

**SPEECH NOTES FROM THE PRIME MINISTER'S ADDRESS TO THE  
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"The Forum is built on the recognition of two dynamic trends: first, the opening up of Australia to new commercial and trade links with the Asia-Pacific region, with the enormous opportunities for growth and employment. And second, the move of many more women into business and management, with the benefits for Australia of their talents and resources."

"The fact is women have not been a firm part of most of Australia's trade missions. Yours is a unique trade mission, which capitalises on the expertise and contribution of business women to developing new commercial and trade links. If we are to project a contemporary image of Australia's business capacities, then it must be an accurate one and must include leading women executives."

"An important aim of the Forum is to achieve greater recognition of the talents of Australian women - recognition by governments, the media, the community, and business both in Australia and in the region. If Australia is to have internationally competitive, high quality management in the future, we must harness the talents of women in business."

"The Forum is an exciting initiative. It is an example of the entrepreneurship that Australia needs to take full advantage of the recovery and the opportunities opening up in the Asia Pacific. It deserves to succeed. I have no doubt that it will achieve significant advantages both for your corporations and for Australia."

"I wish the Forum every success and congratulate Georgina Carnegie, Telstra and the other corporate sponsors on your vision in conceiving, organising and supporting the Forum."

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