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Minister for Education Peter Chandler said more than 2000 international students are studying at Northern Territory education institutions from countries including the Philippines, China and India.

“International education has contributed more than $60 million dollars to our economy in the past year and is employing more than 450 people,” Mr Chandler said.

“In the past two years the number of international students studying with Northern Territory education providers has grown by over 25 per cent according to Australian Government figures.”

The 233 new international students will further their education through diverse courses such as aged care, hospitality and engineering.

“International education is a fantastic opportunity for the Northern Territory to showcase high quality education facilities and engage with Asian markets through the education sector,” Mr Chandler said.

“We seek to both welcome international students to the Northern Territory, and to support more opportunities for Territory students to engage with the region through Asian languages in schools, school exchanges, study abroad and research collaboration.

“Through education we seek to develop and strengthen new and existing partnerships with the Asian region so that the Territory is truly seen as Australia’s gateway to Asia, and Asia’s gateway to Australia.”

The Northern Territory Government’s International Education and Training Strategy 2014-2024 aims to grow the education sector into a top five export earner for the Top End. In 2014, it was the Territory’s ninth largest export up from 11th in 2013, according to figures from the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

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