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45 Years, 45 Stories: Celebrating 45 years of Australia-China diplomatic relations

To celebrate the 45th anniversary of the establishment of Australia-China diplomatic relations, the Australian Embassy Beijing presents *45 Years, 45 Stories*, a collection of stories told from Australian and Chinese perspectives speaking to the breadth and depth of the Australia-China bilateral relationship.

Australia's Ambassador to China HE Ms Jan Adams says *45 Years, 45 Stories* celebrates the multifaceted community and cultural links – across sports, science, the arts, business and academia – that are the fabric of the Australia-China relationship.

“We share a long history of people-to-people links, going back more than a century before the establishment of diplomatic relations,” she said.

45 Years, 45 Stories was officially launched by the Australian Minister for Foreign Affairs the Hon Julie Bishop on the eve of the third Australia-China High Level Dialogue in Melbourne.

The stories show how far relations have come since Australian and Chinese representatives, Ambassadors Alan Renouf and Huang Zhen, signed a joint communique establishing diplomatic relations on 21 December 1972.

Coinciding with the China launch of *45 Years 45 Stories* in Beijing, a parallel campaign *Miss you heaps, Australia!* competition will go live.

The competition offers an Australian Embassy social media follower and an Australian university alumni in China two Qantas return flights to Australia. Drawing on themes of family and friendship, entrants will post their own photo memory of Australia, and are asked the question: What do you miss about Australia?

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