



## **AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY PHNOM PENH**

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### **LAUNCH OF THE AUSTRALIA AWARDS CAMBODIA – REGIONAL WOMEN’S LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE**

Australian Ambassador Angela Corcoran will tonight officially launch the inaugural Australia Awards Cambodia Regional Women’s Leadership Initiative.

The Regional Women’s Leadership Initiative, which will be held in Phnom Penh, is a first step towards establishing a regional forum that connects women from across ASEAN through the Australia Awards program.

“Across our Indo-Pacific region, women are playing an essential role in government, private sector, development and civil society,” Ambassador Corcoran said.

“The Australian Government is committed to supporting these women, and to strengthening women’s empowerment, professional participation and leadership,” the Ambassador said.

More than seventy Australia Awards alumni women from Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Myanmar, the Philippines and Vietnam will participate in this initiative from 4-6 April.

“I am delighted to see so many highly educated and experienced women taking time out from their busy schedules to share their own experiences and learn from each other,” Ambassador Corcoran said.

This initiative is funded by the Australian Government’s Australia Awards program.

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