This event has been RE-SCHEDULED to 22 September, 2011

The Griffith Asia Institute, Griffith University and the Australian Centre of Asia-Pacific Art, Queensland Art Gallery would like to invite you to the second ‘Australia-Japan Annual Dialogue’:

**Perspectives: Asia Seminar**

‘Australia and Japan in an Era of Dynamic Change - Strategic Partners for the Long Term’.

By: Mr Murray McLean OAM, Former Australian Ambassador to Japan

Australia's relations with Japan, long robust on the foundation of our huge trade and investment relationship, are increasingly broadening into non-traditional areas not only in the economic sector, but particularly in areas such as security cooperation. Full recovery from the post-earthquake and tsunami crisis compounded by the Fukushima nuclear disaster, demands long-term forward thinking and commitment from the Japanese Government and people. As part of this strategy, Japan needs to commit to reforms and further opening up of its economy. Early conclusion of a comprehensive FTA with Australia would be a good signal of its intention to undertake meaningful reform. Australia's strong demonstration of support for Japan over this critical period, needs to be sustained for the long term. At this time of dynamic change in the broad Asian region, close cooperation in the evolving regional forums and a shared commitment to work closely together on a range of issues will help guarantee a deepening of the relationship and contribute to the interests of both countries and the region at large.

Ambassador McLean’s most recent post was that of Australia’s Ambassador to Japan from Nov 2004 – Aug 2011. He is a senior member of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade with 42 years of work experience particularly on Asian issues, his career has encompassed postings and placements in the Department that include; (Jan 2004 – Nov 2004) Deputy Secretary; (2001-2003) First Assistant Secretary in charge of North Asia Department; (1997-2001) Australian High Commissioner (Ambassador) to Singapore; (1992-1996) Assistant Secretary in charge of East Asia Branch; (1987-1992) Australian Consul-General in Shanghai, China; (1986-1987) Director, Philippines, Thailand, Burma Section; (1983-1986) Counsellor (Political) in Washington DC, USA; (1979-1983) Counsellor (Political) in Beijing, China; (1977-1979) Deputy Director, China Section; Director, Indonesia Section; Director, USSR Section; (1973-1976) Second, later First Secretary Australian Embassy Beijing, China; 1971-1973 Third Secretary, Australian Commission Hong Kong, Intensive Chinese Language studies, University of Hong Kong. In 1991 Mr McLean was awarded the Order of Australia Medal (OAM) for his services to international relations.

→ **Cinema B, Gallery of Modern Art, Stanley Place, South Bank**
→ **Thursday 22 September 2011**
→ **The doors open at 5:30pm**

Guests are welcome to join us for refreshments prior to the seminar. Places are limited, please book early to avoid disappointment. Please RSVP, to Sylvia Gillard by Friday 16 September 2011 on telephone 07 3735 5322 or email s.gillard@griffith.edu.au.