



Christopher James, Senior Vice President and General Manager, MTV Networks Asia and Daniella Rowles, Associate, HASSELL



APEC'S 850 MILLION YOUNG PEOPLE



L-R: Kathe Kirby, Asialink, Minister for Foreign Affairs, The Hon Alexander Downer MP, and Gabrielle England, Curriculum Corporation, at the launch of the APEC resource

THE WAR FOR TALENT IN ASIA

**Home to over 3.9 billion people
Nine out of ten will be middle income earners by 2010
Destination for over 60 per cent of Australian exports**

MTV Networks Asia Pacific reaches a combined audience of 280 million people and ranks as one of the world's top 50 most valuable brands. MTV Head and Keynote speaker at Asialink's Asia Connect says **"How do we reach young Asians? They are likely to be glued to a screen, not necessarily one screen but multi-screen. From multi-screen we look at multi-platforms."**

Drawing on ANZ's leading position amongst Australian banks in Asia, Managing Director-Asia, David Hornery, focused on talent identification and retention as a key to building a sustainable business in Asia: **"the war for talent in Asia is absolutely intense – if you get staff right everything else follows"**. Mark Dal Pra,

from Jetstar, targeting 70% of their business to Asia in three years, said **"one size fits all doesn't work... a VB suddenly becomes an Asahi"**.

Over 300 participants heard from 50 Asia focused experts managing the four major trends in Asia: globalisation, localisation, fragmentation and digitisation.

Speakers said that the time was right for Australians to take advantage of the enormous range of opportunities in Asia. Many employers spoke of the value of staff who can speak an Asian language and the great resource we have in Australia in our Asian Australian community.

"APEC is not just a meeting. From Australia's perspective it is about the future of our integration with our region - and it is about the future of young Australians." Australian Foreign Minister, The Hon Alexander Downer MP

With an estimated 850 million young people in the Asia Pacific, Minister Downer stressed the remarkable potential of the region for Australian students. In launching Asialink's new educational resource 'APEC: Strengthening our Community, Building a Sustainable Future', the Minister welcomed the opportunity for students and teachers to understand the work of APEC at a time when climate change is a focus.

CLIMATE CHANGE: AUSTRALIA'S REGIONAL RESPONSIBILITY



Shadow Foreign Affairs Minister Robert McClelland MP

"We should also be aware that climate change represents a huge positive opportunity for Australia."

Shadow Foreign Affairs Minister Robert McClelland MP

Shadow Foreign Affairs Minister Robert McClelland MP outlined Labor's plans for Australia to take a leading regional role in tackling the problem of climate change. He argued for immediate ratification of the Kyoto Protocol and the development of new regional strategies. Over 150 business and community leaders attended this Asialink Lunch Briefing.

The full text of Mr McClelland's speech is available at

www.asialink.unimelb.edu.au/about_asialink/opportunities/events/past/past_events_corporate

TRUMPETS ON A TRAM



View Masters - Remix, Osaka, Japan, 2007

View Masters - Remix
Asialink Arts collaboration in Osaka.



**SID MYER
CHAIRMAN**

Asialink is a national institution and we are proudly non-partisan. Our interest is in

securing the most Asia friendly policies from both sides of politics. In this Asian century that includes many portfolios, but in this election year we are focusing on those that cover Asialink's major areas of work.

We will be lobbying for serious commitments to an Asia focus in our education system. We would also like a greater focus on Asia in Australia's cultural diplomacy so that the arts can better support two way trade and investment in our region. This would also enable Australian creative talent to benefit from growing audiences in Asia and generate new product for Asian and global consumers.

We would like a greater commitment to second track diplomacy. After nearly 17 years of working to improve Australia Asia relations we are seeing that Australia is being left behind as the interaction between North, South and Southeast Asia builds. Our Asian counterparts are building networks and we need to be there. This is not only a job for government but government support enables us to build strong partnerships for mutual benefit.

Commitment to Australia's relations with our 3.9 million closest neighbours will position Australia to contribute to a prosperous and peaceful region, working together to address global challenges.



