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LAUNCH OF THE 2019 INTAKE OF AUSTRALIA AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS

Australian Ambassador for Women and Girls, **Dr Sharman Stone**, together with the Australian Ambassador to Cambodia, **Her Excellency Angela Corcoran**, and the Cambodian Minister of Women's Affairs, **Her Excellency Dr Ing Kantha Phavi**, will launch the 2019 intake of Australia Awards Scholarships on 1 February 2018.

Australia Awards Scholarships are prestigious international awards offered by the Australian Government to the next generation of global leaders. These scholarships provide Cambodians with the opportunity to obtain a postgraduate qualification at the Masters and PhD levels at Australian universities.

"Access to higher education, especially for women, is often a pre-requisite for greater women's economic empowerment and leadership," Dr Stone said.

"To date, roughly a third of our scholarships have been awarded to women. But we have bigger aspirations for the scholarship program – and for Cambodian women seeking to access it. We want to increase the number of women awarded Australian scholarships to at least 50 per cent," Dr Stone said.

Since 1994, Australia has supported almost 750 Cambodians to study in Australia through Australian Government scholarships.

"Australian alumni are making a difference in Cambodia. Many alumni have returned to take up positions as ministers, senior Government officials, or leading professionals in their fields, including as CEOs, managers, directors and researchers," Ambassador Angela Corcoran said.

Australia Awards Scholarships are open to applicants from the public and private sectors. The Australian Government is committed to providing opportunities for all people, and applications are strongly encouraged from women, people with disabilities and people from the provinces.

Applications for the 2019 intake of Australia Awards Scholarships will be open from 1 February 2018 until 15 April 2018. Applicants from all fields of study are invited to apply.

For more information about the Australia Awards in Cambodia, please visit:

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