Australia’s vocational education and training system – skills for growth

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Australia’s Vocational Education and Training System

Key Features

• Partnership between government and industry
• Demand-driven – strong industry engagement
• Competency-based
• Strong regulatory and quality assurance frameworks
Australia’s VET reform agenda

- Strengthening industry leadership
- Streamlining governance
- Enhancing quality
- Improving status
A global skills labour market has emerged

- **1980-2010** global labour rose 1.2 billion to 2.9 billion – set to grow another 600 million to reach 3.5 billion by 2030
- **Globalisation and technological change** – 1.1 billion non-farm jobs created in developing economies
- **Skills mismatch** between labour supply and employer demand
- There will be a global **shortfall** of 85 million high and medium-skilled workers by 2020
- Two **fundamentals** for growth: skills development + job creation

Source: McKinsey Global Institute, *The World at work: jobs, pay and skills for 3.5 billion people*, June 2012
Our International Work
Opportunities for Australia – China VET Collaboration

① Industry engagement

② Effective quality frameworks

③ Work integrated learning - modern apprenticeships

④ Internationalisation of VET
Thank you

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