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CHAPTER 1: OVERVIEW

Asialink began 2009 with a focus on engaging closely with the federal government on the development of the national curriculum and with business in increasing the Asia-literacy of Australian young people. Building on Asialink’s national and international networks and the Asia Education Foundation’s extensive track record, the AEF achieved a 40% increase in funding from the Federal Government and signed business up to a call for action. The AEF has substantially exceeded all 2009 targets.

Highlights in education included:
• holding the sixth national Asia literacy forum for 240 leading school educators with the keynote video address by Minister Gillard
• advocating for the inclusion of Asia content across different subject areas in the National Curriculum
• establishing the Business Alliance for Asia Literacy including the peak business associations, Australia-Asia bi-lateral business councils and 50 of the top 100 ASX listed companies in Australia.
• establishing the School-Business Ambassadors Program with funding of $1.2 million from the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations
• awarded $1.8 million in grants to Australian schools

Asialink’s Corporate and Public Programs began to diversify the approach to our audience. CPP developed a range of publications, analysis and commentary available through both traditional and new media. This new range of work extended our reach; specifically through the broadcast of the Generation 21 event on Indonesian television channel SCTV, to millions of people across Australia and Asia.

Highlights included:
• Completing the second edition of the Pricewaterhouse Coopers Melbourne Institute Asialink Index and launched by Premier Brumby
• Agreeing to a scope for a similar Index on the Services sectors commissioned by ANZ
• Developing the Asialink Essays, where leading commentators explore key issues in Australia’s engagement with Asia, having a selection of these published in the Australian Financial Review and all of the essays available via e-newsletter to a list of over 14,000 people
• Delivering the first televised Generation 21 event which brought together next generation leaders from 14 countries to Jakarta, Indonesia and securing major sponsorship from ANZ
• Expanding Asialink’s role in second track diplomacy including running the second meeting of Australia and New Zealand with ASEAN ISIS (Institute of Strategic and International Studies) and managing the first meeting of AusCSCAP (Council of Security Cooperation Asia Pacific) outside Canberra

Asialink’s community health program, Asia Australia Mental Health continued to work with regional mental health leaders from the region in the second year of the Asia Pacific Community Mental Health Program. Program achievements included:
• bringing together mental health leaders from 14 countries for a conference and workshop on the Asia Pacific Community Mental Health Program
• hosting study tours of mental health professionals from Qatar, Cambodia and India
• securing $150,000 per annum for a further 3 years from Janssen-Cilag

The Asialink Leaders’ Program graduated 48 Fellows in December 9 the program exceeded its targets and developed its alumni participation. This year introduced the Leaders Alumni Award, which was presented to Dorjee Sun for his pioneering environmental work, and, 2007 alumni Dr Kate Armstrong and Inspector Cath Cole for their organisation, Caring and Living as Neighbours, (CLAN).

The Leaders’ program retreat in Canberra introduced participants to three Asian ambassadors and high commissioners, the Foreign and Trade Ministers as well as opposition foreign affairs spokesperson and senior academics. The four-day intensive workshop facilitated by Professor Tony Milner challenged participants to examine the issues involved in auditing Australia’s relationship with the Asian region.

Asialink Arts engaged in a number of activities to prepare for the 2011 Korean Year of Friendship including hosting the Annual Arts Forum on Korean Art and having each team member meet with colleagues in Korea during the year. The Arts program maintained its funding from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in a period of extensive cuts to the government’s cultural relations budget. Highlights included:

• sponsoring over 40 artist residencies to 18 countries throughout Asia (in Visual Arts, Arts Management, Performing Arts and Literature).

