Achieving Sustainable Development in the Asia Pacific - at the Australian Pavilion

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The Australian pavilion at the Shanghai World Expo will host the 2010 Australia-China Futures Dialogue on 12 August on the theme Achieving Sustainable Development in the Asia Pacific.

Policy-shapers and academics from Asia and the Pacific will discuss practical models for achieving sustainable economic development in the face of climate change and other challenges.

The dialogue is part of the Australia-China Futures Dialogue project, an initiative of Queensland’s Griffith University and China’s Beijing University. The aim is to encourage open discussion between Australia and China on regional issues, and to provide a platform for building common understanding in our region about major contemporary issues.

Commissioner-General Ms Lyndall Sachs said the Shanghai World Expo, with its focus on sustainability, provided an unparalleled venue for discussing economic development of the region.

“Australia, with a world-class economic framework that enabled us to withstand the worst of the global financial crisis, is keen to promote discussion and ideas on future-oriented policy issues that support economic and social development in the region.”

“I am pleased that the iconic Australian pavilion will welcome delegates from China, Japan, Indonesia and Papua New Guinea for the dialogue,” said Ms Sachs.

The dialogue will be divided into three sessions designed to explore the definitions of sustainability, the impact of climate change on economic sustainability, and sustainable tourism and economic growth.

The event is delivered by the Queensland Government as a Platinum Partner of the Australian pavilion.