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## UNSW INSTITUTE OF LANGUAGES 50TH ANNIVERSARY

IN A LANDMARK EVENT IN THE HISTORY OF LANGUAGE TEACHING IN AUSTRALIA, UNSW INSTITUTE OF LANGUAGES CELEBRATES ITS **50TH ANNIVERSARY** IN 2016.



On the 24th of November we had the pleasure of celebrating the Institute's 50th anniversary with an elegant cocktail reception in UNSW's iconic John Niland Scientia Building.

The evening was hosted by Professor Merlin Crossley and the current Group Executive of Education, Mr Marc Weedon-Newstead, acted as master of ceremonies. Speeches from an Institute graduate Alexander Krum and successful children's book author Libby Gleeson who taught at the Institute in the 1980's, filled the evening with warm memories and shared anecdotes.

It was a wonderful event that reunited decades of Institute of Languages' associates, teachers, students and alumni, some of whom had not been in touch for years.

A series of exciting events took place throughout the year, and the cornerstone of these is an ongoing project of research into the Institute's impressive history by researcher Jilea Carney, which will result in the publishing of a history book in early 2017.



Marc Weedon-Newstead with Bill and Sima Smith (nee Bakhtary), a student in 1979



Libby Gleeson



Prof Merlin Crossley and Japanese Consul Mr Iaso Omae