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IRU RELEASE 02/2015**Australia's place in An Asia Research and Innovation Network**

Strengthening Research in Asia: An Asia Research and Innovation Network, published today by Innovative Research Universities (IRU), sets out a framework for an Asia Research and Innovation Network that increases effective engagement with Asia across academic and industrial areas.

The statement contextualises Australia's position as a country able to contribute significantly to, and benefit greatly from, better research and industrial engagement with Asia.

In the digital world, conducting high-level research increasingly requires the involvement of teams of researchers working within multiple institutions across many countries.

An Asia Research and Innovation Network is the most effective way to grow and secure Australia's place at the forefront of high quality research and relations. It is the basis for 21st century engagement.

IRU sets out how the Network can provide research funding, research infrastructure and researcher mobility.

IRU members have a foundational commitment to engagement with Asia and enjoying long-established links with Asian counterparts. Research projects which exemplify member collaborations are available [here](#). They will be highlighted to parliamentarians at an event in Canberra in June 2015, '*IRU in Asia: Meet the Researchers*'.

[Strengthening Research in Asia: An Asia Research and Innovation Network](#) is the second publication in the IRU Research series. It is available for download from [here](#).

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