



PRIME MINISTER

MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER

THE SYDNEY DIALOGUE

Congratulations to the Australian Strategic Policy Institute on bringing governments and technology leaders together for the inaugural Sydney Dialogue.

This ambitious global technology initiative will set a positive agenda for critical and emerging technologies. A well-governed technology sector supports our society and culture, and the freedom and way of life we enjoy.

Technology changes the way we live. From autonomous cars to telecommunications and alternative energy sources — new technology is transformative. To make a positive difference, though, technology needs to be fit-for-purpose, secure and in line with our values.

In giving a voice to government, industry and civil society, the Sydney Dialogue will shape a clear picture of the technology world we want. By enhancing connections between the sectors, this conversation will open up opportunities to the benefit of all.

The advantages that we seek from technology — improved health outcomes, economic development, solving global food shortages and tackling climate change — must be available to everybody.

It's a goal that can only be achieved through cooperation between likeminded countries — through collaboration based on trust, common interests and shared values.

While global in outlook, the focus of this year's meeting on the Indo-Pacific, and specifically on India, reminds us of our shared interests in an open, inclusive and resilient region, and the role technology can play in getting us there. Prime Minister Modi and I were pleased to announce the digital economy, cyber security, and critical and emerging technologies as priorities for our new Comprehensive Strategic Partnership in 2020.

The recently announced Digital Economy Strategy declares this Government's high ambitions for Australia's digital future. We are intent on cementing Australia as a leading digital economy and society by 2030.

I look forward to the common understandings, opportunities and beneficial outcomes flowing from this inaugural Sydney Dialogue.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Scott Morrison', written in a cursive style.

The Hon Scott Morrison MP
Prime Minister of Australia

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