



An opportunity to reset the Australia-China relations.

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Taking the Sydney Morning Herald (SMH) as a guide, the frequency of “China” bashing articles have reduced dramatically to about 3 articles per week. This observation could mean that the ‘rhetoric’ megaphone diplomacy has toned down sufficiently for a future reset of the Australia-China relations.

The current circumstances appear to set the stage for a reset of the Australian-China as evidenced by the HE Xiao Qian, the Chinese Ambassador to Australia, offering a new olive branch to the Australian government.

Despite his efforts, the SMH (3 Oct 2022) reported that the Chinese Ambassador was frustrated by slow progress in repairing the Australia-Chin a relations

<https://www.smh.com.au/politics/federal/china-s-ambassador-frustrated-by-slow-progress-in-repairing-australia-relationship-20221012-p5bpdw.html>

On this matter, Chinese Australians welcomes the olive branch from Chinese Ambassador HE Xiao Qian that would reset or,

Improve the Australia-Chinese relations. A better relations would (1) bring relief to the rise of xenophobia in Australia consequence to the bad relations; (2) resume normal trade to keep Australia from being infected with the global inflation and depression in our economy; (3) A chance for our dialogue to 'privately' talk about human rights & Taiwan issues without the use of 'megaphone' diplomacy; (4) A real chance of negotiation to bring Cheng Lei home to Australia. and (5) To diffuse tensions in the SCS and avoid going to war with our great ally the US.

*The less frequent China bashing articles in the media is a good sign to allow both sides to parley; and the slow tempo to talks with China is not to upset our US ally; slowly but surely, we will get there. ASEAN would welcome Australia's move in this direction. (SMH comment by **tonypun**)*

The other article in SMH that caught the Chinese Australian community attention was the article in the SMH which discussed about the appointment of a new Australian Ambassador to Washington. The published comment in SMH reflects the Chinese Australian community’s take:

<https://www.smh.com.au/politics/federal/mr-smith-s-not-going-to-washington-but-this-labor-leader-should-be-20221007-p5bnxx.html/>

Today troubled world is really a conflict between the superpower US and the emerging superpower, China. We are nearly at the brink of WW3 if we continue to play the game with US without an understanding of what China wants and how we could manage it. Following US without question can only lead us to war in the SCS. Former PM Rudd, is the most suitable person for the job as our Ambassador to Washington, as he understands China and even read the thoughts of Xi Jinping. He is our resident expert on China and is among the top global expert on China. His great relationship with



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the US through his activities through Asia Institute makes him an acceptable Ambassador. If Rudd is appointed, then the world, at least for Australia, would be a safer place to live in. (SMH comment by tony pun).

Apart from the Ukraine war between US and Russia, the other troubled world spot is the Indo Pacific conflict between the superpower US and the emerging superpower, China. We are at the brink of WW3 if we continue to play the game with US without an understanding of the rise of China and how we could manage it respectfully. Following US without questioning the US military complex industry's ulterior motive ie. profit for these companies and without consideration of our own interests and security, can only lead us to war in the Asia Pacific. This warning is frequently repeated by or former PM Paul Keating to the Australian public.

<https://www.skynews.com.au/australia-news/defence-and-foreign-affairs/keating-australia-has-no-obligation-to-support-illconceived-us-defence-of-taiwan/news-story/92d2a69bdeb0bdbc5d98671ff5955f94>

We believe that former Prime Minister Hon. Kevin Rudd, is the most suitable person for the job as our new Ambassador to Washington, as he understands China well and is qualified to be a good Peace Maker on behalf of Australia. He is our resident expert on China and is among the top global experts on China. His great relationship with the US through his activities as President of Asia Society based in New York, makes him an acceptable Ambassador. If Rudd is appointed, then the world, at least for Australia, would be a safer place to live in.

Mr Rudd's knowledge and experience in Chinese and American affairs, makes him the most ideal candidate for the job and the community would hope PM Albanese would invite Mr Rudd to take up the post. Mr Rudd would be a potential peace maker between the two superpowers.

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