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**IDFR DISTINGUISHED LECTURE SERIES 3/2023
“GOOD INTERNATIONAL CITIZENSHIP: THE CASE FOR DECENCY”
BY PROFESSOR THE HON. GARETH EVANS**

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The Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations (IDFR) hosted the third **IDFR Distinguished Lecture Series 2023: “Good International Citizenship: The Case for Decency”** by **Professor the Hon. Gareth Evans** on **Thursday, 23 November 2023** the **Auditorium of Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations**, Jalan Wisma Putra, Kuala Lumpur.

Professor the Honourable Gareth Evans is currently the Distinguished Honorary Professor at the Australian National University, where he had served as a Chancellor from the year 2010 to 2019 and President Emeritus of the International Crisis Group, a prestigious independent organization in Brussels dedicated to global conflict prevention and resolution which he led from 2000 to 2009. As a notable figure in Australian politics, Professor Evans served as the Australian Foreign Minister from the year 1988 until the year 1996.

Among his numerous accomplishments on mass atrocity crimes and nuclear weapons, Professor Evans has authored or edited an impressive total of 14 books, including "Good International Citizenship: The Case for Decency" (2022) and "Incorrigible Optimist: A Political Memoir" (2017). Notably, he co-authored "Nuclear Weapons: The State of Play 2015" and has been a prolific contributor to newspapers, with numerous published articles, alongside over 150 journal articles, chapters, and reports on crucial topics such as foreign relations, human rights, and legal and constitutional reform.

The objectives of this year's third lecture series are to demonstrate how a sensible foreign policy may promote reciprocity, aid in the creation of soft power, and aid in the global problem-solving process. Professor Gareth Evans has persuasively outlined cases in his book where governments ought to consider good international citizenship to be both an ethical duty and a shrewd evaluation of their own interests. Approximately a hundred practitioners, foreign policy analysts, and administrators in the diplomatic field attended the lecture, including online participants.

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