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CAMBODIA TO WELCOME NEW COLOMBO PLAN SCHOLAR IN 2016

Another New Colombo Plan scholar will study in Cambodia under the 2016 round of the Australian Government's New Colombo Plan.

"I am delighted Cambodia will welcome another of Australia's best and brightest undergraduate students as a New Colombo Plan scholar to live, study and undertake an internship in Phnom Penh," Australia's Ambassador to the Kingdom of Cambodia, H.E. Ms Alison Burrows, said.

Ms Carly Wadsworth, a Bachelor of Arts/ Bachelor of Science student from Monash University, will study at the University of Cambodia and plans to undertake an internship with a Non-Government Organisation in Phnom Penh.

"The strong interest of Australian students in studying here reflects the bonds of friendship and opportunity that exist between Australia and Cambodia", Ambassador Burrows said.

New Colombo Plan scholarships are highly prestigious, with only 100 awarded in 2016, and recognise students' exceptional academic performance, community engagement and commitment to deepening relationships with our neighbours in the Indo-Pacific.

"This talented group of students will be impressive young ambassadors for Australia in the Indo-Pacific region, as they undertake studies, gain industry experience and learn about another culture while fostering friendships and networks that will last a lifetime," Australian Foreign Affairs Minister, The Hon Julie Bishop MP, said.

"Australia is investing in the next generation of leaders who will continue to advance and build on our important bilateral relations in the Indo-Pacific region".

The New Colombo Plan is a signature initiative of the Australian Government to lift knowledge of the Indo-Pacific region by supporting Australian undergraduate students to study and undertake internships in the region. The Australian Government has committed A\$100 million in new funding over five years to implement the New Colombo Plan.

For more information on the New Colombo Plan, visit www.dfat.gov.au/new-colombo-plan or follow @NewColomboPlan on Twitter.

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