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33RD ASIAN RACING CONFERENCE FOR NSW – LARGEST GATHERING OF RACE OFFICIALS AND ADMINISTRATORS IN AUSTRALIA

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Sydney will host the largest gathering of Asian racing industry officials and administrators next month for the 33rd Asian Racing Conference.

It will be the first time it has been held on Australian soil.

The event will take place from April 9 to 15 2010 and will coincide with the Autumn Racing Carnival.

An official welcome dinner will be held at the Sydney Opera House on April 11.

The conference will also include a visit to the Hunter Valley for the international guests.

The conference and the Asian Racing Federation covers racing officials and administrators from Bahrain, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, South Africa, Mauritius, Russia, Japan, South Korea, Hong Kong, Macau, Malaysia, Singapore, the Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam, India, Pakistan, Australia and New Zealand.

“This is another win for NSW and Sydney, and will see high spending international guests gather here,” Premier Kristina Keneally said.

“It is another major event held by Sydney.”

In conjunction with this event, Racing NSW as part of the Asian Racing Conference will be launching the inaugural Australian Racing Conference on April 15. This will include a meeting of all Australian Racing Ministers and chief executives of all race clubs and stewards.

The Asian Racing Conference was set up in 1960 on the initiative of the Japan Racing Association and Rangoon Turf Club.

The first conference took place in Tokyo in May 1960 and recent conferences were held in Macau (1999), Singapore/Malaysia (2000), Thailand (2001), New Zealand (2003), Korea (2005), Dubai (2007) and Tokyo (2008).

The Asian Racing Federation comprises 30.4 per cent of the world’s breeding, 59.7 per cent of the world’s betting and 44.7 per cent of the world’s racing prize money.