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CELEBRATING CAMBODIA'S NEWEST AUSTRALIA AWARDS SCHOLARS

Today, 55 Cambodians who have been provisionally awarded Australia Awards Scholarships (AAS) for intake 2027 joined an Induction Day at the Royal University of Phnom Penh to formally begin preparations to undertake their studies in Australia. Five of the awardees received scholarships through Mekong Australia Partnership program.

These scholars will join more than 1,100 brilliant Cambodian students who have been awarded scholarships to study in Australia under the Australia Awards and its predecessor programs.

H.E. Derek Yip, Ambassador of Australia to the Kingdom of Cambodia, joined the Induction to celebrate the achievement of the scholars.

Ambassador Yip spoke of the importance of education as a pillar of the Australia-Cambodia relationship, saying that the best investment in a nation's future is an investment in its most important asset – its people.

He emphasised the strong diversity in the 2027 cohort, with more than half of the awardees being women and 15 percent of awardees receiving support through the Equity Pathway Program, including two living with disability.

He also spoke of the increasing focus on STEM, with around 40 per cent of awardees intending to undertake study in STEM-related fields of study, up from 15 per cent in 2022.

The Australia Awards Scholarships are a long term investment in Cambodia's future. By equipping emerging leaders with world class skills, networks, and shared values, the program is helping to drive innovation, strengthen institutions and build a stronger partnership between Australia and Cambodia.

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

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