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Cambodia's best and brightest to increase their professional skills in Australia under the Australian Leadership Award (ALA) Fellowships

As a part of the Australia Awards scholarships program, Australian Leadership Award (ALA) Fellowships aim to develop leadership, address priority regional development issues and build partnerships and linkages between Australian organisations and partner organisations in developing countries. ALA Fellowships target current and future leaders in fields important to a country's development and provide short-term opportunities for in-Australia study, research and professional development activities, hosted by Australian organisations.

ALA Fellowships are awarded twice a year through a competitive selection process. In the first round for 2011, 61 Cambodian public policy professionals were selected. They will undertake their training in Australia in the second half of 2011. This is a significant increase in the level of Australian support for capacity building for Cambodian officials compared with previous rounds.

ALA Fellowships support a wide variety of areas and sectors relevant to the shared development priorities of the Australian and Cambodian governments such as health, governance, economic growth, environment and foreign and trade policy. They are tailored to meet the time constraints of professionals wanting to upgrade their expertise. Since 2007, 148 Cambodian officials have been awarded short and medium term professional training in Australia under ALA Fellowships program.

ALA Fellowships are available to mid-career professionals identified as having leadership roles or future leadership potential in Cambodia and other developing countries in the Asia-Pacific region, Latin America, the Caribbean, Africa and the Middle East.

The Australian Embassy also advises that the Australian Development Scholarships and Australian Leadership Awards (www.australiaawards.gov.au) are now open for applications for post graduate study at Doctoral and Masters levels in Australia. The deadline for applications is 31 May 2011.

Visit the ALA Fellowships website for further details: www.ausaid.gov.au/scholar/alafellow.cfm

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