

Celebrating the 40th Anniversary of Australia-China Diplomatic Relations in 2012

庆祝中国-澳大利亚建交40周年

**2012 - 40th Anniversary Program of Events and Initiatives (Selected Events)**

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| February 2012 | **Visit by Aust Science Minister** | *Affirming that science and research are a key area for bilateral cooperation* | Beijing |
| March 2012 | **Australian Writers Week** | *Show casing in China Australia’s emerging and established writers* | Beijing |
| April 2012 | **International Women’s Day Ambassador’s Breakfast** | *Marking the economic, political and social achievements of women* | Beijing |
| April 2012 | **Aust-China Film Industry Forum** | *Reinvigorating the relationships between the film industries in Australia and China* | Beijing |
| April 2012 | **Visit by Aust Minister for Climate Change** | *Co-hosting the Australia China Ministerial Dialogue on Climate Change* | Beijing |
| April 2012 | **Inaugural Australian Alumni Careers Fair** | *Held in conjunction with* [*www.zhaopin.com*](http://www.zhaopin.com) *profiling the quality and skills of Australian-educated graduates* | Shanghai |
| April 2012 | **Wine Australia’s ‘Taste Discovery’ Tour** | *Linking Australian wineries with China’s wine networks* | Dalian, Chengdu, Wuhan |
| May 2012 | **Visit by Aust Minister for Foreign Affairs** | *Launching Australia’s 40th Anniversary Celebrations* | Beijing  Shenyang |
| May 2012 | **HMAS Ballarat port call** | *The Royal Australian Navy engaging with the Chinese people* | Shanghai |
| May 2012 | **China International Fair for Trade in Services** | *Incorporating Australia Feature Day and the inaugural Australia China Services Sector Promotion Forum* | Beijing |
| May 2012 | **Visit by Australian Minister for Trade and Competitiveness** | *Representing Australia at CIFTIS* | Beijing |
| May  August  September 2012 | **Australia China Business Week in**  **Melbourne**  **Sydney and**  **Shanghai** | *Hosted by the Australian Business Forum - expanding business ties* | Melbourne  Sydney  Shanghai |
| June 2012 | **Launch of Australia’s new tourism campaign** | *Launched in China to reflect the exponential growth in visits between Australia and China* | Shanghai |
| June 2012 | **Visit by Australian Minister for Tourism** | *Launching the "There's Nothing Like Australia" campaign* | Shanghai |
| June 2012 | **Visit by Australian Defence Minister** | *Inaugural Defence Ministers Dialogue* | Beijing  Guangzhou  Zhanjiang |
| June 2012 | **The Australian Arbitration Option** | *A forum showcasing Australia as a centre for international arbitration* | Beijing  Shanghai |
| June 2012 | **Book Launch by the China Studies Centre, University of Sydney** | *‘Australia and China at 40’* | Sydney |
| June 2012 | **China Australia Media Forum** | *Examining the role of the media in enhancing understanding and cooperation in economics and trade* | Guangzhou |
| July 2012 | **The Biennial Australia Studies Conference** | *Hosted by Xihua University, Chengdu and with support from the Australia- China Council* | Chengdu |
| July 2012 | **Visit by Australian Deputy Prime Minister & Treasurer** | *Leading a delegation to the Australia China Economic and Trade Cooperation Forum* | Beijing |
| July 2012 | **Gala Dinner celebrating the 40th Anniversary** | *Hosted by the Australian Deputy Prime Minister & Treasurer* | Beijing |
| July 2012 | **Artlink Magazine Special Edition** | *Experiencing Australian indigenous art in Chinese through a special bilingual edition* |  |
| July 2012 | **Australia Week** | *Sharing all the best Australia has to offer China* | Kunming |
| August 2012 | **Australia Week** | *Sharing all the best Australia has to offer China* | Shenyang |
| August 2012 | **Parliamentary Delegation to China** | *Enhancing bilateral linkages* | Various cities |
| August 2012 | **MLA Red Majesty Chinese Chef Launch** | *Teaming Asia's finest chefs with Australia's finest beef and lamb* | Beijing |
