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Australia invests in Cambodia's future through increased scholarship opportunities

The Australian Ambassador, H.E. Ms Lisa Filipetto, announced today that 32 Cambodians will be commencing study in Australia next year under an increased *Australian Scholarships* program.

The Australian Government has committed to doubling the number of education awards offered by Australia to the Asia Pacific region over the next five years.

'The Australian Scholarships initiative demonstrates the high value that Australia places on building relationships with Cambodia and other countries in the region, based on mutual understanding, respect and people-to-people linkages informed by education,' Ms Filipetto said during the annual function of the Australian Alumni Association of Cambodia.

The Australian Ambassador congratulated Cambodia on its success in securing eight (8) of the new Australian Leadership Awards Scholarships that are offered across the Asia Pacific region on a competitive basis. These prestigious awards are targeted towards current and future leaders from public, private and community sectors who can influence social and economic policy reform and development outcomes in their own countries.

These ALA scholarships complement the highly regarded Australian Development Scholarships (ADS) program, which provides around 20 post-graduate scholarships each year to help strengthen the human resource capacity of Cambodia's civil service.

To find out more about opportunities under the Australian Scholarship Initiative go to: www.australian scholarships.gov.au.

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