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International Education Forum a Success

The Australian Council for Private Education and Training (ACPET) kicked off their annual conference in the nation's capital today with the Asia Pacific International Education Forum (APIEF).

The forum brings together representatives from various facets of government, the national regulator, independent and public providers, student bodies and industry experts.

Rod Camm ACPET CEO said "Today we had the privilege of hearing from the real thought leaders of international education. The diverse range of speakers established a real baseline for our industry and provoked ideas and strategies for the future. International education contributes around \$30 billion to the Australian economy each year and is a vital commodity."

Sangay Tashi, former international student from Bhutan, delivered a heart-warming presentation that was well received by delegates, highlighting the importance of community and culture.

"Each year we have international guests join us, it really makes the day special and gives a unique perspective" Mr Camm said.

Keynote address from Rebecca Hall, Senior Industry Specialist for International Education, AUSTRADE highlighted the heightened competitive environment and slowing global growth rates for international student mobility, and the need therefore to be aligned, advocate and act to ensure the sustainability of the sector.

Rod Camm, said "The presentations highlight the need for Australia to not rest on its laurels. We must strike out and support our best education providers to deliver skills and knowledge to international students. "

While APIEF will conclude today, the ACPET 2018 national conference continues tomorrow, this year's theme 'Understanding today, Shaping tomorrow' will set the tone for an array of exciting, influential speakers.

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