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The AFMLTA Inc. Medal for Outstanding Service to Language Teaching in Australia
has this day, 7 July 2011, been presented to

Dr Joe Lo Bianco

in recognition of exceptional and outstanding contributions to language teaching in Australia over an extended period, that have significantly influenced the pattern and quality of language teaching and learning in Australia in beneficial ways.

Dr Lo Bianco is both nationally and internationally renowned for his contribution to the field of Language Policy and Languages Education. He is possibly best known as the author of the 1987 National Policy on Languages, adopted as a bipartisan national plan for English, Indigenous languages, Asian and European languages, and Interpreting and Translating services and now used worldwide as a model of rational language planning. Dr Lo Bianco continues to be a highly respected, influential and prolific contributor to debate, policy and initiatives which shape languages policy and education both in Australia and beyond.

He has consulted on language policy and planning and general education in many settings: post-Apartheid South Africa; language education in the US State of Hawaii; integration of Muslim immigrants in European Schools for the Council of Europe; indigenous and foreign languages in Alberta (Canada); Chinese teaching in the state of Alberta (Canada); official English and heritage languages in the United States for the several national organisations and agencies; Tamil and Malay in Singaporean language education; bilingual literacy in Western Samoa and eight other Pacific Island countries; culture and intercultural education for the Japan Foundation; Cantonese and English medium in Hong Kong schools; the Goethe Institut and the French Ministry of Education of shared language policy; the integration of Asian immigrant children into schooling in Tuscany, Lombardy and the Veneto regions of Italy, language policy in Thailand, Ireland, Sri Lanka and the UK.

Dr Lo Bianco was a member of the Australian National Commission for UNESCO for ten years. His involvement in language policy development and advocacy work, especially in promoting multilingualism, has been outstanding and both of national and international significance. He has been a willing and frequent collaborator with AFMLTA and affiliated MLTAs, always prepared to share his expertise with colleagues.

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