



Australian Embassy, Kyiv

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Mr Stefan Romaniw OAM

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Dear Mr Romaniw

I am delighted that the Australian Federation of Ukrainian Organisations, in partnership with the new Ukraine-Australia Chamber of Commerce and the Centre for United Actions, is organising OzUke 2015, the inaugural Australia-Ukraine relations forum.

Australia's bilateral relations with Ukraine have grown significantly in recent times. We have always enjoyed friendly relations, underpinned by warm people to people links. Australia is deeply appreciative of the assistance Ukraine provided following the tragic downing of Malaysia Airlines flight MH17 on 17 July 2014.

Despite the challenges of the conflict in eastern Ukraine, the status of both Australia and Ukraine as resource rich countries and agricultural exporters ensures that there are many opportunities on which our two countries can collaborate.

I am glad OzUke2015 will be assisting in realising some of these opportunities. Australia's relationship with Ukraine has strengthened in a time of adversity and I now look forward to seeing it prosper as we look towards the future.

Yours sincerely



Doug Trappett

Australian Ambassador to Ukraine