Chilean students commence studies with TAFE

TAFE Directors Australia (TDA) celebrated a significant milestone in Australia – Chile relations today when two scholarship holders from Chile commenced their studies with Box Hill Institute in Melbourne.

They are the first of over 140 students who will be studying at 14 TAFE institutes located in Queensland, NSW, Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia during 2011 and 2012. The students have been awarded scholarships under the BECAS Chile Technical Scholarships program and TDA is managing the program in Australia on behalf of the Chilean government.

Australia is one of five countries offering scholarships under the Chilean Government’s BECAS Chile Technical Scholarships program. Approximately 70% of the scholarships awarded in the current round were allocated to Australia; a strong indication of Chilean students’ interest in studying here and a ringing endorsement of TAFE institutes and the wide range of courses on offer.

Many of the students will commence their studies in Australia with up to 16 weeks of intensive vocational English language training. They then study up to 12 months in an accredited vocational course at the Certificate IV, Diploma or Advanced Diploma level. The fields of study included business, IT, tourism, mining, agriculture and aquaculture.

On their return to Chile, the students will either continue their studies at a more advanced level or move directly into employment in their chosen field.

TDA congratulates all Chilean students who have been successful in gaining a scholarship to study in Australia. TDA also thanks our participating institutes, our Chilean partner Kangaroo Tours and Holmesglen Institute in Victoria which is providing financial management services for the project.

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