

Media Release



Australia Myanmar Institute



Appointment of new Director

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The Australia Myanmar Institute (AMI) is pleased to announce the appointment by its Board of Professor Monique Skidmore as its new Director.

Professor Skidmore is a former Deputy Vice-Chancellor at the Universities of Queensland and Tasmania and an internationally renowned medical and political anthropologist of Myanmar who has worked in-country since 1994. She is an international media expert and author of over 100 works on Myanmar and speaks Burmese.

Holding a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) and Bachelor of Science from the Australian National University, a Master of Arts (Medical Anthropology) from McGill University and a PhD (Dean's Honours) from McGill University, Monique is eminently qualified to guide and manage AMI through the challenging period of conflict and uncertainty now occurring within Myanmar.

Upon accepting her appointment Monique said that *“the brutal reintroduction of military dictatorship in Myanmar means it is more important than ever for the Australia Myanmar Institute be a national reference point for coordinating grassroots aid, donations, and information between Australia and its Burmese diaspora and local civil society groups in Myanmar. I look forward to growing the Institute’s academic and national policy contributions, enhancing its ongoing advocacy activities, and providing expert commentary on the issues and challenges facing Myanmar.”*

AMI’s president, Christopher Lamb said Monique’s leadership, collaboration, and expert skills will be a great asset to AMI, and the Board looks forward to working collaboratively and strategically with her to fulfill AMI’s goals and drive its direction in the future.

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