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LAUNCH OF THE NEXT ROUND OF AUSTRALIA AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS

H.E. Ms Alison Burrows, Australian Ambassador to the Kingdom of Cambodia, and H.E. Dr Say Samal, Minister of Environment, formally launched the next round of the Australia Awards Scholarships on 11 February 2015.

Ambassador Burrows encouraged all interested Cambodians to apply for an Australia Awards scholarship.

“An Australian education is a powerful tool for talented Cambodians. We have some of the best universities in the world. An Australian degree can give you the additional skills and knowledge you need to make a difference in your country” she said.

Ambassador Burrows and H.E. Dr Say Samal also welcomed home 53 past Cambodian Australia Award recipients who graduated from Australian universities in 2014 in fields ranging from taxation to biotechnology. Ambassador Burrows encouraged the newly-returned scholars to apply their skills in Cambodia.

Applications for Australia Awards Scholarships to undertake postgraduate study in Australia in 2016 are now open and will close on 30 April 2015. The Australia Awards Scholarships will be offered to outstanding individuals for study in areas that contribute to economic growth and poverty reduction in Cambodia. The priority areas in this round will be: infrastructure, agriculture, health, education management, trade and courses from a range of disciplines that will help reduce violence against women.

Australia Awards Scholarships are offered by the Australian Government each year to the next generation of global leaders for development. Australian universities are recognised as among the best in the world, and through study and research, Australia Awards Scholarship recipients develop the skills and knowledge to drive improvements in their communities. In addition to studying in high-quality institutions, awardees have the opportunity to make new friends and establish enduring links with Australian counterparts.

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. In the lead up to International Women’s Day, we particularly encourage women to apply. Australia Awards Scholarships are open to applicants from the public sector, non-government organisations and the private sector.

For more information about the Australia Awards, please visit: www.australiaawards.gov.au

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