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Foreign Minister Downer to deliver Monash APEC Lecture at Annual APEC Conference

Australia's Foreign Minister, The Hon Alexander Downer MP, will deliver the Monash APEC Lecture at the Annual Conference of APEC Centres.

Instigated by the Australian APEC Study Centre several years ago, this will be the eighth Monash APEC Lecture. Previous lectures have been delivered by such notables as the former Prime Minister of New Zealand, the Leader of the Australian Opposition, the Prime Minister of Thailand and the former Director General of the WTO.

This year's lecture will be particularly prestigious as it will be part of the Annual Conference of APEC Centres, one of the only events in Melbourne during Australia's year as host of APEC. The conference titled 'Driving Growth – APEC's Destiny' will be held at the Victorian Arts Centre from April 18 to 20.

Mr Downer will address the topic: 'How can APEC build regional prosperity?' He will be introduced by Mr Hugh Morgan AC, a former president of the Business Council of Australia and a current board member of the Reserve Bank of Australia.

The conference dinner is open to all registered conference delegates and to the media. It is not a public event as such, though business people from across the country are encouraged to register in order to hear Mr Downer as well as a host of other national and international speakers talk about some of the issues that affect Australia and the entire Asia-Pacific.

For further information about the conference, registration or the speakers, please visit the conference website (www.apec-centresconference2007.org) or contact the Australian APEC Study Centre at Monash University on 03-9903 8757.

About the Australian APEC Study Centre in 2007

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In 2007 as part of the official APEC Australia 2007 schedule of events, the Australian APEC Study Centre is responsible for hosting the Annual Conference of APEC Centres.