| August 2012 | **Young Persons Essay Competition (Uni of Sydney China Studies Center)** | *Encouraging engagement between young Australians and Chinese* | Online |
| August 2012 | **Meeting Halfway Art Exhibition** | *Two northern Chinese and two Australians showcase their work in Guangzhou (and later Melbourne)* | Guangzhou/  Melbourne |
| September 2012 | **Australia Week** | *Sharing all the best Australia has to offer China* | Wuhan |
| September 2012 | **The Australia-China Futures Dialogues - Leader’s Lecture featuring Australia’s Ambassador to China** | *A Griffith University initiative in collaboration with Peking University and the Queensland Government examining the future evolution of the Asia Pacific region* | Beijing |
| September 2012 | **Australia China Alumni Awards** | *Recognizing the wide-ranging achievements of graduates of Australian universities that are currently based in China, both local and expatriate* | Shanghai |
| September 2012 | **Sydney China Business Forum** | *High level discussion of the outlook for Australian-Chinese Energy Cooperation* | Sydney |
| September 2012 | **Australia in China’s Century Conference** | *Hosted by The Australian and the Wall Street Journal* | Sydney |
| September 2012 | **Australia-China Science and Research Knowledge Exchange Symposium** | *Facilitating dialogue and celebrating achievement in research collaboration between Australia and China* | Melbourne |
| October 2012 | **Australia Week** | *Sharing all the best Australia has to offer China* | Nanjing |
| October 2012 | **Frontiers of Knowledge Symposium: Australia-China and Beyond to 2020** | *Discussing the themes of vital importance in the future of Australia China bilateral relations* | Shanghai |
| October 2012 | **Skills for Sustainability Conference** | *Bringing together TAFE Directors Australia and the Chinese Education Association for International Exchange* | Beijing |
| October 2012 | **Australia-China Business Council (WA)  :  2012 Education Forum** | *Sharing experiences and planning for progressing Chinese language and cultural training in WA* | Perth |
| October 2012 | **ACBC China National Day** | *Celebrating the 40th Anniversary* | Perth |
| October 2012 | **Book Launch by the China Studies Centre, University of Sydney** | *‘Australia and China at 40’* | Beijing |
| October 2012 | **Sydney Symphony Orchestra China Tour** | *Bringing some of Australia’s finest orchestral music to China* | Multiple cities |
| October 2012 | **Australia China Youth Dialogue** | *Promoting frequent and meaningful engagement between young adults in China and Australia who are interested in furthering Australia-China relations* | TBC |
| October 2012 | **Australia China Quarterly Special Edition** | *Highlighting the 40th Anniversary* | Australia  China |
| November 2012 | **Australia China University Leaders Forum** | *Showcasing successful collaboration in tertiary education* | Canberra |
| November 2012 | **Inaugural Australian Resources Conference and Trade Show** |  |  |
| November-December 2012 | **Exhibition of Australian Contemporary Photography** | *Remembering Prime Minister Whitlam’s historic visit to China in 1973 hosted by the Australian Centre for Photography and China’s National Art Museum* | Beijing |
| December 2012 | **Robogals Tour of China** | *Young Australian of the Year visits Chinese universities highlighting Australia’s science, technology and entrepreneurial talents* | Multiple cities |
| December | **Oral History Project celebrating the 40th Anniversary** | *‘Beyond the Cables: Australian Ambassadors to China 1972-2012’ - A Joint Initiative of the National Library of Australia and the Australia-China Council* |  |
| December | **Commemoration of the Anniversary** | *Gala Dinner hosted by Prime Minister Gillard – Australian Parliament House, Canberra, 12 December 2012*  *Gala Dinner hosted by Chinese People’s Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries – Great Hall of the People, Beijing, 14 December 2012* | Canberra  Beijing |