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The Honourable Kevin Rudd served as Australia's 26th Prime Minister (2007-2010, 2013) and as Foreign Minister (2010- 2012). He led Australia's response during the Global Financial Crisis— the only major developed economy not to go into recession—and co-founded the G20. Mr. Rudd joined the Asia Society Policy Institute in New York as its inaugural President in January 2015. Mr. Rudd is Chair of the Board of the International Peace Institute, and Chair of Sanitation and Water for All. He is a Senior Fellow at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government, a Distinguished Fellow at Chatham House in London, a Distinguished Statesman with the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington DC, and a Distinguished Fellow at the Paulson Institute in Chicago. Mr. Rudd is a member of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty Organization's Group of Eminent Persons. He serves on the International Advisory Board of the Schwarzman Scholars program at Tsinghua University, and is an Honorary Professor at Peking University. Mr. Rudd is proficient in Mandarin Chinese. He remains actively engaged in indigenous reconciliation.