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Australia Awards scholarships recipients depart for Australia

The Australian High Commission bid farewell to 60 Australia Awards scholarship recipients at an event in Islamabad today.

Australian High Commissioner Peter Heyward said the scholarship holders would begin their studies at Australian universities from January 2015.

“It’s pleasing to have professionals from so many different sectors in this year’s group,” High Commissioner Heyward said.

“Through your study and research, you will develop the skills and knowledge to drive change in Pakistan and help build enduring people-to-people links between our two countries.”



The event was an opportunity for the awardees to learn about Australian culture and discuss the challenges they may face living and studying in a foreign country. Awardees spoke to Australia Awards alumni about how to deal with issues such as family and academic challenges, and stress and time management.

The event was also used for the Australia Awards Alumni Network in Pakistan to swear in a new executive committee.

The new Executive Committee President, Ms. Mahjabeen, said her “vision is to extend the network of linkages between Australia and Pakistan and explore opportunities for development at a regional level.”

“It’s exciting to lead a group of committed alumni who are contributing to the development of Pakistan,” Ms. Mahjabeen said.

The Australia Awards are prestigious international awards offered annually by the Australian Government to the next generation of global leaders for development. In Pakistan, awards

are offered to professionals working in sectors including health, education, mining, water resource management, agriculture, trade, and governance. Applications are strongly encouraged from women, people with disability and people from focus areas including, Balochistan, the Federally Administered Tribal Areas and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

The next round of Australia Awards will be advertised in February 2015.

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