

Media Alert

ANZ CEO Mike Smith and Dr Ken Henry to launch new report on workforce 'Asia capabilities'

Sydney - Thursday 6 September, 11:00am

A National Strategy for the Development of an Asia Capable Workforce will be launched by ANZ CEO and Chair of the Asialink Taskforce, **Mike Smith**, in Sydney on 6 September.

Joining him at the launch will be **Dr Ken Henry**, who is currently leading the development of a White Paper on "Australia in the Asian Century", due in the coming weeks.

The **Asialink Taskforce for an Asia Capable Workforce** is composed of some of Australia's leading business figures, who have developed a series of recommendations for improving the nation's capability to work with and in Asia.

In addition to Mr Smith and Dr Henry, the following Asialink Taskforce members will discuss the report and respond to questions at the event:

Jennifer Westacott CEO, Business Council of Australia

Jason Chang CEO, EMR Capital

Sid Myer Chairman, Asialink

Jenny McGregor CEO, Asialink

A full list of Asialink Taskforce members is available at www.asialink.unimelb.edu.au/taskforce

Schedule of event:

- 11:00 am Registration of guests
- 11:30 am Mike Smith launches the Strategy Paper
- 11:45 am Dr Ken Henry delivers keynote address
- 12:00 pm Mr Smith, Dr Henry and selected Asialink Taskforce members respond to questions from audience (including media)
- 12:25 pm Event closes

DATE: Thursday 6 September

LOCATION: ANZ – 20 Martin Place, Sydney

**Please register your interest in attending the event to
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