Delivering Vocational Education and Training in the Asian Century

Consultation Document

Background
The Department of Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education (DIISRTE) is compiling a report to assess key transnational education opportunities in the Asian market for Australian Vocational Education and Training (VET) providers. DIISRTE will review a selection of high growth Asian economies to identify opportunities and skills gaps, evaluate potential barriers and risks and highlight VET success stories to inform policy options and strategies to help improve Australian VET providers’ access to Asian markets.

The report aims to provide an overview of two to three countries, examining the domestic VET systems, identifying existing suppliers, market composition, training shortages, accreditation requirements, existing delivery systems, and opportunities for further growth. Additionally, it will include an assessment of potential risks to individual providers and the reputation of Australia’s VET system.

The project team undertaking the research is composed of 12 graduates from across Australia who entered the Department at the start of this year. Working in partnership with branch managers, the team will produce a report that will feed into the Department’s policy decisions and be presented to DIISRTE’s executive.

The Department will be seeking stakeholder input and is particularly interested in canvassing the views of Australian providers delivering VET in a sample of Asian economies experiencing rapid growth.

Industry Consultation Format
DIISRTE is consulting with the VET peak bodies, ACPET and TDA to shape the scope of the report and to identify members who would like to participate in the project. We are now contacting representatives of Australian VET providers to discuss the project and invite responses on a range of matters impacting VET provision in Asia. Members of the project team will then visit Australian VET providers to conduct face-to-face consultations.

Timing
- Preliminary contact with VET providers 2 July - 6 July
- Direct consultation period 18 July - 20 July

Please note face-to-face meetings or teleconferences may be conducted outside the direct consultation period on request.

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