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## **Congratulations to 50 new Australia Awards Scholarship recipients**

At a ceremony today, the Australian Ambassador to Laos, HE Lynda Worthaisong, congratulated 50 Lao students in successfully obtaining Australia Awards Scholarships to study in Australia. Three of the students will receive Australia Awards Leadership Program Scholarships, which will provide opportunities to enhance their leadership skills and professional networks.

Speaking at the congratulations ceremony Ambassador Worthaisong said “Australia Awards Scholarships are an integral part of Australia’s development cooperation program with Laos, and are helping to develop human resources particularly in education, rural development, trade and natural resource management.

“Australia is pleased to be supporting these scholarships to help Lao scholars realise their potential as leaders in their chosen fields. I am always inspired by the talent and commitment displayed by Australia Award scholars in Laos. I am confident that all this year’s awardees will use the skills gained through their study in Australia to contribute to Laos’ future development.”

This year 25 scholarships were awarded to scholars from the public sector, and 25 to the private sector. An additional four public sector candidates were provided with traineeships to study English for academic purposes in Vientiane for one year.

Since the inception of Australian Government scholarships, more than 1,000 students have successfully gained tertiary qualifications in Australia and returned to Laos to apply their new skills.

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