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CELEBRATION OF 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF AUSTRALIA AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM

Today H.E. Derek Yip, Australian Ambassador, together with H.E. Dr. Hangchuon Naron, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Youth and Sport, celebrated the 30th Anniversary of Australia Awards Scholarships program in Cambodia.

Australia Awards Scholarships (AAS) offer Cambodians the opportunity to pursue post-graduate study at an Australian university. The scholarships provide Cambodian alumni the skills, knowledge and networks to contribute to sustainable development in Cambodia and to deepen cooperation between Australia and Cambodia. Since 1994, the program has provided over 1,000 scholarships to Cambodia's best and brightest to study in Australia.

Ambassador Yip said, 'For three decades, Australia Awards Scholarships have about been more than just educational opportunities - they have been catalysts for change, shaping individuals, institutions, policy and research across Cambodia'.

'Whether they are Australia Awards or privately funded Australian Alumni – Cambodian graduates from Australian universities have become leading professionals in their fields, and have made significant contributions to helping Cambodia develop into a modern, dynamic and successful nation'.

The Australia Awards program is proud of its social inclusion progress. Over the last two years the number of female awardees has reached above 60 per cent. The program has also supported several Cambodians with disability to pursue their dreams, and the first ever Indigenous AAS awardee from Cambodia will soon depart for Australia.

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

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