**JENNY
MCGREGOR
CEO**

The energy and dynamism of Asia is electrifying all our

programs. School students at our national education forum demanded that we give them the Asia skills and Asian languages they need for their careers.

Employers experiencing the 'war for talent' acknowledged at our business forum, AsiaConnect, that they need to contribute to growing an Asia skilled workforce.

Australian football is discovering what Asia can deliver. Star speakers at both forums highlighted what Asia engagement is doing for their players development and for their clubs future growth.

Asialink has been working with teachers, students and parents to increase the numbers of Asia focussed schools and Minister Bishop has recently provided an additional \$1.5m over 3 years to help train teachers.

Our Leadership program is working in Sydney and Melbourne with 50 emerging leaders from business, government and the community to skill them to work successfully across cultures and more employers are asking for in-house briefings.

Our upcoming Arts Forum in Queensland, The Great Leap Forum will examine opportunities for Australia-Asia cross media collaborations. Read more about all these issues in this edition of Asialink News and see what's on for second half of 2007 on the back page.



"Like other service industries, for media and advertising

Asia is by far and away the highest growth area in the world but it is very very tough. Asialink's work in Asia-skilling and networking new graduates and professionals is now urgent."

Tom Dery, M & C Saatchi



"At a time when the Muslim community is under the

microscope, Asialink's support in building understanding from school education to business is greatly valued".

Prof Abdullah Saeed,
The University of Melbourne

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INDIA: NEW STRATEGIC PARTNER



Professor Raja Mohan (pictured above), Strategic Affairs Editor at *The Indian Express* highlighted the increasingly strategic influence of India in East Asia in a lecture in the Sidney Myer Asia Centre. Presented in partnership with the Lowy Institute and the Australia-India Council.

Professor Pranap Bardhan, from the University of California at Berkeley, compared India and China's growth but warned against structural weaknesses.

Asialink also hosted Pradeep Mehta, Secretary General of one of India's largest NGOs, CUTS (Consumer Unity & Trust Society). Mr Mehta, who represents the interests of India's growing consumer class, had private meetings with Asialink partners, including Insurance Australia Group, United Group Limited, Commonwealth Bank of Australia and the Melbourne Business School. Australia New Zealand School of Government supported the visit.

ASIALINK'S AMBASSADOR SERIES



HE Mr Chang-Beom Cho (pictured above) updated Asialink guests on South Korea's growing economic and cultural prominence in Asia and on the thriving bi-lateral relationship.

Australia's High Commissioner to Singapore HE Mr Miles Kupa highlighted the importance of Singapore as a regional powerhouse and Australian partner.

FIVE MINUTES TO MIDNIGHT LECTURE SERIES



On 17 January 2007 the Doomsday clock ticked two minutes closer to destruction with the introduction of climate change as a factor in 2006.

Asialink's Five Minutes to Midnight lecture series assesses the doomsday threat with a focus on our region. Our inaugural speaker Professor Hugh White (pictured above) from

the Australian National University and the Lowy Institute launched the series in May with a lecture on The Nuclear Threat in Asia.

Professor White identified the nuclear relationship between China and the USA as the most crucial issue for our region. He argued that Australia's strong bilateral relations with both these super powers and our middle power status position us to play a valuable role in moderating nuclear competition in the region.

Future Five Minutes to Midnight lectures include Terrorism, Climate Change and Public Health in contemporary Asia. These lectures are free to the public.

Listen to Professor White's speech at www.asialink.unimelb.edu.au/events/past/past_events_public

CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE Training programs embraced by Melbourne companies

"The uptake of companies for the Confucius Institute Corporate Programs has been really tremendous," says the Institute Director of Corporate Engagement, Barbara Hilder. Corporate programs have been run for companies such as Telstra, Blackrock, Radiation Oncology Victoria, Innoviafilm, Langham hotel and others.

Many larger corporations with extensive experience in China are wanting the Institute to upskill their China cross cultural, negotiation or marketing skills - based on what has happened to their specific company to date, both positive and negative.

The other interesting trend is that CEO's and the senior executive are taking part in the training along with marketing directors and operation managers.

