DC
CEO Asia Update

Luncheon with speaker.
Wednesday 1 December, 12.15 p.m. for 12.30 p.m.
Venue to be advised
Registration Fee: \$65 members, \$75 non-members
For more information (03) 9650 0998

Other Asia Society Centres

NEW YORK

Selections of Asian Ceramics
from the Mr. and Mrs. John D. Rockefeller 3rd Collection
23 March – 29 August.
The Asia Society Galleries.

WASHINGTON

The US Congress and the Asian Trade Agenda
Congressman Robert Matsui
Thursday, 15 July, 8.30 – 10.00 a.m. **Lecture**
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