



Conference of the National Federation of Australia-Japan Societies



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Day 1 Friday October 19th 2018 10:00am – 5:00pm
Teachers Federation Conference Centre, Reservoir St, Surry Hills, NSW

- Opening & Welcome The Hon Ray Williams MP, Minister for Multiculturalism, representing the Premier of NSW, AJS-NSW Patron
H.E. Mr. Sumio Kusaka, Japanese Ambassador to Australia
Message from Hon. Richard Court AC, Australian Ambassador to Japan, Patrons of National Federation of Australia-Japan Societies
- Session 1 Keynote: The Australia - Japan relationship and the Future View
Mr. Murray McLean AO, Chair, Australia-Japan Foundation & former Ambassador to Japan
- Session 2 The Australia - Japan business landscape
Japanese investment in Australia:
Mr. Toru Abe, CEO & Managing Director, Sekisui House Australia

Australian company success: Entering Japan in the field of Regenerative Medicine
Mr. Duncan Thomson, VP Licensing and Alliances, Regeneus Ltd
- Morning tea
Session 3 Panel discussion including
Mr. Gordon Davies, Vice-President Asia-Pacific, LANSA Pty Ltd
Ms. Wendy Holdenson, Director and Chief Operating Officer, Mitsui & Co. (Australia) Ltd
- Lunch Catered lunch and networking
- Session 4 Partnerships on the bleeding edge. What Innovation is happening between Japan and Australia? Includes case studies
Mr. Jason Hayes, Partner, PwC
Ms. Kaoru Nishinakagawa, Mr. Joshua Flannery, Innovation Dojo, UNSW
Australia-Japan startups: V-Kaiwa, others
- Afternoon tea Demonstrations and exhibitions
- Session 6 The Rugby World Cup 2019, Tokyo Olympics 2020 and their legacy
Mr. Matt Carroll, CEO, Australian Olympic Committee
- Session 7 Two-way Australia-Japan tourism – present and future
Ms. Kana Wakabayashi, Director, JNTO
Ms. Sandra Chipchase, CEO, Destination NSW
- Session 8 Australian restaurateurs in Japan (TBA)
Educating the Australian palate to understand Japanese food
Mr. Mitsuhiro Yashio and Mr. Sebastian Kadas of Yachiyo Japanese Bistro
Interviewed by Diane Vukelic
- Close Reception and Cocktail party



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