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**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWEST AUSTRALIA AWARDS SCHOLARS**

Today, His Excellency Mr Derek Yip, Ambassador of Australia to the Kingdom of Cambodia, met and congratulated 55 brilliant and high-achieving Cambodian scholars who have been provisionally selected to receive Australia Awards Scholarships (AAS) for intake 2026. The Ambassador met the scholars at an Induction Day event held at the Institute of Foreign languages, at the Royal University of Phnom Penh. Five of the awardees received scholarships through Mekong Australia Partnership program.

The new scholars will join almost 1,100 Cambodians who have studied in Australia under the Australia Awards and the various Australian scholarship programs that preceded it.

Ambassador Yip said “An investment in a high-quality education for Cambodia’s best and brightest will generate significant development benefits for the nation.”

“As Cambodia prepares for graduation from Least Developed Country Status and pursues economic diversification, increased foreign investment, strong and sustainable growth and global competitiveness, a strong investment in human capital is essential. Australia is supporting Cambodia in this endeavour.”

“The 2026 intake reflects the growing inclusiveness of the program. More than half of the awardees are women and 24 percent of awardees received support through the Equity Pathways Program, including six awardees with disability. The number of government awardees has increased to 36 percent and 18 percent for the provincial awardees this year.”

The awardees will pursue postgraduate degrees in Australia in diverse fields of study including public policy, robotics and artificial intelligence, biomedical science, rehabilitation and mental health, data science, engineering science, environment, education, peace and conflict and law. These areas reflect Cambodia’s development priorities and Australia’s commitment to supporting the country’s sustainable and inclusive growth.

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 stronger partnerships between Australia and Cambodia.

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

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