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Paul Kelly

Paul Kelly has made an outstanding contribution to enhancing Australia's appreciation of Asia.

He has raised the level of public and intellectual debate about Australia's diverse links with the various countries of our region.

It is his acute and perceptive analysis of political, cultural and social change - and his analysis of the influence of these changes on Australia's foreign and strategic policies - that will be his enduring legacy.

He has been a major shaper of public and government attitudes to Asia and, as a strong supporter of Australian engagement with Asia, has contributed to positive change. He has been consistently the most perceptive observer and interpreter of Australia-Asia relations among the fourth estate over the past 25 years.

Paul has been particularly influential in helping Australia to build a more realistic and sustainable relationship with Indonesia through his columns and in his broader capacity as a commentator and public intellectual.

The integration of Australia in the Asia-Pacific has been part of an agenda of reform he has urged for Australia over the past two decades. As a prominent Australian, he has been a powerful advocate. Through his Editorship of *The Australian*, his public speeches, and through his writing, he has lifted the standard of discussion and deliberation in Australian public life.

Paul Kelly began his career in 1971 with *The Australian*. He joined the *National Times* in 1976 and later became associate editor of *The Sydney Morning Herald*. He returned to *The Australian* in 1985 and was its editor for a record six years from 1991.

Paul Kelly is currently Editor-at-Large of *The Australian*. He writes on Australian and international issues and is a regular commentator on television.

Paul Kelly is the author of six successful books: *The Unmaking of Gough*, *The Hawke Ascendancy*, *November 1975*, *Paradise Divided* and his landmark book, *The End of Certainty*.

He presented the 2001 five-part television documentary for the ABC on Australian history and character '100 Years – The Australian Story' and wrote a book with the same title. In 2003 he co-edited *Hard Heads, Soft Hearts*, a new domestic reform agenda for Australia.

Paul has written widely on international affairs in America and Asia. This has included interviews with Margaret Thatcher, Lee Kuan Yew, Tony Blair, George W Bush and Jiang Zemin. A Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia, he was a visiting fellow at the Kennedy School of Government in 2002 and a visiting lecturer at the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs at Harvard University.

Paul is a creative figure who has been a proponent of closer engagement with Asia over the course of decades in public life. The greater sophistication with which Australia now relates to the region has unquestionably been influenced significantly by Paul Kelly.