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Press Release

Australia supports Pakistani scholars

The Australian Government has launched a new scheme for past Australian scholars, intended to help them give back to Pakistan.

Australian High Commissioner to Pakistan, Mr Peter Heyward, said “Each year Australia provides scholarships to Pakistanis to study in Australia. This new scheme will provide returning scholars with a chance to contribute more to Pakistan.”



The Small Grants Scheme for all Australia Awards Scholarships Alumni was announced on 30th April 2014. It will allow alumni across Pakistan to apply for a grant of up to \$AU5,000 to contribute to development in Pakistan.

The launch coincided with a graduation ceremony for recently returned Australia Awardees at which the Australian High Commissioner to Pakistan, Mr Peter Heyward, offered his congratulations and distributed certificates to the returnees.

Mr Heyward said, “It is great to see the number of Australia Awards alumni growing each year. The scholars that Australia supports not only enhance their professional capacity, but their use newly acquired skills for the development of their country.”

“The Small Grants Scheme will support these alumni to give back to Pakistan. I hope it will also allow them to work with other professionals and institutions which are working towards the achievement of common goals,” Mr Heyward said.

The High Commissioner encouraged the Australia Awards Scholarships Alumni to be ambitious in their plans to bring about change. He observed, “We all face challenges, and I hope that this funding will mean the difference between a good idea gathering dust and one that will make a real contribution to the country.”

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