



2013 CLAIR Forum

- Japan-Australia Sister Cities 50th Anniversary Forum -

Monday, 5 August 2013

13:30 to 18:30

At The Westin Sydney Heritage Ballroom
(1 Martin Place Sydney NSW 2000)

The year 2013 marks 50 years since the signing of the sister city relationship between Yamatotakada in Nara prefecture and Lismore in NSW. Established in 1963, this is the very first sister city link between Japan and Australia.

Today, there are 108 sister city and state relationships between Japan and Australia. These sister cities and states are actively engaged in cultural exchange activities.

At this year's CLAIR Forum, we will be looking at the history of sister cities so far, as well as exchanging ideas on the development of sister cities in the future.

2013 has also been designated as 'The Year of Australia –Japan Partner for Tourism Exchange'. We will be working to publicise tourism for Japanese local governments together with JNTO Sydney with the hope of deepening the exchange of both countries and bringing more visitors from both sides.



The entry to the Forum is free of charge.
For Registration, please complete a
[Registration Form](#) and send it to:
mailbox@jlgc.org.au

Hurry, Registration will close on
Monday, 15 July!
Please note: Seats are *LIMITED*.

Registration will close soon, so please register *ASAP!*

Details of the 2013 CLAIR Forum

- **Date: Monday 5 August, 2013**
- **Time:** 13:30 – 18:30
- **Venue:** The Westin Sydney Heritage Ballroom (1 Martin Place, Sydney, NSW 2000)
- **Host:** Japan Local Government Centre (CLAIR Sydney), Japan National Tourism Organization (JNTO Sydney)
- **Sponsors:** Consulate-General of Japan, Sydney; University of Technology, Sydney; The Centre of Excellence for Local Government; Sister Cities Australia

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【Program】

- 13:00 **Reception**
- 13:30 **Opening**
Opening address by *Ms. Yoko Kimura*, CLAIR's Chairperson of the Board of Directors
Greeting by *Father Paul Glynn*, Marist Fathers Australia
Congratulatory Greeting by the *Hon. Andrew Stoner*, MP, Deputy Premier of New South Wales
- 13:50 **Looking back 50 years in the development of Sister Cities**
From Japan: *Mr. Masakatsu Yoshida*, Mayor of Yamatotakada
From Australia: *Ms. Jenny Dowell*, Mayor of Lismore
Address by *Ald. William Wilson*, President of Sister Cities Australia
Address by *Mr. Yasuhiko Tanabe*, Director of CLAIR Sydney
- 14:45 **Lecture**
Dr. Masahiro Kohara, Consul-General of Japan in Sydney
- 15:00 **Afternoon tea**
- 15:30 **About further development of Japan-Australia Sister Cities**
Facilitator: *Ms. Roberta Ryan*, Director of the Centre of Excellence for Local Government (ACELG) at UTS
Clr. Robert Kok, City of Sydney
Clr. Alan Le Surf, Deputy Mayor, Manly Council
Ms. Chris Hughes, International Relations Coordinator, City of Perth
Opinions from the audiences and conclusion by the Facilitator
- 16:30 **The Year of Australia-Japan Partner for Tourism Exchange and publicizing tourism in Japan**
- 17:00 **Network Drinks & Tourism display**
- 18:30 **Close**