• organising 9 visual arts touring exhibitions to 9 countries to audience of 96,000

• holding the annual Australia-Asia Arts Forum Wave Korea Wave with 180 leading arts sector participants

Asialink’s very substantial 2008 achievements are the result of dedicated work by our Board, staff and collaborators. Our work is made possible by the contribution and collaboration of our core supporters the University of Melbourne and the Myer Foundation and by our government funders, individual and philanthropic and corporate supporters.
CHAPTER 2: PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

Corporate and Public Programs

Research & Analysis

- Development of the 2009 PricewaterhouseCoopers Melbourne Institute Asialink Index including: reflective essay by Sir Rodd Eddington, in-depth chapters on Investment and ASEAN, and business vignettes on ANZ, University of Melbourne, Kirin and Samsung.
- Ten Asialink Essays by leading commentators on Asia-Australia relations. In 2009 we published a variety of viewpoints on everything from regional architecture to nuclear disarmament by the following writers: Rowan Callick, Howard Dick, Ron Huisken, Hamish McDonald, Ross Cottrill, Greg Sheridan, Colin Heseltine, Stephen Howes, Richard Woolcott and Alison Carroll.
- Development of a concept for a Services Index for ANZ to be published in April 2010.

International Programs

- Regional Security Issues for Business and other Risks - Dinner preceding the Australian Committee of the Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia Pacific (AusCSCAP) Meeting, Sydney, 23rd September
- The Asia-Pacific New Leaders’ Dialogue brought 56 new and emerging leaders from across the region together with some of the biggest names in politics, business and academia, on October 30-31, 2009. The Dialogue was filmed in Jakarta by Indonesian network SCTV and first broadcast on Wednesday 11 November and the following Wednesday 18 November 2009.
- Asialink led the Australian delegation of the second annual ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Dialogue. Asialink, collaborated with the Australian Institute of International Affairs, the Lowy Institute and the Australian National University to bring together an Australian delegation of 16 people including and there were also representatives from DFAT, AusAID and the Office of National Assessments. The New Zealand team was led by the Asia New Zealand Foundation and Malaysian ISIS led the ASEAN delegation. The ASEAN-ISIS organisation has been influential in the development of ASEAN and broader East Asian regionalism.

Major Events

- PricewaterhouseCoopers Melbourne Institute Asialink Index 2008 launch by Minister Simon Crean (13th February 2009). Speakers included Mark Johnson (PwC) and Alex Thursby (ANZ)
- Business Alliance for Asia Literacy, Airport Hilton (5th May). Keynote speaker was Heather Ridout (AIG) in conversation with Ali Moore (Lateline Business)
- Launch of the Pricewaterhouse Coopers Melbourne Institute Asialink Index 2009 by the Premier John Brumby, 5th November.
- Chairman’s Dinner and Sir ‘Weary’ Dunlop award, 1st December.
- ASEAN-Australia-NZ dialogue, Kuala Lumpur, 8-9th December.

Business Briefings

- Hong Kong: Global Financial Crisis and the Future, A luncheon with Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury Professor KC Chan (4th March 2009)
- HE Penny Williams private lunch hosted by Charles Goode (ANZ), Melbourne (23rd March 2009)
- HE Penny Williams public lecture, SMAC Melbourne (24th March 2009)
• Leaders Japan Update at PricewaterhouseCoopers in Melbourne (28th April 2009) and in Sydney (30th April 2009)
• Neighbourhood Watch: India’s role in Afghanistan and Pakistan, SMAC (6th May). Keynote speaker Ambassador Chinmaya Gharekhan.
• Invitation only dinner on China’s investment in Australia, Myer Foundation (14th May). Keynote speaker Graeme Samuels.
• Roundtable with Professor Zhu Feng, Deputy Director of the School of International Studies, Centre for International & Strategic Studies, Peking University, SMAC (15th May)
• Japan Index Events, PricewaterhouseCoopers. Keynote speakers HE Murray McLean, Australia’s Ambassador to Japan and HE Taka-aki Kojima, Japan’s Ambassador to Australia (22nd June)
• Roundtable with HE Murray McLean, Australia’s Ambassador to Japan, SMAC (23rd June)
• Dinner with King and Queen of Spain, Sydney (25th June)
• China Index Events, PricewaterhouseCoopers (13th July, high-level lunch in Melbourne, 15th July public forum and leaders dinner in Melbourne and 16th July high-level lunch, public forum and leaders dinner in Sydney). Keynote speaker Prof Li Cheng from the Brookings Institute with Dr Pradeep Taneja from University of Melbourne.
• Corporate breakfast with Malaysian Minister for International Trade and Industry, Datuk Mustapa Mohammed, ANZ (3rd August)
• Indian Foreign Minister, High level informal meeting, 8th August
• Roundtable with Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia, HE Mr Primo Alui Joelianto hosted by Asialink and the International Relations Office at the University of Melbourne, 21st October.
• Sydney Mining Club lunch, 3rd December.