The Institute is being officially launched on June 25th by the Vice Minister of Education from China.

The Confucius Institute offers a wide range of Business Chinese, Cross Cultural, Marketing and Negotiation skill courses focused to better upskill companies to assist in business success



Vicki Zhang, Confucius Institute, Nigel Flannigan, The University of Melbourne, Wang Wenxuan, Consulate General of PRC in Melbourne, Kevin Yang, Confucius Institute, Barbara Hilder, Confucius Institute, Kirk MacManus, Melbourne Business School, Caterina Necci, Deacons

in the China Market. The Institute also provides workshops for teachers of Chinese language and language and cultural programs for the community.

ONLINE Go to www.asialink.unimelb.edu.au/cpp/events for information on upcoming Asialink's public lectures and events

'GOD'S DONKEY' RECEIVES 2006 ASIALINK DUNLOP MEDAL



Sister Mary Theodore and Mrs Janette Howard

Sister Mary Theodore OAM, of India's MITHRA Foundation describes herself as 'God's donkey'. She was awarded the 2006 Asialink Dunlop Medal at a gala dinner in Sydney recognising her work over 50 years in creating a centre for disabled children in Chennai.

Sister Theodore's award was presented by Mrs Janette Howard, who spoke movingly of her visit in 2006 to the MITHRA Foundation. ABC journalist Jennifer Byrne discussed with Sister Theodore the challenges of working with disabled children and the struggles of her life in India. The night also featured three short presentations from the three 2006 Dunlop

Fellows. Lawyer Ben Saul led a research project on the Cambodia constitution. Dr Jonathon Ehsani sent a message from the field about his work with Thailand's The Alliance for Safe Children. Developmental architect Hugo Moline spoke of his plans with Thailand's Community Architects for Shelter and Environment.

Former Dunlop medallists The Hon Mr Gough and Mrs Margaret Whitlam, Dr John Yu and Professor Peter Drysdale were guests.

The interview is available at www.asialink.unimelb.edu.au/dunlopmedal2006/

Women and Human Rights in South Asia Today

Why 94% of Grameen Bank's loans go to women: "Women have plans for themselves, for their children, about their home, the meals. They have a vision." Mohammed Yunus, founder of Grameen Bank

Following the assassination of Pakistani minister Zilla Huma Usman, Asialink presented a public lecture with Amnesty International and IWDA exploring the experiences and challenges of women and children in South Asia.

Rohini Weerasinghe, founder of NGO Kantha Shakthi, spoke about empowering women with easier access to credit, skill development, education and vocational training.

Dr Tahmina Rashid of RMIT made the



compelling case of how inadequate laws, rise of religious militancy and reflection of male bias perpetuate domestic violence, rape, abduction, acid violence and honour killing in South Asia.

Optimistically Robyn Kilpatrick spoke about the ability of ordinary people to influence the fate of women and children, often victims of war.

This lecture was part of Asialink's free public lecture program.

MELBOURNE ASIA POLICY PAPER 9

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"Climate change poses clears risks to Australia's interests in trade, aid and political stability in Asia and some complex challenges to Australian foreign policy"

Dr Jon Barnett, ARC Fellow, School of Social and Environmental Enquiry, The University of Melbourne

In March Dr Barnett lead the 9th workshop in the Melbourne Asia Policy Paper series on 'Climate Change and Security in Asia: Issues for Australia-Asia Relations'.

Thirty leading business, academic and government specialists debated the impact and risks of climate change and offered possible policy options.

One option focussed on a strategy that fostered actions within the Asian region required to facilitate adaptation to climate change. Australia is well positioned to lead this strategy because of its advanced agricultural technologies and knowledge, its experience with cutting edge resource management practices in the coastal zone, fisheries and water, its capacities in the areas of medicine, health care and disaster management and its demonstrated capacity to foster regional dialogue.

Another option for future Australian climate change policy detailed a Kyoto-plus strategy that combined significantly increased assistance for adaptation, ratification of the Kyoto Protocol and a leadership role in developing an effective and credible post-Kyoto agreement.

