



AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSION ISLAMABAD

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Press Release

Australian High Commissioner congratulates returning graduates

Australian High Commissioner Peter Heyward yesterday welcomed 77 Pakistani professionals who recently returned home after completion of their Australia Awards Scholarships.

Forty one scholarship recipients undertook courses at the University of Queensland including in irrigation and water resource management and the management of Parliamentary Committees. Thirty six Masters Course scholarship awardees also returned having completed their studies at Australian universities in various development-focused disciplines including maternal, neonatal and child health services, basic education services, rural development and food security, and governance.



High Commissioner Heyward congratulated the scholarship awardees on their achievements and presented them with recognition certificates.

“It is great to see the number of Australia Awards alumni growing each year. The experience these awardees have received in Australian universities will not only enhance their professional capacity, but will result in them using their newly acquired skills for the development of Pakistan,” High Commissioner Heyward said.

This year’s Recognition Ceremony combined celebrating the achievements of short and long term scholarship awardees for the first time with the aim of encouraging further networking and relationship building between future leaders in their chosen fields. All participants are members of the Alumni Association and will benefit from ongoing social, professional and capacity building opportunities aimed to further enhance their contribution to Pakistan’s development.

Australia has been providing scholarships to Pakistanis since 1991 and offers around 100 scholarships annually. Known as the Australia Awards, they aim to develop the capacity and leadership skills of

individuals who can contribute to the development of their home country, and build people to people linkages at individual, institutional and country levels.

The Australia Awards also highlight the strong development partnership between Australia and Pakistan.

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