Public Lectures
• Peter Singer: Asia: The Life You Can Save lecture (10th February 2009)
• Prof Yu Xin: Mental Health in China (17th Feb 2009).
• Young Entrepreneurs in China and Australia public event with 6 young business people speaking to an audience of over 300 people (19th March 2009)
• China Cuckoo Book launch by Mark Kitto in conversation with Rowan Callick, SMAC (26th May). Event in collaboration with Readings.
• Rituals from Indonesia’s Underground, Artist Danius Kesminas and academic Julian Millie explored the unregulated margins of Indonesian religion, ritual and culture through conversation and video, SMAC (9th July)
• Lowy Institute launch of International Students Policy Paper, 19th August, keynote speakers were Dr Michael Wesley, Executive Director of the Lowy Institute, RMIT Vice Chancellor Professor Margaret Gardner and Victorian Police Chief Commissioner Simon Overland.
• Launch of International Students Guide, with author Danny Ong, Professor Richard Larkins AO, Marsha Thomson, MLA, and Elizabeth Tchacos, 30th September.

University of Melbourne
• Lunch with Dr Hung Chuo Naron Secretary General for the Ministry of Economy and Finance, Cambodia, SMAC (19th June)
• Roundtable with Dr Suchit Senior Fellow at the Institute for Security and International Studies, Thailand, SMAC (19th June)
• Opening ceremony for Chinese Teacher Training Centre, SMAC (3rd August) with DEEWR and the University of Melbourne Graduate School of Education
• Lunch with the Hon Julie Bishop, Prof Susan Elliott DVC Global Engagement and Asialink and Asia Society staff (21 September)
Arts

Residency Program

• In 2009, there were 40 Asialink Arts Residents across all programs.
• Almost 300 Residency applications received, processed and sent to 30 advisory committees members and 13 funders and selection meetings scheduled for 2010 Residents.
• The Visual Arts Residency Program forged three reciprocal programs with Taipei Artist Village, Tokyo Wonder Site and the National Art Studio, Korea, with partners in Australia: Perth Institute of Contemporary Arts, Artspace – Sydney, and Monash University, respectively. The partnerships have entered two-year agreements.
• 50% of the Arts Management and performing arts hosts were new hosts with an emphasis on new media and music.

Touring Exhibitions

* In 2009, Asialink visual arts touring program toured 6 exhibitions including the works of 125 Australian artists (225 artworks) and attracting an audience of 106,172 people. The program also engaged 12 Australian curators and exhibited Australian artworks at 11 Asian venues in 6 Asian countries.

* 2009 presenting partners included Art Gallery of New South Wales (Sydney); Australian Institute of Architects (Canberra); MuMA: Monash University Museum of Modern Art (Melbourne); Canberra Glassworks; Craft ACT (Canberra); Heide Museum of Modern Art (Melbourne); Kaohsiung Museum of Art (Kaohsiung); Bangkok Art and Culture Centre; Vietnam Fine Arts Museum (Hanoi); NAFA Gallery (Singapore); Seoul Art Space Geumcheon.

