

AUSTRALIA DAY MESSAGES

The following messages were received by the Commonwealth on the occasion of Australia Day, 1960. The messages to the Australian people were directed through the Governor-General, Sir William Slim and the Prime Minister, Mr. Menzies.

From the President of the United States:

"I am happy to extend to your Excellency and to the people of Australia on Australia Day, felicitations and sincere good wishes from the people of the United States as well as from myself."

From the Prime Minister of India:

"On the happy occasion of the anniversary of Australia Day, the Government and the people of India join me in sending to you, Mr. Prime Minister, and to the Government and the people of Australia, our most cordial greetings together with our best wishes for the welfare and prosperity of the people of your country."

From the President of France:

"On the occasion of Australia Day, I address to your Excellency with my warm felicitations my sincere wishes for the happy future of the Australian people."

From the First Minister of the Republic of Indonesia:

"On the auspicious occasion of the National Day of Australia I have much pleasure in extending to your Excellency also on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Indonesia most sincere congratulations and best wishes."

From the Rt. Hon. Viscount Dunrossil:

"Very best wishes and greetings to you on Australia Day. Looking forward to our meeting 2nd February."

From His Excellency the High Commissioner for Canada:

"On Australia Day, 1960, it is my privilege and pleasure to convey to you, and to the Government and people of the Commonwealth of Australia, warmest greetings and best wishes from the Government and people of Canada.

All Canadians would wish to extend their congratulations and sincere wishes for continued peace and prosperity on your National Anniversary."

From the West German Government:

"On the occasion of Australia's National Day, I offer my sincere wishes for the good fortune and prosperity of our friends, the Australian people, and equally for the personal health and happiness of your Excellency."

From His Majesty, King of Cambodia:

"On the occasion of the National Day of Australia, I am happy to address your Excellency in the name of the Khmer Nation and in my own name the warmest wishes that I entertain for the full success of your high mission, for your personal welfare and for the prosperity of the Australian people."

From the Vice-President and Prime Minister of the Republic of China

"On the auspicious occasion of Australia Day I take great pleasure in extending to you my sincerest felicitations and best wishes for the continuing prosperity of your country and your personal well-being."

From the Prime Minister of Ceylon:

"On the happy occasion of the anniversary of Australia Day, the Government and people of Ceylon join me in sending you, and through you to the Government and people of Australia, our sincere felicitations and good wishes for the coming year.

From His Excellency the Governor of Malta:

"On anniversary of Australia Day I send warmest greetings on behalf of the Government and people of Malta and Gozo to you and to all Australians.

We rejoice that this celebration, in which so many Australians from Malta participate, coincides with the departure from Malta of the 25,000th migrant under the Australia-Malta Passage Assistance Agreement, and I wish to take this opportunity to express our profound gratitude for your help to Malta."

From the President of the Union of Burma:

"On this anniversary of Australia Day, I am happy to extend to your Excellency and to the Government and people of Australia, on behalf of the Government and people of the Union of Burma and on my own behalf, warm congratulations and sincere good wishes for the progress and continued prosperity of Australia."

From the President of Pakistan:

"On behalf of the Government and the people of Pakistan and on my own behalf, I offer to your Excellency, the Government and the friendly people of Australia, heartiest greetings and sincere best wishes on the happy occasion of the National Day of Australia. We wish your Excellency health and happiness and the people of Australia continued peace and progress."

From the President of the Republic of Viet Nam,

"On the occasion of the National Day of Australia I am happy to extend to your Excellency and through you to the Australian people, my most sincere congratulations together with my warmest wishes for your Excellency's personal happiness and for the prosperity of Australia."

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To Dr. Nehru Mr. Menzies reciprocated with this message:

"On the occasion of India's Republic Day may I extend to you and your people the sincere good wishes of the Government and people of Australia.

I recall with very great pleasure my brief visit last July to your great country, which, in the years since it achieved independence, has won the respect and admiration of all countries for its achievements both at home and abroad.

I wish you every success in the ventures which you are planning and I fervently hope that the friendly ties which exist between our two countries will, in the years to come, be still further strengthened."

Sir William Slim replied to the President of the Republic of Viet Nam:

"I much appreciate your Australia Day message and, on behalf of the people of Australia, I send your Excellency warm thanks.

I am leaving Australia today and one of the happiest memories of my term of office will be your visit to this country.

My wife joins me in sending every good wish for your personal well being."

Mr. Menzies has replied to all the messages. To Dr. Djuanda First Minister of the Republic of Indonesia he said:

"I am delighted to receive your message stop It confirms the happy feeling I have about our political and personal relations."

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CANBERRA,  
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