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More Australian students to study in Malaysia under New Colombo Plan

Australia's Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Hon Julie Bishop MP, and Minister for Education and Training, Senator the Hon Simon Birmingham, have announced the successful applicants for grants under the 2017 New Colombo Plan mobility program.

The New Colombo Plan is a signature initiative of the Australian Government to support Australian undergraduate students to study and undertake internships in the region.

Under the New Colombo Plan, 390 Australian undergraduate students will study and undertake work placements in Malaysia in 2017. This is a significant increase on 2016, which will see 272 undergraduate students coming to Malaysia.

Australia's High Commissioner to Malaysia, Rod Smith, said "students from 22 universities will study a broad range of subjects including engineering & related technologies, natural & physical sciences, environment and biodiversity, society, culture and community development, and many more".

"New Colombo Plan mobility students will return to Australia with new insights and understanding about Malaysia and new friendships that will last a lifetime," Mr Smith said.

"These are exciting projects that demonstrate the many opportunities for Australian students to deepen their academic and life experiences through study and work placements in Malaysia," Smith said.

For more information on the New Colombo Plan, visit www.dfat.gov.au/new-colombo-plan or follow @NewColomboPlan

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