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Press Release

Australian Future Skills Mission to Thailand and Cambodia

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An Australian education and training delegation visited Phnom Penh this week as part of an Australian Future Skills Mission to Thailand and Cambodia from 12-14 March.

Led by Ms Emma McDonald, Australian Senior Trade and Investment Commissioner to Vietnam and Cambodia, the Australian delegation includes leaders, professors, and industry experts from 19 leading higher education and vocational education training providers, as well as state representatives from Victoria, Queensland and Western Australia.

This mission explored potential education and training partnerships across Government, academia, and industry, focusing on Australia's transnational education and workforce development cooperation with Cambodia.

The mission supports the objectives detailed in with *Invested: Australia's Southeast Asia Economic Strategy to 2040*, which identifies education and skills as a key sector with potential to unlock greater two-way opportunities with Cambodia.

The Australian delegation included representatives from Alana Kaye College; Australian Pacific College and English Unlimited; Charles Sturt University; Chisholm Institute; Curtin University; Deakin University; HEX; Macquarie University; Polytechnic; RMIT University; Scape; University of Queensland; University of Tasmania; University of Adelaide; University of New South Wales; University of Sydney; University of Technology Sydney; University of Wollongong College; Scape Australia; and West Australian Institute of Further Studies.

Australian Ambassador to the Kingdom of Cambodia, H.E. Derek Yip highlighted significant opportunities for Australia to partner with Cambodia in delivering world-class education and skills training. ***"Australia is home to world leading education and skills development institutions ready to expand their engagement in Southeast Asia. With Cambodia's young population, and the government's commitment to investing in the human capital and skills the nation needs to drive economic growth and diversification, there is tremendous scope for us to boost bilateral education collaboration."***

This mission program in Cambodia included the inaugural 'Australia Cambodia Education Forum: Exploring Partnership Opportunities' organised by the Australian Trade and Investment Commission (Austrade) and the Australian Embassy, in collaboration with the Cambodian Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport and Ministry of Labour and Vocational Training. Delegates also engaged in

discussions with representatives from both ministries to gain insights into Cambodia's latest transnational education policies and practices.

The forum showcased new partnership between Australia and Cambodia, including

- The launch of an Australian senior secondary qualification in Cambodia, offered for the first time by SACE Board through the Australian Cambodia Education Academy.
- A Memorandum of Understanding signing between Macquarie University and the Institute of Technology of Cambodia, establishing a Bachelor in IT and Business credit transfer and articulation agreement.
- Endorsement by National English Language Teaching Accreditation Scheme (NEAS) for CamEd Institute.

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