A copy of the final paper is available at www.asialink.unimelb.edu.au/media_centre/publications/mapps

This initiative is a collaboration of the Asia Institute, Asialink, the Asian Law Centre, the Asian Economics Centre and the Australian Centre for International Business at the University of Melbourne.

DEVELOPING GLOBALLY ENGAGED CITIZENS AEF National Forum



Pictured L-R: Paul Kelly, *The Australian*, Beaver Ratapoon Garland, Randwick Boys High School, Georgina Naidoo, actor and Prof Tim Lindsey, The University of Melbourne

Asialink's Education programs third National Forum showcased many stand out achievements in teaching and learning about Asia. These pockets of excellence show what's possible:

- "...in secondary school, I can have a fairly fluent conversation and produce essays in Indonesian, study the Chinese economy, and learn about Hinduism, Buddhism and the history of Asia." Year 10 student
- Year 6 students choosing to be an Australian ambassador in an Asian country and crafting weekly communiqués to their teacher, the Minister for Foreign Affairs and the Prime Minister, their principal.

However there is still much work to be done. University of Melbourne's Professor Tim Lindsey highlighted the ambivalence that both Australians and Indonesians feel towards each other. He urged school education leaders to help students understand the realities of our

newly democratising closest neighbour. He also suggested that any change in perception would be greatly assisted by a more Asian-literate media.

Professor Lindsey stressed that the relationship between Australia and Indonesia is key to regional security and that many Australians 'still know next to nothing about Indonesia'. He believes it is important that such ignorance be redressed. 'Indonesia is the third largest democracy in the world; there are more Muslims in Indonesia than in the Middle East and more Christians than in Australia'. Professor Lindsey noted that there are 17,000 Indonesian students in Australia, whereas there are relatively few Australians studying in Indonesia.

Dr Margaret Byrne, United Group Limited, said that 'it was not good enough to be well intentioned' and gave practical tools for teachers to develop their own intercultural

understanding so they can assist their students to contribute beyond our borders.

Star of ABC TV's *Sea Change*, Georgina Naidoo talked of the struggle of being an Asian Australian actor and highlighted the difference teachers could make in creating an environment for all children to thrive. Paul Kelly, Editor-at-Large, *The Australian*, told the audience that 'Australia's relationship with Asia needed to be a permanent national project'. He spoke of the need to develop good national and global citizens because the two go together'.

State and Territory teams left the Forum with a commitment to increase content on Asia in the curriculum and strategies to engage school leaders and their communities.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING THAT TAKES YOU PLACES

Delhi & Agra, India LINKING LATITUDES 2007

ASIA EDUCATION FOUNDATION'S FOURTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
SUNDAY 30 SEPTEMBER - THURSDAY 4 OCTOBER 2007



Asialink News readers can join 250 educators from around Australia on a journey to India. With a population of over 1 billion people, a middle class of 300 million and GDP growth rates of over 7%, India is centre stage.

The conference will occur over five days and take in the cities of Delhi and Agra. Visit the capital of the world's largest democracy, celebrate Mahatma Gandhi's birthday, view the majestic Taj Mahal and meet with local educators.

Seventeen Fieldwork programs have been developed to explore the richness and diversity of India. Destinations include Rishikesh, Jaipur, Dharamsala, Varanasi, Kolkata, Jaipur, Kochi, Goa, Chennai, Udaipur and Mumbai. These will occur immediately prior to and after the conference.

As Sarah Menassa from NSW said, 'Linking Latitudes opened up a new world for me..' Don't miss this once in a lifetime experience that will enrich your professional life.

