

Forging closer ties with Asia via scholarships

Six Flinders University students have the opportunity to study in Asia and forge closer ties with the region thanks to a joint scholarship between Cheung Kong Group and the Federal Government.

They will study overseas this year as part of the \$7.5 million Endeavour Australia Cheung Kong Scholarship program.

Two will go to China to do one semester of study at the East China Normal University; three will go to Hong Kong SAR - two do one semester of study at the Hong Kong Institute of Education and one to do a semester at University of Hong Kong; and one will do one semester at Yokohama National University, Japan.

And six students from these universities will come to Adelaide to study at Flinders.

While the University is still combing through the applications for this year's scholarships, three Flinders students - Gareth Brown, Hilary Goode and Jason Dow - have been confirmed as recipients and Asian students Wing In Leung and



At the Old Parliament House event were, (from left) Colin Lochrie, Vice-Chancellor; Professor Anne Edwards, Chancellor; Sir Eric Neal AC CVO, Bao Van Duong; Shoujiro Takeuchi, Gareth Brown, Head, International office, Virginia Pattingale, and Deputy Vice-Chancellor (International) Dean Forbes.

Shoujiro Takeuchi are at Flinders this semester.

Last year's recipients - Flinders students Robin Welch, Bao Van Duong and Colin Lochrie and overseas students Yan Zhang, Xian Wang and Mancy Chan - have completed their exchanges and returned home.

Students recently met with Premier Mike Rann, Cheung Kong Infrastructure Holdings Ltd Group Managing Director Mr H L Kam and leaders from Adelaide's three universities - including

Chancellor Sir Eric Neal, AC CVO and Vice-Chancellor Professor Anne Edwards at Old Parliament House recently.

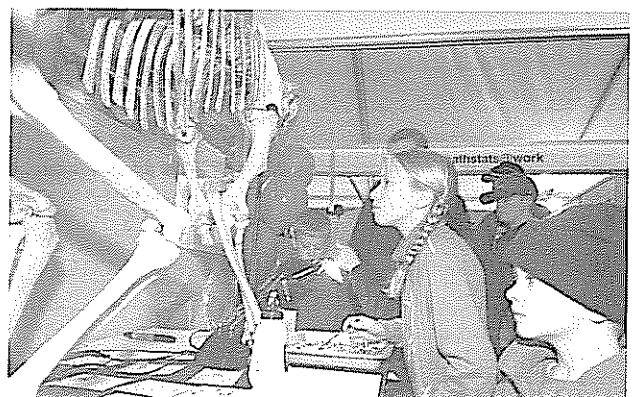
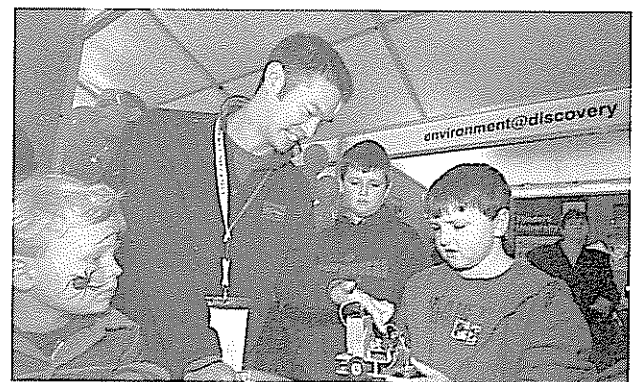
Mr Kam told the gathering: "As the alumni of Endeavour Australia Cheung Kong scholars grow each year, we hope to build a community of worldly and visionary young people who will lead positive change in the future."

Professor Edwards said the exchanges would give students an opportunity to broaden their international perspectives between Asia and Australia.

"The Flinders students will bring back with them a new understanding of differing cultures while the overseas recipients who come here will share their cultural knowledge with us," she said. "Flinders can only benefit from such an exchange."

The Endeavour Australia Cheung Kong Scholarship Programme will support the participation of nearly 1000 students in educational exchange opportunities over the next three years. ■

Adelaide enjoys Flinders Community Day



Flinders Community Day was a great success, thanks in no small part to the staff and students in the schools of Nursing and Midwifery and Science and Engineering.

Above: third-year nursing student Rebecca Evans testing the blood pressure of a young woman. Top right: Fourth-year engineering student Donovan Tay explains how the "Flinders-made" mini robot works. The picture also shows the work of the face painter. Right: Kids try their hand at the "dinosaur bone" dig, drawing on the work in palaeontology that includes the extensive research program at Naracoorte Caves.