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STUDENTS BENEFIT FROM HONG KONG AND AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP



▲ Senior Deputy Vice Chancellor, Professor Geoff Kiel, Mr HL Kam, the Hon Julie Bishop MP and scholarship recipient, Esther Seow.

Students studying at the Fremantle Campus will have the opportunity to study in Asia and forge closer ties with the region thanks to a joint scholarship between Hong Kong's Cheung Kong Group and the Australian Government.

At a presentation held on Monday 18 September at The University of Western Australia, the Federal Minister for Education, Science and Training, the Hon Julie Bishop MP along with Cheung Kong Infrastructure Holdings Ltd Group Managing Director Mr HL Kam spoke of the opportunities that the public-private partnership offered to students attending Australian universities.

The Minister explained that this was the first time that the Department of Education, Science and Training have partnered with a private company in such a philanthropic exercise.

"It is an opportunity to build close links through education which will benefit students immensely," said Ms Bishop.

"We want to promote opportunities for people to study overseas which we believe will give life-long rewards.

"This is the first event that we have held in Western Australia. The Endeavour Australia Cheung Kong Scholarship Program is a unique public-private partnership in Australia and experienced a highly successful inaugural round in 2005. It will support the participation of nearly 1,000 students in educational exchange opportunities over five years," Mr Kam said.

Notre Dame has partnered with La Salle College of the Arts in Singapore. The first scholarship recipient, Esther Seow is currently attending the Fremantle Campus studying in the School of Arts. Planning is underway for a student to travel to La Salle in 2007.