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Press Release

**AUSTRALIAN EXPERTISE TO STRENGTHEN PAKISTANI PROVIDERS OF
TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

Acting Australian High Commissioner Jurek Juszczuk today hosted a reception for 18 Pakistani private and public sector Australia Awardees who will undertake a short course in Australia on technical and vocational education and training (TVET) policy and management.

Mr Juszczuk congratulated the Australia Awards recipients noting that Australia was recognised as a global leader in TVET policy and management.

“Australia’s TVET sector is based on a partnership between government and industry and there are currently four million students enrolled in Australia’s training system. The short course will leverage Australia’s expertise to strengthen the capacity of key public and private sector providers of TVET in Pakistan,” Mr Juszczuk said.

The Awardees will participate in a three-week course, ‘Strengthening of TVET: Policy and Management’, which will be delivered by the Queensland University of Technology. The course will also include site visits and key meetings in Brisbane and Canberra.

Executive Director of the Pakistan National Vocational and Technical Training Commission, Zulfiqar Ahmad Cheema, and Farah Hamid, Secretary Industries, Commercial and Technical Education, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, will join the short course participants.

“Skills development is the gateway to our social and economic development,” Mr Cheema said. “We look forward to having stronger collaboration with Australia in the TVET sector.”

Australia Awards are scholarships funded by the Australian Government. They offer the next generation of global leaders an opportunity to undertake study, research and professional development in Australia and build enduring people-to-people and institutional links between Australia and Pakistan.

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