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Professor Gareth Evans AC QC receives Dunlop Asia medal for lifelong commitment to deepening Australia's ties with Asia

The Hon Mike Baird MP, Premier of NSW, to deliver keynote Asia speech at blue ribbon event in Sydney

(Sydney, 16 June 2016) Professor the Hon Gareth Evans AC QC will be commended for his lifelong work to develop strong and trusted relationships with Australia's neighbours in Asia, at an Asialink/Asialink Business event featuring a keynote speech by the Hon Mike Baird MP, Premier of NSW, in Sydney tonight.

Professor Evans will be awarded the 2015 Sir Edward 'Weary' Dunlop Asia medal, in recognition of his extraordinary role in an era of creative Australia-Asia engagement and his longstanding commitment to promoting a progressive Australia at ease with its neighbours.

A highlight of the event will be an address by Premier Baird on how New South Wales is developing robust links with the region and enabling businesses to capture opportunities in Asian markets.

Fostering deep relationships with the countries of Asia remains essential for Australia's peace and prosperity. The Sir Edward 'Weary' Dunlop Asia Medal is presented annually to outstanding Australians who have shown an exemplary record of achievement in improving Australia-Asia engagement and enhancing the quality of life in the region.

Now in its twenty-second year, recent recipients of the Medal have included Gabi Hollows AO (2014), John So (2013), the Hon Alexander Downer (2012), Geraldine Cox AM (2011), and Professor Ross Garnaut (2010).

Event Details

Date: Thursday 16 June

Time: 7.00-9.00pm

Venue: Ballroom 3 & 4, Westin Hotel, No. 1 Martin Place, Sydney

Media registration essential (heather.chai@asialinkbusiness.com.au / 0423 035 277)

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