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AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTES TO EXPLORE VOCATIONAL TRAININGS FOR YOUNG PAKISTANIS

Vocational training providers from Australia Talisman Healthcare and Sero Institute visit Pakistan to participate in the International Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) conference on 3 and 4 October 2016.

The conference, organised by the National and Vocational & Technical Training Commission (NAVTTTC) Pakistan and the TVET Reform Support Programme, aims at promoting and creating opportunities for exchanging experiences and knowledge and developing a better TVET system in Pakistan. The conference invites some key international and regional vocational training providers to participate.

“There is a significant demand for skill based trainings in Pakistan that meet international standards. But currently, there is a limited supply that meets the demand. Australian education providers enjoy a very positive reputation in Pakistan and around the world. We provide opportunities to deliver pathway courses and in-market training specifically to those who cannot afford a full overseas study experience,” the Acting Australian High Commissioner Jurek Juszczyk said while speaking at the conference.

“Australian education providers regularly visit Pakistan to meet with local institutions and to recruit students. Our institutions are already helping with curriculum development in Pakistan - for example through twinning arrangements between Australian and Pakistani colleges. A LinkedIn forum for Australian Alumni has been formed allowing alumni to network virtually and discuss matter of interest. At present more than 1200 members are registered to this forum,” he added.

Australian skills training company Talisman Healthcare is currently in the process of establishing a training partnership in Pakistan to deliver skills training, assessment and certification to Pakistani nurses prior to placing them into jobs in the Middle East and other countries. Talisman Healthcare is also looking to develop a large scale competency based skills course for emergency services personnel across Pakistan in the area of road trauma rescue. At the moment, they have a need to train 800+ nurses for immediate jobs in the health sector.

Sero Institute is exploring opportunities with the College of Tourism & Hotel Management (COTHM) in Pakistan to deliver a suite of programs in hospitality and culinary arts at both vocational and graduate levels. The partnership aims to train and place Pakistani graduates into major hotels across Pakistan including Marriott, Movenpick, Pearl Continental, Serena, Plaza Park Lane and Avari Hotels.

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