* The diversity of Asialink touring exhibitions included glass, photography, video, sculpture, large-scale installation, ceramics and painting. Key exhibitions included White Hot: contemporary Australian glass (a national overview of current glass practice) that successfully toured to Bangkok, Hanoi and Kaohsiung; the drawing-based exhibition Erased: contemporary Australian drawing was exhibited in Singapore; Abundant Australia, an exhibition of architecture models and the solo exhibition Brook Andrew: Eye to Eye each toured Bangkok and Singapore and the Asialink residency focused exhibition Under My Skin toured Korea.

* Visual Arts Manager Sarah Bond represented Asialink in Seoul (twice) and Hanoi as she accompanied various touring exhibitions on tour. Bond presented public lectures and undertook planning meetings with potential partners on each trip. Visual Arts Coordinator, Claire Watson accompanied Abundant Australia in Bangkok and presented the exhibition to local audiences and media.

Strategic Ties

• Annual Arts Forum Wave Korea Wave Forum held, with 150 registrants, four speakers from Korea, followed by Strategic Planning meeting supported by Australia Korea Foundation. Three further meetings were held in Seoul, for the three art forms of visual arts, performing arts and literature personnel, with 13 attendees from Australia meeting with Korean colleagues.
• The final year of the Australia-Japan Visual Arts Program, with major exhibitions at Artspace, Performance Space and the Museum of Contemporary Art, all in Sydney. Each exhibition was co-curated, managed and funded and included equal
representation of Japanese and Australian artists. All had been shown at major venues in Tokyo in 2008. Bilingual catalogues were produced for all three.

- Final Australian-Japanese curatorial program in Japan realised, with three design curators, from NSW, WA and SA attending and presenting at a major international design forum in Tokyo, and extensive meetings arranged throughout Japan. Final program booklet *Sun Walking* written, translated, produced and distributed.
- First funding for *Utopia* program achieved from Arts Victoria and the Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade. It is a multi-year cross regional visual arts program initiated by the Australia-Japan Visual Arts Program.

**Literature**

- New staff member Nicolas Low joined the team with a brief to build the scope and profile of the program.
- A delegation of Australian writing and publishing industry experts toured South Korea to build projects for the 2011 Australia-Korea Year of Friendship.
- Groundwork laid for new literature projects in Cambodia, China and Korea in 2010 and 2011.
- The Program will change its name to the Asialink Writing Program as of 2010.

**Publications and Media**

- Three Arts Management books produced and translated into Indonesian, to be launched in early 2010 as the final iteration of 10 years of funding for Arts Management support from The Ford Foundation, Jakarta. They focus on visual arts exhibition touring, festival management and community cultural development.
- *2009 Arts Newsletter* produced and distributed.
- Alison Carroll delivered papers at the University of Sydney, on “War Art in Asia” in August, and at the invitation of the National Museum of Contemporary Art, Korea, on staff exchange in museums in the Asia Pacific, in October, at the 4th Asian Art Museum Directors Forum. She was the only Australian speaking, and attending. Rosemary Hinde delivered a paper on distribution in the Performing Arts at the invitation of Performing Arts Market Seoul (PAMS), also in October. Claire Watson presented a case study of Asialink’s Visual Arts Residency Program at the Transcultural Exchange International Arts Residency Conference in Boston USA, in April.
- Alison Carroll’s “Ignorance is not bliss; Art and its place in Australia-Asia Relations” was published as the 10th Asialink Essay.
Asia Education Foundation

Advocacy

• AEF’s work in leading the call for Asia literacy in the new National Declaration on Educational Goals for Young Australians resulted in the inclusion of ‘…India, China and other Asian nations are growing and their influence on the world is increasing. Australians need to become ‘Asia literate’, engaging and building stronger relationships with Asia…” The Declaration, agreed to by all Australian Education Ministers, underpins educational directions for the next decade.

