New training partnership offers Australian vocational education to India

TAFE SA will work with Amity University and Heraud Education to develop a training program that will deliver vocational education in India in an agreement recently signed.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the three organisations will see courses developed to provide the skills needed in the rapidly growing Indian economy.

Heraud Education and Training, Amity University and the Automotive Skill Development Council in India have agreed to partner in the first courses in automotive commencing in February 2014.

It is anticipated that other courses will follow in retail, building and construction, banking and accounting and healthcare.

TAFE SA will provide all the necessary training and assessment resources, guidance and advice to set up frameworks for delivery including certification of in-country trainers.

Chief Executive Officer, Jeff Gunningham, said in supporting Heraud Education and Training, TAFE SA has tapped into a lucrative market that utilises TAFE’s capacity to deliver targeted training.

“Our capability as Australia’s largest vocational education and training provider gives us the expertise to annually train over 1000 students in automotive courses here in Australia, ranging from Certificate I through to Diplomas,” Mr Gunningham said.

“As India looks to meet the challenge of developing an industry-ready workforce of 500 million by the beginning of the next decade, the country is increasingly turning to international partners for collaboration.”

“India has a high level of university qualified people however the country has large hands-on skill shortages in a number of areas including automotive, retail trade, healthcare and telecommunications. Amity University is looking to deliver training that addresses this shortage,” Mr Gunningham said.

Chancellor of Amity Group, Mr Aseem Chauhan announced the beginning of two new institutes in the field of skill development namely the Amity Vocational Training Institute and Amity Skills Institute and said “like everything else Amity is working towards being the number 1 and largest group in the field of skill development in India and make a positive impact on skill development scenario in India.

Mr Chauhan also said that after a lot of research, he was very pleased to work with TAFE South Australia, which he believes is the best name in vocational education.

Amit Tikoo, Chief Executive Officer for Heraud Education and Training said that Heraud has been very fortunate to bring together the largest education groups from across two continents, Amity University and TAFE South Australia.

“This is a historic day in the field of vocational training in India because we will now have the capacity to change the landscape of vocational training in India”.

Visiting India to meet with its University partners and discuss the skill sets required of trainers TAFE SA Educational Manager, Baljit Bhela said the venture is an exciting opportunity for TAFE SA to be part of.
“Our student alumni spans the globe with graduates employed in management, supervisory and entry-level enterprises of all sizes across the automotive industry, it makes good sense to see our business grow internationally.”

As one of India’s leading education groups, Amity University has over 95,000 students pursuing 240 programs in 50 disciplines.

The TAFE customised courses will commence at the Amity campus at Manesar from February 2014.