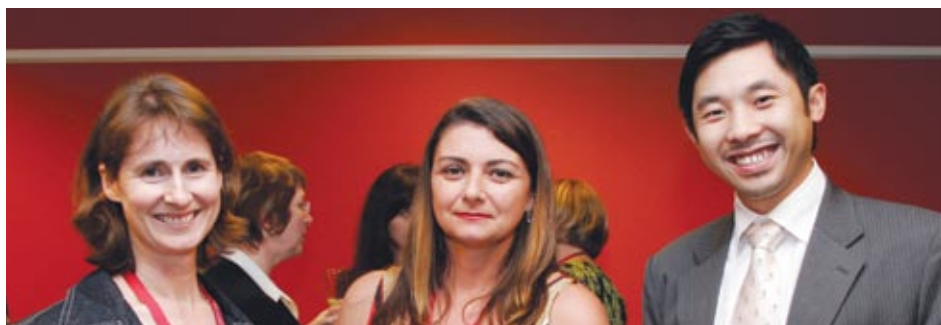


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To download a copy of the Registration brochure, go to:
www.asialink.unimelb.edu.au/our_work/school_education/international_programs/conferences

TOUGH CONVERSATIONS FOR ASIALINK LEADERS

"I find myself being part of quite honest conversations on some really tough social, environmental, business and political issues." Brendan Rowbotham, Business Development Manager, IAG



Pictured L-R: Dr Kate Armstrong, CLAN, Cathy Cole, NSW Police and Ben Mak, PricewaterhouseCoopers

In this edition, Asialink News meets 2007 Asialink Leaders Program Fellows Melbourne based IAG's Brendan Rowbotham and Dr Kate Armstrong, Sydney GP and Director of CLAN, a charitable organisation helping children and families living with Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia (CAH) in resource-poor countries.



Pictured L-R: Brendan Rowbotham, IAG, Andrea Kleist, City of Melbourne and Katica Dias, Red Cross

We asked them both why they applied for the Asialink Leaders Program.

BR: IAG has a number of interests in the Asian region and I am very keen to pursue professional leadership opportunities there. Our CEO of Asia Operations, Justin Breheny sponsors a scholarship for the Leaders program. When I won the scholarship, I knew straight away this was a significant opportunity personally and professionally.

KA: CLAN's activities are focused in Southeast Asia. The Asialink program offered an invaluable

opportunity to learn more about working in the region. The chance to network with and learn from people with business acumen (not a strength too many clinicians enjoy) seemed a wise move.

Asialink News: Brendan what's it like for you being part of such a diverse group?

BR: I am actually very proud to be a part of such a progressive, open and eclectic mix. Simply the 2007 Fellows have just 'clicked'. *Future leaders will emerge from this group*, in fact some already are quite senior, and I think our conversations will manifest into action, driving our future engagement with the region for the better.

Asialink News: What has been your most significant learning so far from the program?

BR: Ironically, the most profound learning experience is just how much I don't know! The complexity of the region, the political relationships both uni-lateral and multi-lateral, culture, religion and the distinct differences in operational and regulatory frameworks within the financial services sector to mention a few.

KA: Yes exactly. The more you learn, the more you realise you need to learn and nothing's simple! By training, doctors focus on the individual, personal, human side of things. *However, it is also important to step back and consider the broader landscape - the political, economic, business, cultural and geographic frameworks that determine the health of individuals.* This course is helping me and CLAN to do this better.

Tripartite training program a first for Chinese mental health professionals



TOP L-R: Dr Hui Yang, Chong Qing Mental Health Centre, Dr Min Li, Hang Zhou No. 7th People's Hospital, Assoc Prof Chee Ng, The University of Melbourne, Dr Xiaolong Li, Wu Han Psychology Hospital

BELOW L-R: Prof Helen Chiu, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Assoc Prof Chee Ng, The University of Melbourne, Ms Bridget Organ, St Vincent's Mental Health Services, Dr Hong Ma, Peking University Institute of Mental Health, Ms Julia Fraser, Asialink, Dr Jin Liu, Peking University Institute of Mental Health and Prof Xin Yu, Peking University Institute of

The third stage in Asia-Australia Mental Health's (Asialink's Health and Community Program) project with China focuses on building local workforce capacity.

Asia-Australia Mental Health's Multi-skilled Case Managers' Training Program was developed and delivered in partnership with mental health experts from Peking University and the Chinese University of Hong Kong.

Training centres have been established in China, Hong Kong and Melbourne to deliver the program. Each training centre is working with Asia-Australia Mental Health to develop a part of the program with specific training objectives for various elements of the workforce

A train the trainer program was delivered in Hong Kong in February for 50 Hong Kong based professionals to prepare them to work with their PRC colleagues and host clinical placements.