• The Asia Literacy Business Alliance was launched by Heather Ridout, CEO AIG, at the AEF National Summit in May. Asialink gained support of leading companies and peak bodies representing over 400,000 Australian businesses. The Alliance gained a lot of media attention. Australia Network was the Summit media partner and beamed sessions to 44 countries in the region.

• AEF undertook a national consultation with members of the Business Alliance for Asia Literacy and key education stakeholders to develop the specifications for the School-Business Asia Literacy Partnerships commissioned by DEEWR.

• AEF National Summit brought together 160 key education decision makers from peak education bodies and all states and territories. Ten areas of action…(in summit report) AEF published a report of the Asia Literacy for Every Young Australian National Summit in May.

• The Leading 21st Century Schools: Engage with Asia National Forum occurred in Canberra in August for 180 influential educators, including over 100 principals who showcased the outcomes of their AEF projects. The forum was addressed by the Ambassadors of China, Indonesia and Korea, Commissioner Michael Keelty, Australian Federal Police, Michael L’Estrange, Secretary Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and Rowan Callick, The Australian

• AEF submitted a successful Expressions of Interest to the NALSSP Strategic Partnerships Grants with AIG and Education.au to develop an Asia focused on-line careers resource.

• AEF published 15 articles in key journals and media and made 10 keynote addresses to national education conferences; K.Kirby provided keynote address at the Taiwan Ministry of Education’s inaugural conference on Internationalising Education; M Welch presented on the AEF’s work at the Asia Society’s national conference for policy-makers and practitioners, A World Class Education held in Arlington, USA.

• K.Kirby appointed to the Board of the Australia Malaysia Institute and the Foundation for Young Australians and participated as a delegate in the Australia Japan Conference and the Australia Indonesia Forum.

• AEF brought Professor Yong Zhao (Distinguished Professor Michigan State University) to Australia for 2 weeks with funding from the Mangold Trust.
Policy

- AEF prepared 17 responses to National Curriculum Board papers contributing to the development of Australian's first national curriculum in History, English, Science and Maths
- ACARA, the body responsible for Australia’s first national curriculum, invited AEF to be a key strategic partner to support the development of the national curriculum
- Completion of the Investigation into the Current State of Indonesian, Japanese and Korean Language Education in Australian Schools Reports commissioned by DEEWR.
- DPM Gillard announced a new Advisory Group to oversee the implementation of the National Asian Languages and Studies in Schools program (NALSSP) with Sid Myer as Chairman, Alice Wong representing business and Asian communities, Prof Tim Lindsey (UOM) and Prof Kent Anderson (ANU) representing higher education, Tony Mackay (National Curriculum Board and AEF Board), Andrew Blair (Aust Sec. Principals Association and AEF Board) and Kathe Kirby all representing school education.
- AEF completed and released the report of a research project undertaken by the Australian Council of Educational Research (ACER) to examine student choice of Asia related options in Year 12 Humanities subjects across Australia

Grants and Funding

- To optimise the achievement of Asia literacy in Australian schools, the AEF is negotiating a new agreement with each state and territory Department of Education with a service focus
- AEF launched the Becoming Asia Literate Grants to Schools element of the NALSSP on May 4, providing grants of $20-40,000 to Australian primary and secondary schools. The AEF received 680 applications, representing over 1,000 schools nationally. 80 grants were announced by DPM Gillard in August.
- The following projects were secured by the AEF:
  - $1.0 million from DEEWR to double the funding for round 1 of the NALSSP Becoming Asia Literate Grants to Schools. Grants will be made to schools nationally to support the development of innovative languages and studies programs focussed on China, Japan, Korea and Indonesia
  - $250,000 from the Victorian Department of Education, Early Childhood Development to develop online resources featuring the voice of Asian Australians for use in the secondary English classroom.
  - $1.202 million from DEEWR for a new project that will engage Asialink’s Business Alliance for Asia Literacy entitled, School-Business Asia Literacy Partnerships.
  - $370,000 from DEEWR to support the delivery of a second round of Leading 21st Century Schools: Engage with Asia project to approximately 100 principals nationally and the AEF’s national summit, Leading Asia Literacy in February 2010.
  - $238,000 from DEEWR from the NALSSP Strategic Collaboration and Partnerships Fund for the My Future: Asia Skills project. The project, led by our partner the Australian Industry Group, will target secondary students and provide engaging resources and first hand accounts of the benefits of Asia skills in the workplace.
o $397,147 from AusAID to develop an educational curriculum and professional learning program for Australian teachers focused on the Pacific region

