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NOTICE OF PUBLIC ADDRESS

Speaker **Prof. Jocelyn Chey AM**

Topic *Australia and China: Frenemies?*

Date & Time **Thursday 15 February 2024, at 6 pm**

Location **Lecture Theatre, Old Government House** (University of Auckland), Princes Street, Auckland. Choice of masks and distancing is **Respected**.

Synopsis Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese's visit to China in November 2023 came after bilateral relations had fallen to a historic low. At the same time, Australian defence ties with the USA had been boosted dramatically, particularly through AUKUS.

Each side had accused the other in a tit-for-tat campaign of abandoning former friendship and understanding. Each had imposed retaliatory restrictions on trade.

Developments on both sides in recent months will be reviewed. Some suggestions will be made about how relations can be stabilised.

Biographical Details Jocelyn Chey had a career with the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade that spanned thirty years from the 1970s to the 1990s. Her period of service included two postings to the Embassy in Beijing, and a posting as Consul-General to Hong Kong and Macau from 1992 to 1995.

In 2009 the Commonwealth of Australia awarded her the Medal of Australia (AM). In the same year the Australian Institute of International Affairs honoured her as a *Fellow*.

She is currently a Visiting Professor at the University of Sydney. Simultaneously, she is also an Adjunct Professor at Western Sydney University and UTS Sydney.

The Forum provides a space and an opportunity for discussion and consideration of topics of international affairs. The meeting is open to the public, without charge or seat reservation.