



High Commissioner to Singapore

HE Mr Allaster Cox, Australia's High Commissioner to Singapore
in conversation with Mr John Richardson

Monday 17 Feb 2025: 5.30 pm for 6pm – 7pm AEDT at Level 13, 356 Collins Street, Melbourne VIC 3000

This event will be held under the Chatham House Rule and is in-person only.

Singapore is one of the wealthiest countries in the world. Since independence in 1965, its real per-capita income has grown thirteenfold and on a purchasing power parity basis, its per-capita income is twice Australia's.



It is a global financial and management hub and the port of Singapore is the second busiest in the world. There has only ever been one party in government which plays a directive role in the economy with a strong emphasis on innovation and a highly educated workforce.

Singapore is a significant partner for Australia with strong shared strategic, economic and defence interests regionally and multilaterally. Singapore is important in the context of ASEAN and the broader region as well as globally to Australia. This is reflected in the 2015 Comprehensive Strategic Partnership.

AIIA Victoria invites you to join HE Mr Allaster Cox in conversation with former ambassador Mr John Richardson for an open discussion on this fascinating country, the longstanding and multifaceted relationship between Australia and Singapore and its future.



HE Mr Allaster Cox is a senior career officer with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and currently Australia's High Commissioner to Singapore. Prior to his current role, Mr Cox was the First Assistant Secretary, in the office of Southeast Asia Strategy and Development Division. He has also previously served overseas as Ambassador to Vietnam, High Commissioner to Brunei Darussalam and as Deputy Head of Mission in Indonesia and Malaysia.

John Richardson is Vice President of AIIA Victoria and was previously a senior career officer with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. His career focussed on Australia's economic relationship with north-east Asia; his overseas postings included to Thailand, Germany and Argentina and he was Ambassador to Brazil before his retirement in 2018.



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