o $300,000 was awarded by AEF to 50 of the 120 schools across Australia participating in the Leading 21st Century Schools: Engage with Asia Project and launched L21CS website.

Curriculum Materials
- AEF launched its new state-of-the-art web portal, www.asiaeducation.edu.au in August to support Asia literacy in schools
- AEF published *Pacific Neighbours: Understanding the Pacific Islands* in October

Professional Learning for Teachers and Principals
- AEF provided 285 professional learning programs involving 11,000 teachers
- Principals Australia agreed to be the key implementation partner for a second round of Leading 21st Century Schools: Engage with Asia project for 100 principals nationally
- AEF implemented a national train the trainer program for 100 educators in Canberra in October on the newly published AEF *Pacific* text commissioned by AusAID

International Programs
- **Australia Indonesia School BRIDGE project** selected 30 Australian schools and 30 Indonesian schools across five provinces to participate. The Indonesian Basic Education Program [BEP] schools were provided with computers and training; on January 28-30 AEF training program in Bali to support Indonesian participants’ requirements and understanding of the project. **Australia Indonesia School BRIDGE project** hosted 30 Indonesian schools to participate in a three-week visit to their Australian partner schools in March. The program and website (http://www.bridge.edu.au) was launched by the Indonesian Ambassador, HE Primo Alui Joellianto.

  - AEF submitted an application to the Australia-Korea Foundation for funding to support the **Australia-Korea BRIDGE Project**. The project will link 8 Australian schools with 8 Korean schools in school twinning relationships.

  - **AEF Study Tour** to China held in January for 21 participants; Qld Department of Education and the Arts contracted AEF to implement a program in Shanghai in December for 18 principals; WA Department of Education and Training contracted AEF to deliver a program for 17 teachers in Cambodia in January. 80 Teachers signed up to five AEF study tour programs in January 2010 to China, Japan, India, Vietnam and Cambodia.

  - 18 senior educators participated in the **Korean Studies Workshop** funded by the Korea Foundation

  - **Endeavour Language Teachers Fellowships**: AEF organised for 200 Australian teachers to participate in in-country intensive language programs in China, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Japan, Korea, Jordan (Arabic) and Darwin (Bahasa Indonesia) in January. Announcement in November by DPM Gillard of the 220 Endeavour Language Teacher Fellowships managed by the AEF with programs in Japan, China, Korea, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Jordan and Darwin in January 2010
**Asialink Leaders Program**

- 48 Asialink Leaders Program Fellows graduated in December 2009 and joined the alumni program
- New publication showcasing 2009 Fellows, launching new award for outstanding Asia-Australia contribution for alumni and providing program information published
- Monthly alumni newsletter sent out
- Enewsletter established to promote the program for 2011.
- **September**: 5 day Canberra retreat held from 13th – 17th September. Guest speakers included
  - Hon. Stephen Smith, Hon. Julie Bishop, Senator the Hon. Nick Sherry
  - Mr. Patrick Walters (The Australian), Ms Michelle Grattan (The Age)
  - Japanese Ambassador hosted us at his residence on Monday evening
  - Dinners with the High Commissioner of Malaysia and High Commissioner of India.
  - Mr. Ross Cottrill, Prof. Des Ball, and Prof. Jenny Corbett
- Dr Grant Robertson, UGM Consulting was employed to assist participants to streamline their workplace project management processes. As a result project outcomes were more substantial and well defined than in previous years. Projects included the publication of an Asia Focused series for schoolchildren in Sydney’s Daily Telegraph, an internet solution to helping mitigate risk in the integration of Australian and Singaporean offices of a major Airline and an analysis of the proposed India-Australia Free Trade Agreement for a corporate law firm
- Recruitment for 2010 is close to finalisation and participants from the not for profit sector will once again be supported through generous funding from The Ian Potter Foundation

