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导读:近日,澳大利亚外交部长毕晓普在新加坡发表演讲,声称中国不够民主,当不了地区领导。此话一出,引发网友怒怼。



Foreign Minister Julie Bishop has sent an unusually pointed message to China about the importance of democratic institutions, in a speech also declaring that the US needs to play an even greater regional strategic role as China's strength increases.

Bishop said that "while it is appropriate for different states to discover their own pathway leading toward political reform, history shows that embrace of liberal democratic institutions is the most successful foundation for nations seeking economic prosperity and social stability".

"While non-democracies such as China can thrive when participating in the present system, an essential pillar of our preferred order is democratic community," she said, delivering an address in Singapore titled Change and Uncertainty in the Indo-Pacific.

"Domestic democratic habits of negotiating and compromise are essential to powerful countries resolving their disagreements according to international law and rules. History also shows democracy and democratic institutions are essential for nations if they are to reach their economic potential," she said.

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Her comments come ahead of a visit to Australia this month by Chinese Premier Li Keqiang.

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With uncertainty hanging over future US policy under the Trump administration, Bishop highlighted the expanding military spending in the region, and the inevitability of increasing tensions.

China was rising as "an economic partner and geopolitical and geostrategic competitor" with the US and other countries, she said.

Bishop said she had discussed regional challenges and "constructive ways" for the US to become even more engaged in the Indo-Pacific in her talks with US Vice-President Mike Pence, Secretary of State Rex Tillerson and National Security Adviser H.R. McMaster.