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**IDFR DISTINGUISHED LECTURE SERIES 2023
“THE ROLE OF SISTER CITIES IN THE
COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP”
HER EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE FRANCES ADAMSON AC
28 AUGUST 2023**

The Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations (IDFR) is privileged to host **Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC**, the Governor of South Australia as the distinguished speaker for the **IDFR Distinguished Lecture Series 2023**. The lecture, titled **"The Role of Sister Cities in the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership"**, will take place on **Monday, 28 August 2023, from 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm** at the **IDFR Auditorium in Jalan Wisma Putra, Kuala Lumpur**.

Governor Adamson, a prominent figure in the diplomatic arena, began her illustrious career with Australia's Commonwealth Department of Foreign Affairs. Her remarkable career has spanned various pivotal assignments, including a tenure in Hong Kong during China's transformative reforms, leadership of the Australian Commerce and Industry Office in Taipei, and her distinguished role as Australia's Ambassador to China. Her expertise has also extended to the corridors of the Australian High Commission in London. With notable contributions including advisory roles to the Prime Minister, Chief of Staff to the Foreign Minister and Defence Minister, her influence on Australia's international standing is immeasurable.

Governor Adamson is on a four-day visit to Malaysia in conjunction with the 50th Anniversary of the sister cities of Georgetown, Penang and Adelaide, South Australia. Incidentally, the current Governor of Penang His Excellency Tun Ahmad Fuzi, was also the 3rd Director-General of IDFR and a former distinguished diplomat.

The IDFR Distinguished Lecture Series stands as one of the Institute's signature discourses, which provides a platform for ministers, diplomatic practitioners and other prominent figures to deliberate international and domestic issues on matters spanning both economic and foreign relations. This lecture series also serves as an intellectual exchange between countries, signifying the role to which IDFR undertakes for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Malaysia.

The lecture is open to the public by prior registration. Please email adiba@idfr.gov.my for any enquiry.

**KUALA LUMPUR
25 AUGUST 2023**