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International education gets a boost at APIEF 2017

The Asia Pacific International Education Forum (APIEF) marked the start of the 2017 APIEF & ACPET national conference today in Brisbane. International education received a boost today with Qld Treasurer Curtis Pitt launching a \$1.1 million plan to promote international education and training (IET).

ACPET CEO Rod Camm thanked the Queensland Government and Trade & Investment Queensland (TIQ) not only for their support as exclusive partner of APIEF 2017 but also for their commitment to grow the international education and training sector in Queensland.

“Today we had the opportunity to hear from a number of high profile speakers about the importance of international education. In particular, the commitment to growing this export industry, which is worth annually \$3.25 billion to the Qld economy, with the launch by Curtis Pitt MP of the IET Partnership Plan,” said Mr Camm.

“This is part of the governments \$25.3 million plan grow the international education sector here in Queensland and we welcome this boost for the sector,” Mr Camm said.

Treasurer Curtis Pitt said “the plan includes Queensland Open Days in 15 cities around the world where Queensland education providers can present to, and network with, key stakeholders and partners, including agents, government, institutions and corporates.”

TIQ’s partnership with ACPET means that we have with us today hundreds of delegates, including 23 senior leaders from 9 countries as part of an international delegation attending from the overseas VET sector.

“International education contributes more than \$24 billion to the Australian economy so it’s important that we ensure that the experience of international students is of the highest level to encourage further growth,” said Mr Camm.

While APIEF will conclude today, the Australian Council for Private Education and Training (ACPET) 2017 national conference opens tomorrow with speeches from Assistant Minister Karen Andrews MP, Senator Bridget McKenzie, Terri Butler MP and Professor Ian Harper amongst many other notable attendees.

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