On Wednesday 6 July, the Minister for Education welcomed 120 international students and 30 university, government and business representatives to the official opening of the 2016 Council of International Students Australia (CISA) national conference.

The Minister for Education said that it was the sixth national CISA conference and the first time that the conference has been held in the Northern Territory.

“The conference is a fantastic opportunity to promote the Northern Territory as a study destination and the location of choice for international students; enabling Northern Territory education and training providers to showcase the services and programs that they offer.”

CISA is the leading international student body for over 600,000 international students studying in Australia. They are responsible for advocating for international students and promoting cross-cultural understanding.

“The Northern Territory Government is supporting the CISA conference with StudyNT hosting 120 post-secondary international students from across Australia as well as 30 industry and state and federal government representatives.

“In the Northern Territory, the International Education and Training Strategy 2014-2024 commits to strengthening the international education and training sector.”

A key focus of the strategy is to provide international students with a high quality education, a unique student experience and strong integration with their domestic peers.

The Department of Education is working with stakeholders from across the international education and training sector, as well as the tourism and hospitality sectors, to grow the Northern Territory as a sustainable destination for international students, especially those from Asia.


“Since the release of the International Education and Training Strategy 2014-2024, the Northern Territory has achieved growth in student enrolments and commencements and has laid the foundations for future growth across the international education and training sector.”

Peter Chandler
Minister for Education

Education puts Territory on international stage

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“The Northern Territory is proud to be home to more than 2,000 international students who choose to study in our schools, vocational education and training programs, English Language Centres and at Charles Darwin University.

“The Country Liberals Government’s vision for international students is that they will be the next generation of leaders, decision makers and entrepreneurs who will forge partnerships and trade links between the Northern Territory and their home countries,” said Mr Chandler.

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