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***'Australia Day in Spring'* returns to Karachi**  
**Featuring Sydney performers 'Chrome' for 1<sup>st</sup> time in Pakistan**

The Australian High Commissioner to Pakistan Peter Heyward today announced the staging of an Australian reception called 'Australia Day in Spring' at the Avari Towers Hotel.

It will feature a performance by unique Sydney performance trio "Chrome".

Mr Heyward was joined in Karachi by Australia's new Senior Trade and Investment Commissioner for South Asia, Ms Nicola Watkinson, who was making her first visit to Pakistan.

"Australia Day in Spring is a celebration of Australia in Pakistan", he said. "Like last year, we are staging these events in Karachi, Lahore and Islamabad this week."

"Building on our long-standing friendship and recognising the challenges facing Pakistan, Australia is making a significant contribution to efforts to achieve peace and stability through its work in military training, counter terrorism and countering trans-national crime, and overseas development assistance.

"The visit of Senior Trade and Investment Commissioner Watkinson to Karachi, the business hub of Pakistan, is also a signal that we are serious about further developing trade and investment opportunities here," Mr Heyward said.

"Two-way trade is currently around AUD 706 million. While agri business and agricultural science linkages continue to drive the Australia – Pakistan economic and trade relationship, education services are increasingly important and there are opportunities in other sectors where Australia is strong," Mr Heyward said.

The High Commissioner said he was delighted to introduce Chrome to Pakistan.

Consisting of talented performers Craig Fortey, Graeme Rhodes and Paul Wilson, Chrome have performed at many prestigious arts and cultural events and expositions including the 2010 World Expo in Shanghai. Their unison precision, elegance and humour has enchanted and delighted audiences all over the world.

"I am sure our Pakistani guests will love Chrome's performances at the Australia Day in Spring events in Pakistan."

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