Open Forum on Australia’s Multicultural Society

Having a longer history and more experience in accepting foreign people than Japan, Australia is known for its pursuit of multicultural coexistence in its society. The Japan Foundation will invite five leading specialists in this field from Australia and organize an open forum on Australia’s multicultural society in Tokyo, a closed discussion with Japanese specialists in Sendai, and an open symposium in Nagoya.

Through these projects, the Japan Foundation hopes to foster a networking among specialists of community and youth exchange, as well as to help the development of new grass-roots exchange programs.

Open Forum: Australia’s Multicultural Society
Date & Time: January 20, 2007 From 14:00 to 16:30
Venue: The Japan Foundation International Conference Hall
Organizer: The Japan Foundation
Admission: Free. Booking is required.
Language: English (Simultaneous interpretation will be provided)
Panelists:
Stepan Kerkyasharian Chairperson, Community Relations Commission for a Multicultural NSW (New South Wales)
Dino Zappacosta Mayor, Griffith City, NSW
Richard Acheson Director of Community Relations Service, Community Relations Commission for a Multicultural NSW
Violet Roumeliotis Co-manager, Canterbury Bankstown Migrant Resource Center, NSW
Jihad Dib High school deputy principal in NSW
Facilitator: Masami Sekine, professor, Keio University

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