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Message from the Australian Counsellor (Education), Thailand

To

Thailand's Naresuan University, The University of New England and international delegates

It is our honour and privilege to take part in the 1st International Health Services Delivery Management Conference which marks the five years of strong collaboration between Australia's oldest regional university The University of New England (UNE), and Thailand's Naresuan University (NU). Over the past five years, the collaboration has grown from a partnership between UNE's School of Health and NU's Faculties of Public Health, Medicine and Education, to an international platform for extensive knowledge sharing and a springboard for continuous development of Health Services Management principles and practices.

This conference is another excellent stepping stone for the long term partnership between Thailand and Australia and particularly relevant to today's global educational trend. Strong overseas partnerships are crucial in the 21st Century as education is becoming more globally connected and increasingly competitive. To remain at the forefront of the international education arena, it is important for institutions to build overseas partnerships to enhance the knowledge and experience of domestic academics and students. This initiative is also well aligned with the Thai Government Policy in supporting institutions to build bilateral and multilateral collaborations with various foreign, regional and international organisations to reinforce the Thailand developments and engagement globally.

The Australian Education International (AEI), the international arm of the Australian Government's Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) is dedicated to the internationalisation of education. The AEI Bangkok office works closely with Australian and Thai institutions to facilitate development of links and collaborations. It also works at the governmental level and closely cooperates with the Thai Ministry of Education on issues related to education and training policy and systems across all levels of education.

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate The University of New England and Thailand's Naresuan University on its 5th anniversary of their established partnership. We would also like to express our confidence that this 1st International Health Services Delivery Management Conference will serve as an excellent foundation for further and greater collaborations that will expand to involve other organisations and countries at sub-regional and international levels. It also provides a valuable approach to developing capability and capacity for academics and health professionals.

We would like to lastly extend our warmest wishes and gratitude to all delegates for the support and friendship extended to Australia over many decades.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Anne Reynolds'.

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