The second stage of the training program occurred in Guangzhou from 13-17th March, 2007. Over 200 mental health staff from 80 districts in China participated in the principles and application of case management training program and rated it extremely highly. Over coming months participants in the program will undertake clinical placements in either Hong Kong or Australia to complete their training.

ONLINE For a full list of 2007 Asialink Leaders Program Fellows and their profiles visit www.asialink.unimelb.edu.au/leaders2007



NEON RISING

Wanderlust by Leigh Warren and Dancers. Photo by Hiroyasu Daido

Australians enjoy a taste of *Wanderlust*

Following a sell out season at Tokyo's premier theatres, the Yamaguchi Centre for Arts and Media and the Setagaya Public Theatre, Tokyo South Australian contemporary dance company Leigh Warren and Dancers are set to bring their show *Wanderlust* to Australia. *Wanderlust* was developed through the Asialink Neon Rising Dance Exchange, a program which saw five of Australia's top choreographers working collaboratively with Japanese partners to create new works. Australian audiences are in for a

treat when *Wanderlust* opens at the Adelaide Festival Centre and the Canberra Theatre Centre in October this year.

This has been an enriching and rewarding experience from the first creative development period in Japan in 2005 to the premiere in 2006. From the Australian artists' point of view it has been a valuable learning experience making us more aware of our own cultural surrounds and the diversity of Australian cultural influence. Leigh Warren

HITTING THE STREETS

A highlight of the International Triennale of Contemporary Art Yokohama 2005, the work of leading Australian video artists, Shaun Gladwell and Craig Walsh, hits the streets of Asia.

For the first time, Asialink has teamed up with curator David Broker and the Director of Canberra Contemporary Art Spaces to present the work of these leading Australian video artists in *Streetworks: inside outside Yokohama*.

While Walsh connects the gallery space to the outside urban environment, Gladwell works in reverse. In different ways both artists have produced work that generates a tension between gallery and the public street.

Streetworks: inside outside Yokohama has toured to Bangkok, Kuala Lumpur and Singapore.



Yokohama Linework, 2005, digital video, 16:33 minutes, 16:9, stereo. Courtesy the artist and Sherman Galleries, Sydney



Tom Keneally reading at the Oxford Bookstore event *An Australian Evening*, 2007 Kolkata Book Fair

PROMOTING AUSTRALIAN AUTHORS IN ASIA THROUGH ASIALINK

Asia's largest public literary event, the Kolkata Book Fair invited Australia to be Focus Country for 2007. Australia's representation, co-managed by Asialink, included Thomas Keneally amongst nine leading Australian authors. They read their work to appreciative audiences, held discussions with educators, led events at the main bookshop in Kolkata, and received a huge amount of media attention. Asialink also organised the Australian presentation at the Taipei International Book Exhibition in late January, followed by events in Beijing in May.

45,000 DAYS

Three years ago Asialink Arts published a milestone booklet on our Residency program, called *35,000 days in Asia* – the amount of time Australia writers, artists, craftspeople, performers, directors, editors, and arts managers had spend on an Asialink residency in one of the 18 countries we work with. Incredibly, as our stock of this publication reduced, we realised an update was needed, so we counted the days and *45,000 days in Asia* is now available. Supported by Arts SA.



Larissa Hjorth, Visual Arts Resident, Korea, 2005

Japan Visual Arts Initiative 2007

The Australia Japan Visual Arts Initiative, with core support from the Australia Japan Foundation, is blossoming. After a planning forum for museum and gallery personnel in Tokyo in late 2006, a number of exhibitions are now in place as well as a curatorial exchange program. One of the exhibitions *Re:Search* took place in Sendai in November/December, a collaboration between Sendai Mediatheque and Experimenta in Melbourne. Craig Walsh's *Big in Japan* installation was part of this. The curatorial program included Bec Dean, Sally Breen and Reuben Keehan, all curators at Sydney arts venues, working closely with colleagues in Japan. New projects are emerging from these very focused collaborations.