**Asia Australia Mental Health**

**Projects and Funding**

- Stage 1 of Protecting Children in Disasters commenced in Cambodia
- New consultancy secured for Qatar
- Case Management training program delivered in Hong Kong
- Gained funding from AusAID for funding for second stage of Asia Pacific Community Mental Health development project and for scholarship program to bring mental health leaders from the region to Australia
- Contract finalised securing $150,000 per annum for a further 3 years from Janssen-Cilag
- WHO Geneva secured as partner for Stage 2 of the Asia Pacific Community Mental Health Development Project involving 14 countries in the Asia Pacific Region
- Funded by AusAID, new training program incorporating case studies derived from Sichuan earthquake experience written and trialled with lead child mental health professionals in China
- Protecting Children in Disasters Training program now national program for China
- Funding proposals and joint work developed with the University of Melbourne’s Nossal Institute of international Health for Cambodia and India
- New research partnership formed with The Taipei Medical University
- Meetings with Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health India in December resulted in new bi-lateral project commencing January 2010
Advocacy and Policy

- Meetings in Canberra with government stakeholders (AusAID, DOHA and Parliamentary Secretary McMullan’s office)
- Briefed new heads of Mental Health and International Divisions of the Commonwealth Department of Health and Aging who co-hosted AAMH International workshop in August 2009
- High level mental health stakeholder meeting held in Cambodia to plan national mental health program
- AAMH appointed to Cambodian Ministry of Health technical working group for Mental Health
- Convened workshop for Children in disasters program in Cambodia

Events and Publicity

- Hosted Dr Takeshima, head of the National Centre of Neurology and Psychiatry Japan to plan expanded collaboration in community mental health and mental health promotion.
- Professor Yu Xin public lecture in February
- Facilitated visit of Madame Kong, the Vice President of the Ministry of Health’s Non Communicable Diseases Division to Melbourne and Canberra. Visit included private audience with the Governor General of Australia
- Study tour from Qatar hosted
- Work of AAMH publicised in World Psychiatric Association newsletter (tabled) and front page of their website.
- Work in Sichuan China published in prestigious Medical Journal of Australia MJA • Volume 190 Number 9 • 4 May 2009 (tabled)
- Funding secured from DFAT’s Australia-Thai Institute and Australia-Malaysia Institute to
- Work of AAMH published in prestigious medical referred journal Asia-Pacific Psychiatry Journal (tabled)
- High level representatives from 15 countries in the Asia Pacific region joined The WHO, World Psychiatric Association and Australian government, academic, medical and NGO leaders at the AAMH international seminar and workshop in Melbourne on August 20th and 21st to launch Stage 2 of the Asia Pacific Community Mental Health Development project.
  The Seminar was opened by Ms Rosemary Huxtable, Deputy Secretary, Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing, Prof John Dewar, University of Melbourne and A/Prof. Patricia O’Rourke, CEO, St. Vincent’s Health
- Chee Ng and Julia Fraser represented AAMH at a high profile launch in Bangkok of the first community mental health textbook in the Thai language. The textbook is a Thai translation of AAMH’s APCMHD Project publication.
- Partnered with BeyondBlue to present at Mental Health Promotion conference in Bangkok in August attended by over 400 participants
- Brochure promoting AAMH’s training programs published and circulated internationally
- The Taipei Medical University and the Taiwan National Science Council Meeting hosted the second meeting of the Asia Pacific Community Mental Health Development in November 2009.