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HANOI

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Mr Bui The Duy
Vice Minister
Deputy Minister, Ministry of Science and Technology
113 Tran Duy Hung St, Hanoi

Dear Mr Bui The Duy

Re: Australia Awards Scholarships 2020 Selection Round

I am writing to inform you that due to the Covid-19 situation, the application deadline for this year's Australia Awards Scholarships selection round has been extended from 30 April to 30 June 2020.

Potential applicants from your organisation are encouraged to attend an online Information Session to be delivered by Aus4Skills on Sunday 24 May 2020. The Information Session will be a chance for applicants to learn more about the Australia Awards Scholarships and its application requirements. Interested applicants can register to attend by completing this survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AAS2020>

I also take this opportunity to remind you of the organisational benefits of Australia Awards Scholarships as summarised in the attachment to this letter.

Should you have any questions or requests, please contact Aus4Skills via email: info@australiaawardsvietnam.org, or telephone: (024) 3939 3991/2.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tom Wood'.

Aus4Innovation Program Director
Thomas Wood

Organisational Benefits of Australia Awards Scholarships

Australia Awards Scholarships can deliver multiple benefits to Government of Vietnam organisations as they seek to develop and implement appropriate public policy and improve public sector performance in times of increased accountability and rapid global and domestic change.

Upskilled Employees

Australia Awards Scholarships awardees obtain high-quality credentials, new qualifications, hard and soft skills, and expanded professional networks.

Their organisations benefit from:

- enhanced technical knowledge and skills in areas of critical organisational need - in particular, in new or emerging fields or where domestic training is either unavailable or thought to be of less than 'world-class' quality. Australia Awards Scholarships can be used strategically to target high potential employees for upskilling in key areas including future organisational needs
- exposure to, and introduction of, leading-edge approaches, tools and techniques and operational standards and practices from Australia
- enhanced confidence, critical thinking and problem-solving skills, research approaches, independence of thought and intercultural skills that are the hallmarks of modern leaders and innovators
- an expanded set of professional contacts that can be of service in developing new partnerships, collaborative projects and other opportunities.

Reform and Workforce Development Contributions

Australia Awards Scholarships awardees obtain enhanced leadership skills and knowledge transfer capabilities equipping them to become reform agents at their home institutions.

Their organisations benefit from:

- a 'multiplier' effect, whereby returnees can exert a broader influence on those around them by applying their knowledge and networks that they developed in Australia
- contributions to organisational reform and better performance back in Vietnam — for example, knowledge transfer and the introduction of ethical sensitivities in the domain of public administration
- improvements in service delivery and professionalism across the organisation.