OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE GLOBAL COLLEGES AND POLYTECHNICS SECTOR GAIN RECOGNITION

The World Federation of Colleges and Polytechnics (WFCP) recognizes excellence for 11 vocational education institutions across the world.

The WFCP Awards of Excellence honours and supports higher standards in applied education institutions. They are an opportunity to showcase and foster best practices in the sector. Nominations were received in the five following categories: International Collaboration, College-Industry Partnerships, Commitment to Social Development, Applied Research, and Governance. To be eligible for consideration, nominees must have made a significant and sustained contribution in one of these categories.

Denise Amyot, Chair of the WFCP Board, said: “It was very important that international best practices in the field of vocational education finally be recognized. We are very proud of the excellent nominations received from our member institutions, and selecting the winners was an enormously difficult task. The WFCP brought these awards to life, and we look forward to receiving more nominations on the occasion of the next WFCP Congress in Brazil in 2016.”

Martin Riordan, Deputy Chair of the WFCP and CEO of TAFE Directors Australia, congratulated all entrants and winners and paid particular tribute to TAFE Queensland, Gold Medallist in the Social Development Category. “It is particularly pleasing to have TAFE Queensland’s commitment to social development recognised internationally. The range and level of support they provide to their domestic and international students, their local communities in Queensland and their partners overseas is exemplary.”

In total, eleven awards covering five countries were presented on October 24th during the 8th Congress of the World Federation of Colleges and Polytechnics, taking place in Beijing. The recipients are as follows:

**International Collaboration**
- Gold: China – Tianjin Sino-German Vocational Technical College
- Silver: Canada – Douglas College
- Bronze: Canada – British Columbia Institute of Technology

**College-Industry Partnerships**
- Gold: United Arab Emirates – Higher Colleges of Technology
- Silver: Canada – Lakeland College
- Bronze: China – Rizhao Polytechnic
Social Development

- **Gold:** Australia – TAFE Queensland
- **Silver:** Canada – College of the Rockies
- **Bronze:** Canada – Red River College

Applied Research

- Gold: UK – Mixed Economy Group of Colleges

Governance

- Gold: Canada – Olds College

About the WFCP:

The World Federation of Colleges and Polytechnics (WFCP) is an international network of colleges and associations of colleges. WFCP provides leadership in delivering workforce education for our global economy.

Members share leading-edge education strategies and best practices to increase workforce employability in countries around the world. The WFCP is a unifying voice influencing the development of policy. It profiles and promotes the innovative programs of its members internationally.

TAFE Directors Australia (TDA) is a member of the WFCP and is an active contributor including leading one of the newly established Affinity Groups on higher education, participating in the judging panel for the Awards of Excellence and leading sessions at the recent World Congress in Beijing.

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