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Developed as a key objective of the *Northern Territory International Education and Training Strategy 2014-2024*, StudyNT was established in September 2014 to market the Northern Territory as a destination of choice for international students.

One year on StudyNT has established an Industry Advisory Group, marketing strategy, web site, welcome event for international students, student testimonial videos and marketing material to promote the NT nationally and internationally with providers and students.

We work with providers and stakeholders to ensure students have a great experience in the NT. The annual NT Welcome to International Students hosted by the Minister for Education, the Hon Peter Chandler MLA networks students with local multicultural communities and businesses. In 2016 StudyNT and the Chamber of Commerce will launch a *Welcome to Darwin Handbook* to assist students settle into their new home.

The Northern Territory has a great story to tell and international students are our greatest advocates. We look forward to continue sharing their stories with new videos on the [StudyNT web site](#) in early 2016.

Congratulations to the NT international education providers and students on a very successful year.

Thank you for your support and season's greetings.

Mark Darby

General Manager, StudyNT



Darwin to Host 2016 Council of International Students Australia Conference

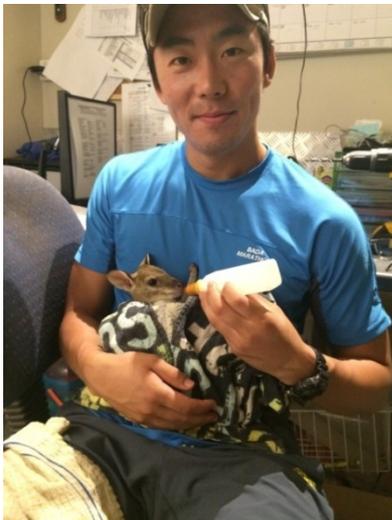
StudyNT has been successful in a bid for Darwin to host the 2016 Council of International Students Australia (CISA) conference, 5-8 July. [CISA](#) is the representative body and voice of over 500,000 international students currently undertaking

study and research in Australia.

The conference will host approximately 150 international students as representatives of their education institutions or student organisation across Australia, along with 100 representatives from state and Commonwealth governments; universities and companies.

The conference provides an annual professional development opportunity and forum for international students in Australia, addressing issues of concern and actions for the future. It will feature leading international and Australian speakers from government, education institutions and professional bodies.

A conference registration web site will go live at the end of January. StudyNT will be in contact with NT providers and stakeholders in the New Year to explore potential sponsorship opportunities related to the conference.



Working Holiday and Study starts in NT for Korean student

From over 7700 South Korean applicants Mr Edgar Kim, a graduate of the Korea Marine Ocean University and ex-naval officer, won a working holiday and study prize to the Northern Territory in August 2015.

Tourism Australia ran the competition in South Korea to promote Australia as a study and working holiday destination. Four prizes were awarded comprising of travel and study packages to Australia, including one to the Northern Territory. The Northern Territory Government (through StudyNT) and Navitas Darwin were co-sponsors, contributing a four-week

intensive English study program and six weeks homestay accommodation.

Edgar undertook the intensive English course with Navitas before gaining work experiences on a mango farm, a barramundi farm and at the Territory Wildlife Park. He also met with His Honour the Honourable John Hardy OAM, Administrator of the Northern Territory, the Minister of Education, the Hon Peter Chandler MLA, and visited the Paspaley Pearls workshop and showroom.

During his stay Edgar's [blog on Life in Australia](#) has shared his experiences of the Northern Territory as a

destination for education and tourism.



Launch of NTCA Indonesia Australia Pastoral Industry Student Alumni Network

StudyNT was pleased to assist with the establishment of the Northern Territory Cattlemen's Association (NTCA) Indonesia Australia Pastoral Industry Student Program Alumni Network in October. The Network was [launched](#) by the Australian Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, the Hon Barnaby Joyce

MP at an event in Jakarta hosted by the Australian Ambassador to Indonesia, Paul Grigson.

An industry initiated and driven alumni network, it brings together Indonesian students who have participated in the NTCA Indonesia Australia Pastoral Industry Student Program over the past four years. In partnership with 10 Indonesian universities the program provides the opportunity for Indonesian undergraduate students in Animal Science to undertake an eight week program in Australia – two weeks of vocational training with Charles Darwin University in Katherine, followed by a six week work experience on a Northern Territory cattle station.

"We are immensely proud of this program and what it has already achieved. We hope to inspire these students and strengthen the cross industry relationships in Indonesia and Australia", stated NTCA CEO Tracey Hayes whilst in Jakarta. "The skills of these graduates are highly sought after by employers in Indonesia, including by Australian-based companies operating here. Having a formal alumni network will help those students develop study and job opportunities, remain up to date with research and industry developments and involved in Australian and Indonesian government initiatives".

StudyNT looks forward to working with NTCA over the coming years to continue to build on the professional and educational links these alumni have with the Northern Territory.



Working with Asia – the skills you need

Opened by the Minister for Education, the Hon Peter Chandler MLA, the event attracted 70 Territory businesses and education providers to hear about the skills you need to grow and build partnerships in Asia. Speakers included Jenny McGregor, CEO, Asialink; Tracy Harris, Trade Commissioner, Austrade Singapore; and Louise Partos, EO, Artback NT.

Ms McGregor used the event to launch [Asialink's Country Starter Packs](#) for China, Indonesia, Korea, and Thailand. Packs for Hong Kong, India, Japan, Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan and Vietnam will be available on the Asialink site in 2016. The packs are available free of charge to download and on an app. See [here](#) for photos from the event.

Jenny McGregor was also a speaker at the Department of Business/Austrade sponsored event, *Women in Global Business*, held in Darwin and Alice Springs.

The Department of Business is working with Asialink to develop seminars in 2016 around 'Export Ready 101' for small businesses.



Congratulations

Congratulations to NT education and training providers and students on their great achievements in 2015:

- Charles Darwin University recognised in the top 200-250 universities in the world in the Times Higher Education rankings
- Chief Minister's NT Export and Industry Awards
 - Charles Darwin University – Southern Cross Television Exporter of the Year Award and Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Education and Training Award
 - International College of Advanced Education (ICAE) – Chamber of Commerce NT Asian Business Award
 - StudyNT International Student of the Year – Aisha Siregar, The Essington School Darwin
 - StudyNT International Business Student of the Year – Minsu Kang, ICAE

See [here](#) for all the winners.



Key Dates

24 February 2016: NT Welcome to International Students hosted by the Minister for Education, the Hon Peter Chandler MLA, in the Main Hall at Parliament House, Darwin. The welcome introduces students to leading community and business representatives and encourages them to embrace the Northern Territory lifestyle. For more information, please

[contact](#) StudyNT.

29 February - 3 March 2016: [Asia Pacific Association of International Education \(APAIE\) Conference](#), Melbourne

11 - 15 April 2016: [Australia Week in China 2016](#): Beijing, Shanghai, Chengdu, Guangzhou and Hong Kong

5 - 8 July 2016: [Council of International Students Australia \(CISA\) Conference](#), Darwin

25 - 26 August 2016: [Australian Council for Private Education and Training National Conference](#), Hobart

18 - 21 October 2016: [Australian International Education Conference](#), Melbourne

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