

Aung San Suu Kyi wants mercy for Rohingya seeking asylum in Australia

Burma's Nobel peace prize winner gets hero's welcome in Sydney, despite discomfort on Rohingya questions

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Aung San Suu Kyi with the governor-general of NSW, Marie Bashir, before Wednesday night's speech. Photograph: Greg Wood/AFP

Wednesday evening began with Suu Kyi being awarded two honorary degrees by the University of Sydney and the University of Technology, Sydney.

UTS chancellor Vicki Sara said the degrees were given to people "whose lives and actions, words and deeds enshrine the highest ideals of humanity, who expand and enrich our knowledge to change the way we act and how we perceive the world.

"There could be no more fitting candidate for these awards than Aung San Suu Kyi".

Sydney University vice-chancellor professor Michael Spence said it was fitting that honouring Suu Kyi was the first time the two universities had come together since awarding degrees to Nelson Mandela in 2000.



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