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INPEX to support inaugural Lowy Institute Japan Security Chair

PERTH, AUSTRALIA – INPEX is delighted to support the Lowy Institute to establish an inaugural Japan Security Chair to deepen the quality of public engagement on Australia–Japan issues and to enhance Australian public understanding of Tokyo's policies in the region.

The Chair's research will focus on security and politics, examining Japan's changing role in the region and its implications for Australia.

INPEX Managing Director, Country Chair Australia, Tetsu Murayama said the appointment will strengthen Australia's analytical capacity on an important bilateral relationship.

"INPEX has been part of Australia's energy landscape for four decades, and we have seen first-hand how deep and valuable the Australia–Japan relationship has become in the Indo-Pacific region," said Mr Murayama.

"We are proud to support the Lowy Institute's Japan Security Chair, fostering a deeper Australian understanding of Japan's strategic outlook and strengthening the quality of public debate on a partnership that matters greatly to both our countries."



Lowy Institute Executive Director Dr Michael Fullilove AM, INPEX Managing Director, Country Chair Australia, Tetsu Murayama and Air Chief Marshal Sir Angus Houston AK, AFC (Ret'd), Board Member of the Lowy Institute.

The Lowy Institute is an independent, non-partisan international policy think tank located in Sydney, Australia. It is Australia's leading think tank, providing high-quality research and distinctive perspectives on the international trends shaping Australia and the world.

Lowy Institute Executive Director Dr Michael Fullilove AM said the Japan Security Chair will fill a significant gap in Australia's public policy debate.

"Japan is a fellow democracy, a like-minded regional actor, and one of our best friends in Asia. The links between our two countries are quickening in the wake of Australia's decision to purchase upgraded Mogami-class frigates from Japan."

"However, the level of Australians' understanding of Japan's policies and our shared interests has not kept pace with these developments," said Dr Fullilove.

"The Lowy Institute's Japan Security Chair will bridge this gap, by fostering fresh insights, public discussion and policy ideas on one of Australia's most important security and economic partners.

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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