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Citation

Mr Jin Liqun, President of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank

Following its launch in 1998, the Global Foundation determined that one of its primary objectives would be to support and work with China for its emergence as a positive and leading contributor to world affairs and to the global common good.

Mr Jin Liqun is a distinguished Chinese internationalist. His career has included various roles associated with the Chinese Ministry of Finance, notably serving on the Board of the World Bank in Washington and also as Vice President of the Asian Development Bank in Manila. Mr Jin has also served as Chairman of CICC, China's most significant investment bank.

Mr Jin Liqun first came to the attention of the Global Foundation in his capacity as Supervisory Chairman of China Investment Corporation, China's sovereign wealth fund. A visit to Australia for Mr Jin was arranged and hosted by the Foundation, to facilitate better mutual understanding about investment parameters in Australia.

During the course of his Australian visit, Mr Jin revealed that, while undertaking his university studies in literature in China many years ago, he had decided that he would translate into Chinese a work of Australia's most famous novelist, Mr Patrick White.

'The Tree of Man' was first published by Viking Press in New York in 1955 and Patrick White was subsequently awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1973. Mr Jin chose to translate *'The Tree of Man'*, as he identified strongly with the concepts at the heart of the book: the Australian pioneering spirit and the resoluteness of its central character, Stan Parker, alone in the Australian bush.

Jin Liqun was appointed by the Government of China to lead the preparatory work for the establishment of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank in February 2014, following the declaration by Chinese President, Xi Jinping, in Jakarta in October 2013, that China would lead in forming the AIIB. Subsequently, with the Bank's formal establishment in June 2015, Jin Liqun was elected, unopposed, as its inaugural President. Today, the AIIB has a capitalisation of \$100 billion and comprises 70 member nations, including Australia, with many others seeking to join. In its first full year of operation, it has made \$2 billion in loans to worthy Asian infrastructure projects and is now partnering with private sector investors.

It is the most significant and tangible expression, in the modern era, of China's global leadership and commitment to multilateralism – demonstrating what the Global Foundation and an increasing number of global voices advocate as '*cooperative globalisation*'.

Throughout this time, Jin Liqun has maintained a close association with the Global Foundation, in particular, Secretary General, Steve Howard, such that Steve was formally appointed as an International Advisor to the AIIB in 2016 and continues to serve in that role.

AIIB policy is such that Mr Jin Liqun is unable to formally accept a *Global Achievement Award* that the Global Foundation would have otherwise bestowed on him, as it has done with other distinguished global leaders, including Madam Christine Lagarde and Mr Pascal Lamy.

'*The Tree of Man*' is an Australian novel with global impact, having been translated into Czech, Swedish, Portugese, Spanish, Russian, Greek, Romanian, Vietnamese, Korean - and, of course, into Chinese, following Jin Liqun's efforts. With the presentation of this 1955 'true' first edition of Patrick White's '*The Tree of Man*', the Global Foundation honours Jin Liqun and thanks him most sincerely for his friendship and appreciation for Australia, in a global context. We do this with pleasure, as Jin Liqun is an outstanding exemplar of the premise upon which the Global Foundation was founded and continues its work, in partnership with China and other great nations, for the global common good.

Jock Murray
Chairman

Steve Howard
Secretary General

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