East Asia Summit
TVET Provider Network

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ACPET is...

The **Australian Council for Private Education and Training** (ACPET) is the national industry association for private, government registered institutions delivering education to Australian and overseas students both on and off shore:

- Higher Education
- Vocational Education and Training
- English Language Courses
- Foundation and Senior Secondary Colleges
A diverse membership of over 1 000 institutions

- 550 delivering education to international students
- 110 English language colleges
- 130 schools
- 810 Vocational Education and Training (VET) colleges
- 140 higher education providers

• Surveys indicate up to 70% of domestic VET provision, 11% of higher education and almost 85% of international VET students go private (AEI August 2012). Some 182,500 international students from 149 countries studied with ACPET members in 2011
The ACPET Mission

• enhance quality and choice in education and training

• ensure Australian and international students enrolled in private provider colleges receive high quality education

• support and further the business viability and operations of our members

• work with governments, business partners, industry and other stakeholders in identifying skilling solutions
Diversity is the strength of private sector

Private providers differ in:

- type and size (generally relatively small, some very large);
- mission and purpose; private, faith-based, non-for-profit, enterprise (in-house training for specific industry needs);
- programs including full-fee local & international, pathways, commercial training, government-funded programs, tailored programs for enterprises.

Common features:

- all deliver fee-for-service (student or industry pays the college);
- all government registered and subject to government legislation and national and/or state compliance regimes.
Raising the quality bar

- members must abide by the ACPET Code of Ethics and comply with specific, ongoing requirements for ACPET membership
- ACPET Board may refuse inappropriate applicants or cancel membership (with successful defence in the Australian Supreme Court)
- The ACPET Professional Development Framework offers a national suite of targeted workshops and related activities for practitioners, managers and support personnel
- close working relationship with government regulatory bodies
Some of the 6,500 courses available...

- Care, community and health services
- ICT, IT Business and management
- Aviation and avionics
- Retail, personal services
- Education and training
- Agriculture and aquaculture
- Performing arts, creative industries
- Mining, logistics, communications, construction
- Tourism, hospitality

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International student experience

i-graduate international student survey with 6000 responses (September 2012) showed that:

• 88% satisfied or very satisfied with their overall experience compared to 86% in 2009
• ACPET member college experience: 90% student satisfaction compared to 82% in 2009
• AEI August 2012 statistics state that 84.9% of international students choose to study with a private provider
Working with Asia

- ACPET China - based in Chongqing to grow relationships and to identify partnering opportunities
- ACPET Executive Officer - based in Darwin to grow relationships with Timor Leste and Indonesia
- ACPET International Manager and secretariat based in Canberra to drive policy and build global relationships
- ACPET members engage and partner with Asian educators and trainers through AusAID programs and scholarships
- ACPET hosts international delegations, study tours and participates in offshore government missions
Taking TVET offshore

- reality that the demand for skilling throughout the region is beyond the capacity or financial reach of the majority of potential students to study offshore
- desire to foster closer liaisons and partnerships to deliver high quality and targeted training throughout Asia
- capacity for Australian regulators to audit offshore qualification delivery to ensure quality and integrity
- taking Australian TVET offshore in response to government concerns of high volumes of incoming students based on prior government policy linking study outcomes to residency
Knowing what is needed...

- establishing more VET provision
- growing human resource capacity
- cooperation and collaboration in partnerships
- more English language competence
- mobility and mutual recognition between nations
- support for disadvantaged students
- improving access to and delivery of educational services
- flexibility of program design – twinning, sandwich, staff exchange, joint curriculum development, online delivery
...and knowing where the hurdles are are

- local approvals
- finding a ‘right fit’ partner
- investment or ownership rules
- approvals and contractual arrangements
- recognition of qualifications
- quality assurance
- language barriers
- globalisation vs. glocalisation
VET – higher education pathways

There are four principles that ACPET is pursuing:

• a shift in rhetoric and policy from a university sector to a higher education sector
• a shift from public vs. private debates, replaced by a focus on quality and excellence
• reforms to support genuine student choice
• seamless articulation, credit transfers/ recognition between VET and higher education providers
The VET - higher education hybrid

• 2012 – 39 universities (mix of public and private)
• 132 higher education providers with 86 private and 24 church-owned. Twenty-two are government-owned (TEQSA April 2012)
• 78% of Australian higher education providers are classified as private
• increase in the number of dual sector (VET and higher education) providers – over 60% and growing
The ACPET Journal for Private Higher Education

- a biannual publication for scholarly activities on the theory and practice of higher education in the context of the private sector.
- provides an opportunity to develop and enhance the scholarly understanding of the private higher education sector, and is a key outlet for the sharing of good practice.
- available through the ProQuest database.
The inaugural issue of the ACPET online journal was launched in June 2012 and is freely available to be read and downloaded from the ACPET website at www.acpet.edu.au
ACPET Awards for Excellence

• To complement the various state and national training awards
• Recognising excellence
• 11 Categories – Higher Education Provider: VET provider; Elicos provider: Dual sector: VET in schools; International Provider: Industry initiative; International initiative; Social inclusion, Teacher of the Year and Student of the Year.
• Judged by independent panels of eminent people
• Coincide with the annual ACPET National Conference – See you in Adelaide in 2013
THANK YOU

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