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Australian Ambassador to ASEAN, Ms Jane Duke to visit Australia-ASEAN BRIDGE School in regional Sydney

On September 13, 2019 – Australian Ambassador to ASEAN Ms Jane Duke visited Hurlstone Agricultural High School, one of the first Australian schools to be partnered with Brunei Darussalam under the Australia-ASEAN Building Relationship through Intercultural Dialogue and Growing Engagement (BRIDGE) School Partnerships Program.

This event brought together school leaders, teachers and students from schools in regional Sydney who are engaging with ASEAN through education-based programs such as the Asia Education Foundation's (AEF) international school partnerships program and Australia-ASEAN Youth Forum.

A flagship program of the Australian Government and Australia-ASEAN Council delivered by AEF, BRIDGE aims at linking Australian school communities with their counterparts across the region.

Established with a purpose to connect Australian teachers, students and school communities with their counterparts across the region, over the last 11-years the program has devolved to deepen intercultural understanding; enhance real life digital skills; and establish a community of multi-lingual learners.

The Australia-ASEAN Youth Forums seeks to deepen students' knowledge and understanding of the ASEAN nations, realise the benefits and challenges of regional dialogue and develop their intercultural understanding, creative and critical skills.

While visiting the NSW school, Ambassador Duke hosted a panel discussion speaking with students from; Hurlstone Agricultural High School, Marrickville Public School, Bateman's Bay High School, Hamilton Public School, Hunter Sports High School and Cranbrook School about their engagement with ASEAN nations through school programs, future international career paths and how education is pivotal in Australia's relationship with our region.

For more information about the Asia Education Foundation ASEAN related programs, please visit <https://asiaeducation.edu.au>

About the Asia Education Foundation

Asia Education Foundation (AEF) is Australia's premier organisation supporting schools to educate a new generation of globally competent young Australians. AEF is focused on ensuring that all Australian students develop a deep understanding of Australia and our place in the world, intercultural understanding and language skills to communicate and collaborate with the peoples of Asia and the world. AEF is a national not-for-profit initiative of Asialink at The University of Melbourne.

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