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2020 NEW COLOMBO PLAN MALAYSIA MOBILITY GRANTS

The Australian Government is pleased to announce that 466 Australian university students will undertake short-term study and work-based experiences in Malaysia as part of the 2020 New Colombo Plan Mobility Program.

The Australian High Commissioner to Malaysia, HE Andrew Goledzinowski said, "Next year, Australian universities will mobilise students through 22 exciting projects in Malaysia including a Women in STEM Internship Program, Construction Management Exchange and Science and Innovation Malaysia Style".

He added, "We are supporting a new generation of young Australians who want to deepen their understanding of the people, the business environment and the culture in Malaysia, strengthening the ties between our nations."

In the 2020 Mobility Program round, the New Colombo Plan will support more than 11,196 students from 40 Australian universities to participate in 685 projects in 36 locations across the Indo-Pacific. Interest from undergraduate students to engage their peers in this region by applying for opportunities under the New Colombo Plan remains strong.

This brings to 60,000 the total number of students awarded New Colombo Plan scholarships and mobility grants since 2014, demonstrating the Australian government's commitment to building mutual understanding and partnerships in the region.

The New Colombo Plan is providing Australian students opportunities to gain the cross-cultural awareness and experiences that are vital to today's globally connected workforce. This in turn deepens Australia's people-to-people, business and university links with the region.

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