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Heather Ridout appointed to Asialink board

Asialink announced today the appointment of Heather Ridout as the 20th member of its board.

Ms Ridout brings a wealth of knowledge in complex policy development to the Asialink board. Currently she is also a board member of the Reserve Bank of Australia, and a leading figure in Australian public policy debate.

Ridout recently retired as Chief Executive of the Australian Industry Group after 33 years at the organisation and eight years as CEO.

“Asialink is an organisation that I’ve admired for a long time,” said Ms Ridout. “I’m looking forward to contributing further to their important work.”

For many years Ms Ridout worked closely with Asialink in her previous role with AiG, supporting the drive for greater Asia literacy in school education and across the Australian workforce.

Asialink Chairman Sid Myer welcomed the appointment, saying Ms Ridout will bring vital expertise to the organisation.

“Heather has a wonderful understanding of what is required for Australia to build on its successes into the future,” he said.

“Her appointment reinforces Asialink’s commitment to bridging the business and education divide in Australia’s engagement with the Asian region.”

Asialink is an initiative of The Myer Foundation, based at the University of Melbourne.

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