

TDA update on international engagement

Last week TDA had the pleasure of meeting with two representatives of Fundacion UOCRA, an Argentinean non-government organisation dedicated to improving education and training in the construction and building industries.

This week TDA will provide briefings for the Australian Ambassador-designate to Cambodia, a delegation from India who are promoting 'Skills2010' www.skills2010.org, and a representative from the Namibian Training Authority.

TDA is also participating in a two day conference hosted by Hunter Institute and the University of Newcastle as part of the Federal Government's Australia Africa Fellowship program and attending the Austrade Latin American Seminar in Sydney on 2 September. TDA is also giving a short presentation the following week in Canberra as part of the Council on Australia Latin American Relations (COALAR) Education Action Group roundtable.

TDA is also delighted to be hosting a Deputy Director-General of the China Education Association for International Exchange (CEAIE), Ms Wu Zaofeng and five senior vocational leaders this week. Madame Wu and her delegation will be discussing the previous leadership program which TDA and CEAIE ran in March and the plans for two more programs in September and October. By the end of this year, almost 100 college directors from China vocational colleges will have participated in the four-week program with 19 TAFE Institutes providing workshops, lectures and mentoring support .

Meanwhile, final preparations for the BECAS Chile scholarships program are underway with up to 130 scholars due to commence their mainstream VET courses in TAFE institutes across Australia from February 2011.