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Territory Parliament Welcomes 50 Youth Parliamentarians from 27 Countries

The seventh Commonwealth Youth Parliament (CYP7) kicks off in Darwin on Monday 2 November with delegates from Australia, Canada, India, Asia, the Pacific, Africa, the Caribbean and the United Kingdom coming together to form the Commonwealth Youth Parliament which is meeting in Australia for the first time.

The Northern Territory was chosen as the host parliament for CYP7 which attracts young people aged 18 to 28 to be youth parliamentarians as well as a number of sitting members of Commonwealth Parliaments acting as mentors, and senior officers from the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Headquarters based in London.

The Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, the Hon Kezia Purick MLA will welcome delegates at an official reception at Parliament House on Sunday 1 November before the Youth Parliamentarians start their roles for the week on Monday 2 November.

“This is an exciting time for young people coming from all over the Commonwealth who will be using the parliamentary chamber for their debates and will have the privilege of CYP7 being opened by his Honour the Administrator of the Northern Territory” Speaker Purick said.

“We will be showing the world what our parliament has to offer and the public galleries are open to anyone who would like to come and watch”.

CYP7 will transform the lives of the participants as they experience parliamentary life in a close to real life situation which will include taking part as party representatives or independents, debating legislation and motions, holding a committee of inquiry and facing the press in a media conference.

“We are very pleased to be welcoming the best from around the Commonwealth of nations to take part in this event in Darwin and wish them well in their endeavours” Speaker Purick said.

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