Craig Walsh, *Big in Japan*, 2006 (image courtesy Sendai Mediatheque)

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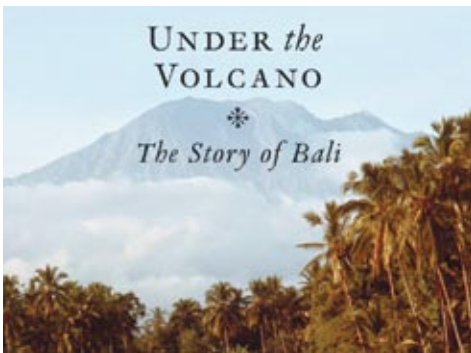


Hugo Moline, Dunlop Asia Fellowship recipient in 2006

Applications are now open for the prestigious 2007-2008 Dunlop Asia Fellowships Program. The award provides a grant of up to \$15,000 to young Australian committed to making lasting contributions to Asia- Australia relations.

www.asialink.unimelb.edu.au/our_work/corporate_and_public/dunlop_fellowships#1

A NIGHT OF STORIES



Cameron Forbes' *Under the Volcano: The Story of Bali* book cover

In August one of Australia's most respected foreign correspondents, Cameron Forbes will tie together the stories of the explorers, colonisers, artists, surfers, drug-runners, jihadists and the Balinese people in discussing his new book: *Under the Volcano: The Story of Bali*.

UPCOMING ASIALINK EVENTS

Include APEC 2020, Five Minutes to Midnight No. 3 Climate Change with Ross Garnaut AO and No. 4 Public Health, Second Thoughts on Globalisation, CEO Briefing with Richard Leupen, Ambassador Series with HE Bill Tweddell and many more.

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Education

ENDEAVOUR LANGUAGE TEACHER FELLOWSHIPS



Above L-R: Andrea Cincotta and Nicole Papisidero, Japan Endeavour Programme

The Asia Education Foundation will develop and manage the Australian Government funded Endeavour Language Teacher Fellowships (ELTF) Programme for 2008-2010. In 2008 up to 200 Australian teachers of languages (practising and trainee) will undertake 3 weeks of intensive in-country language study in China, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Japan, Jordan and Darwin (Bahasa Indonesia).

"This programme was an absolutely fantastic learning experience... The importance and value of the trip for me personally and professionally cannot be summed up in a report or a journal. It can be seen in my teaching, in my professional growth, in my growth as a person." Courtney Hodgkinson, 2007 ELTF China

Applications for 2008 close on Friday 20th July. www.endeavour.dest.gov.au/language_teacher_fellowships/

LEARNING THAT TAKES YOU PLACES



The AEF has advertised its Access Asia Study Tours for 2007-8. Educators are invited to travel with like minds to Korea, China, Laos and Cambodia and Vietnam and experience these dynamic cultures first hand.

www.asialink.unimelb.edu.au/our_work/school_education/international_programs/

Arts

THE GREAT LEAP FORUM: AUSTRALIA ASIA ARTS FORUM, STRATEGIES FOR THE FUTURE



For the first time 2007 sees the annual Asialink Arts Forum taking place off home soil in Melbourne – in Brisbane. With support from Arts Queensland which has an innovative international agenda, the Arts team and all our Advisory Committees are decamping to join international speakers and Queensland experts to focus on the wider agenda of Australia/Asia cross-media. The Great Leap Forum is all day on Thursday 19 July at the Brisbane Powerhouse.

It is free and we encourage you to come and engage in the debate. For more information email arts@asialink.unimelb.edu.au

BEIJING TO BALUCHISTAN; HANOI TO HOHHOT

Every year around 400 Australian artists, writers, performers and art managers apply for an Asialink Arts Residency (which, to be honest, are more likely to take place in Beijing and Hanoi than Baluchistan or Hohhot, though anywhere [safe] in Asia is possible), and 40 individuals are selected by our three art form Advisory Committees. The annual Arts Newsletter is available with stories on all residents 'going out' in 2007.

Information on residency hosts and options for 2008 will be uploaded to the Asialink website in July and applications close the first Friday in September. www.asialink.unimelb.edu.au/artsresidencies