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LAUNCH OF THE 2017 AUSTRALIA AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS

Mr Simon Fellows, Chargé d’Affaires, Australian Embassy Phnom Penh and H.E. Chea Sophara, Minister of Rural Development, will launch the next round of the Australia Awards Scholarships on 17 February 2016 at Raffles Hotel Le Royal.

Australia Awards Scholarships are prestigious international awards offered by the Australian Government to the next generation of global leaders.

“This is an excellent opportunity for Cambodians who want to study at a postgraduate level and at a world-class university. I encourage all interested Cambodians to apply,” Mr Fellows said.

Applications for the 2017 Australia Awards Scholarships are open until 30 April 2016. Applicants from all fields of study are invited to apply. Applications from Cambodians seeking to pursue studies in infrastructure, agriculture, health, education management, trade and reducing violence against women are particularly welcome.

On 17 February 2016, Mr Fellows and H.E. Chea Sophara will also welcome home 52 Cambodian Australia Award scholars who graduated from Australian universities in 2015.

“Academic recipients returning home today...have brought along new ideas, knowledge and capabilities to make significant contribution to the entire development of Cambodia,” said H.E. Chea Sophara.

Australia Awards Scholarships are open to applicants from the public and private sectors. The Australian Government is committed to providing opportunities for all people, and applications are strongly encouraged from women, people with disabilities and people from the provinces.

For more information about the Australia Awards, please visit: www.australiaawards.gov.au

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