

The French President's Visit to Australia

Sydney, Australia

Case Study



Open-Air Simultaneous Interpretation

In May 2018, Congress Rental supported the first-ever outdoor simultaneous interpretation event in Australia. A joint press conference between Australian Prime Minister Malcom Turnbull and French President Emmanuel Macron was held at Kirribilli House overlooking Sydney Harbour.

The conference was an important dialogue to discuss topical political issues such as developing closer ties between Australia and France, targeting cyber warfare and discussing future submarine deals between the two nations.

In addition to media personnel from both Australia and France, important government officials from both countries also attended the conference, including Australian Foreign Affairs Minister Julie Bishop.

Congress Rental was selected to provide the simultaneous interpretation equipment for the event, supplying all media personnel with a both a French and English audio feed for broadcasting purposes.

The Congress Rental team undertook intensive pre-planning prior to the event to account for the outdoor environment. The location of the event also posed as a challenge for the interpretation equipment, as the

conference took place on the sloped lawn in front of the heritage-listed Kirribilli House.



To ensure the interpreters had a direct line of sight, and to provide a stable, flat surface for the interpreter booth, the Congress Rental team built the booth on the veranda out the front of Kirribilli House. This positioned the interpreters at a higher vantage point and guaranteed that they would not be blocked by any members from the press.



Congress Rental also performed vigorous testing hours before the event to guarantee that the infra-red signal from the Bosch Integrus System wouldn't incur any interference from the sunlight above.

Prior to the beginning of the conference, the team briefed the media on how to use the Bosch interpretation headsets and made sure they had clear audio feeds of both the French and English channels for their broadcasts. The press conference was streamed live across various Australian and French media publications.

To meet a special requirement, single earpieces were provided for the Australian and French political

members to make sure their headphones were discrete.



The event was a complete success, with each attendee able to understand the bi-lingual dialogue that occurred under the open-air. The now famous remark from the French President referring to the Prime Minister's wife as 'delicious' was transmitted through our equipment with perfect audio clarity.

Equipment:

- 1x Interpreter Booth
- 102x Integrus Receivers

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