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Australian Ambassador launched new Australian Alumni Group in Lao PDR

Dr Khamleusa Souansavanh, Director General of Student Affairs Department, Ministry of Education and Sports joined the Australian Ambassador to Laos, HE Lynda Worthaisong to launch a new Australian Student Alumni Group in Lao PDR at the Australian Residence on 4 December.

Speaking at the dinner, Ambassador Worthaisong said “Education has been an important part of the Lao-Australian relationship for many of the last 60 years. Like the Lao Government, the Australian Government believes that education is one of the most important factors supporting both individual growth and national economic growth”.

“Lao Australian education ties have traditionally been underpinned by Australian Government scholarships, and there are now more than 1,100 Lao people who have completed tertiary study under Australian Government scholarships. However this event was the first time the Embassy has brought together other Lao people who have studied in Australia utilising private funding, or under non Australian Government scholarships. In 2014 the Embassy intends to integrate all of these students into a single alumni group.”

The Ambassador said she was delighted that more and more Lao students were now able to afford to study in Australia, and thanked those Lao people who had chosen to invest in an Australian education for their sons and daughters.

Dr Khamleusa advised those at the event that “the Lao Government admired the privately-funded alumni as a very important human resource for the Lao PDR. Most of the private alumni are involved with private sector, which is playing a significant role in Laos’ economic development”.

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