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## A message from the new Consul-General of Japan in Sydney Dr Masahiro Kohara

Recently I assumed the post of Consul-General of Japan, Sydney. My previous position was Deputy Director-General of the Asian and Oceanian Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs. My responsibilities included policy planning and multilateral diplomacy for the region as a whole, and with China as a central focus, bilateral relations with south Asian and Pacific nations.

This work brought me to Sydney briefly on several occasions. I am so pleased to have been posted here and now have the chance to experience this city's beauty and the warm hospitality of its people.

Australia and Japan are partners who share basic common values and in recent years our ties have deepened not only in the economic field but also in the areas of politics and security. As Australia's largest city and as a hub of economic and cultural relations and



Dr Masahiro Kohara

exchange with Japan, Sydney naturally plays a very important role, and accordingly the Sydney Consulate is expected to fulfil a major role.

The Consulate has jurisdiction over New South Wales and the Northern Territory and also provides part of consular services to New Caledonia. Since arriving, I have paid many courtesy calls within NSW, including on the Governor, the Premier, the leaders of both houses of Parliament, and the Chief Justice. I am now planning to visit the Northern Territory at the earliest possible opportunity.

My office will continue to do its utmost to ensure that Japanese people residing here are able to go about their lives

and business with ease and in security. Finally, I would like to ask for your ongoing support and cooperation.

Readers may be interested to know that Dr Kohara is a published author and has spent time as a professor and lecturer at several universities in Japan. His motto is "Fortune is unpredictable and changeable".

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