

Commissioner's Message



Having entered into a further five year contract as the Commissioner of the Australian Federal Police, I look forward to being able to build on the good work achieved by the organisation and am confident this trend will continue into the future.

I look back over the past five years and am so proud of what our people have achieved. The challenges confronting police over that time were greater than any I have seen during my career, but our membership not only rose to those challenges, they set new benchmarks in policing around the world.

I've said publicly that my reappointment says less about my successes as Commissioner and more about the professionalism and commitment of our talented Executive Team and our members and I strongly believe that.

With so much untapped capacity and expertise still to be developed, I believe some very exciting and rewarding work lies ahead for all of us.

My second term will be about continuity and consolidation with details to be released in due course. There's obviously a lot of work to be done in implementing the aviation security reforms, as well as on the broader counter-terrorism front and deepening relationships with our international and national partners.

As evidence of the continued development of relations with our international law enforcement partners, my recent visit to key South East Asian nations reinforced our good working relationships.

I was invited to give the keynote speech at an international Crime Prevention seminar in Jakarta and was also honoured to officially open the Transnational Crime Coordination Centre in that city.

I then visited the Vietnam Police Academy in Hanoi to see an impressive display of martial arts and local police training techniques. My visit to Hanoi included a MoU signing ceremony with Vice Minister Le The Tiem, Ministry of Public Security.

The last leg of my journey was in Phnom Penh, meeting with the Australian Ambassador to Cambodia, Lisa Filipetto. After seeing section embassy heads from DFAT, Defence, DIMA and AusAid, I attended a brief meeting with the Deputy Prime Minister H.E. Sar Kheng and visited the Cambodian Transnational Crime Office to talk to the local police officers. I was very impressed with the work the Transnational Crime Team had already achieved and was honoured to be shown around their headquarters.

It's clear to me that we've been successful in developing our national and international reputation, but we can't be complacent. While our achievements as a crime fighting organisation have been many, there is still plenty of work ahead of us.

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