TasTAFE Secures Key Partnership in China
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Nick McKim
Minister for Education and Skills

The Minister for Education and Skills Nick McKim today announced a strengthened international education partnership for TasTAFE in China.

Having worked with the Shanghai Bangde Vocational College for more than 10 years, the enhanced Chinese partnership will see TasTAFE qualifications in business/banking, accounting and hospitality delivered in China.

Mr McKim said the Chinese agreement is part of a wider strategy within the Department of Education and Tasmanian Government to capitalise on the opportunities provided by the Asian Century.

“We see international education as providing wonderful economic and social benefits to Tasmania, and our dedicated International Education Unit is working on many new initiatives to boost student numbers in TasTAFE and our Government schools and colleges,” he said.

The new courses in China will include English Language tuition followed by Certificate III and IV studies with students transferring to Tasmania to complete their Diplomas.

Mr McKim said the partnership in China would also benefit the University of Tasmania

“The objective of the strengthened partnership I’m announcing today is to welcome more international student guests to Tasmania to complete their Diplomas at TasTAFE,” Mr McKim said.

“Once they complete their Diplomas, we already have great options in place for students to continue their studies with UTAS.

“It’s a very positive start for our new vocational provider TasTAFE, and we should now be able to capitalise on more of these global partnerships.

“In addition to the partnership in Shanghai, we have ongoing work with a Filipino hospitality and tourism provider, and a group of high schools in the southern city of Guangzhou that could see our curriculum delivered in China” Mr McKim said.