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Strengthening Australia–Japan understanding with online courses

PERTH, AUSTRALIA – INPEX and the Perth USAsia Centre yesterday evening launched two new online courses, developed to provide Australian and Japanese professionals with greater insight into each country's strategic priorities, regional interests and role in the Indo-Pacific.

The courses were formally announced at INPEX Australia's 40th anniversary celebration last night by the Hon. Madeleine King MP, Minister for Resources and Northern Australia and Mr Atsushi Karimata, Consul-General of Japan in Perth, and mark 50 years since the signing of the Treaty of Basic Cooperation and Friendship (NARA Treaty) between Australia and Japan.



Professor Gordon Flake, Founding Chief Executive Officer of the Perth USAsia Centre, Atsushi Karimata, Consul-General of Japan in Perth, The Hon. Madeleine King MP, Minister for Resources and Northern Australia and INPEX Managing Director, Country Chair Australia, Tetsu Murayama.

Australia–Japan Relationship: A Masterclass equips Australian professionals with the knowledge and understanding to engage effectively with Japan, exploring the strategic, economic and broader dimensions of one of Australia's most important international relationships.

Understanding Australia's Outlook: A Sprintclass is a bespoke course for Japanese audiences, designed for those seeking to better understand Australia's role in the world, including its relationship with Japan.

Speaking at INPEX Australia's anniversary celebration, INPEX Managing Director, Country Chair Australia, Tetsu Murayama said:

"The Australia-Japan relationship is defined by what has been achieved over the past decades, and importantly by the opportunities we are creating together for the future.

"INPEX is proud to be partnering with the Perth USAsia Centre to provide Australian and Japanese professionals across a range of sectors to broaden their perspectives and deepen Australia-Japan understanding."

Professor Gordon Flake, Founding Chief Executive Officer of the Perth USAsia Centre, highlighted the role of the courses in strengthening the knowledge and perspectives underpinning the Australia–Japan relationship.

"Few Australians realise how much of our prosperity and security rests on our partnership with Japan. It is a relationship that deserves far more attention than it gets."

"Trust between nations is built by people who understand each other. These courses invest in exactly that, for Australians and Japanese alike," Professor Flake said.

After 40 years contributing to the Australia-Japan relationship, INPEX is proud to help deepen the understanding and connections that will shape its next chapter, underpinned by trust, practical cooperation and mutual respect.

About INPEX: INPEX is Japan's largest exploration and production company, engaged in the development and operation of energy projects worldwide, including Ichthys LNG in Australia as Operator. We are committed to contributing to a brighter future by delivering energy in a sustainable way. As part of this commitment, we also engage in lower carbon solutions such as carbon capture and storage – or CCS – and outside of Australia, in hydrogen and integrated power supply, while pursuing new opportunities in the evolving energy landscape.

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