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## Federation of Asia-Pacific Retailers Associations to Meet in Sydney Today

Executive Directors of the leading Asia Pacific retail associations will meet in Sydney today for the annual meeting of the Federation of Asia-Pacific Retailers Associations (FAPRA).

This year the Australian Retailers Association is hosting the two-day event from 9am at the Sydney Convention Centre.

The meeting of directors will assist in understanding retail in the Asia Pacific basin and will provide a great forum to exchange ideas and trends occurring across the Asia Pacific.

'FAPRA meetings assist in development and learning across the retail trade as representatives exchange experiences, innovation and the concerns of their retail members' said Duncan Shaw [Executive Director - Australia Retailers Association].

'Environment, credit card reform and Asia Pacific retail ties will be the hot policy issues on the agenda this year; the issues are emerging to be of great concern across the retail globe' said Mr. Shaw.

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The ARA will also be taking the opportunity to showcase Sydney and promote it as the ideal location for the 2011 Asia Pacific Retail Conference.

'The ARA in conjunction with the Australian Tourism Bureau will guarantee delegates see the best Sydney has to offer to ensure Sydney is the superior choice for the 2011 conference' said Mr. Shaw.

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The Australian Retailers' Association (ARA) is the peak employer association representing the interests of the largest employing industry in Australia. We provide leadership and solutions to improve the long-term viability, productivity and visibility of the retail industry by proactively dealing with government, media and other regulatory bodies. We also manage issues that impact members by lobbying Federal, State, Territory and Local governments to ensure members' business concerns are given an effective voice.