

Media Release

Australia's New Foreign Affairs Minister

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The Australia Myanmar Institute congratulates the appointment today of Senator Penny Wong as Australia's new Foreign Affairs Minister.

Many challenges lie ahead, particularly in our Indo-Pacific region. The Australia Myanmar Institute looks forward to the new Government's commitments towards strengthening our important relationships in the region.

We especially welcome the Australian Labor Party's announcements that it will appoint a new ASEAN Special Envoy as well as an Ambassador for Human Rights, both which could prove pivotal in helping to resolve the crisis that has unfolded in Myanmar.

We wish Senator Wong well in her new role and look forward to these positive commitments being implemented and seeing an increased engagement and focus with South-East Asia.

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