Ambassador’s inaugural Alumni dinner in Beijing showcases value of Australia-China relationship and of a Group of Eight education

The Group of Eight (Go8) inaugural business schools’ Alumni dinner in Beijing on Wednesday 22 July, to be hosted by Australia’s Ambassador Her Excellency Frances Adamson, illustrates the immense value of education transfer in this era of free trade agreements and an ever-strengthening Australian relationship with China.

“This dinner illustrates that Go8 Business Schools have educated a future generation of Chinese business leaders,” says Go8 Chief Executive Vicki Thomson. “The value of those long-term Alumni relationships to both nations is incalculable. It means that we understand each other better, we trust each other more, and we have built valuable long-term relationships that affect far more than simply careers.”

Ms Thomson said the Go8 was extremely proud to be able to bring together 80 Alumni (10 Alumni from each member Business School). “It is an impressive list of achievements from some of our quality International graduates,” she said. “We are very proud of them and what they are delivering for their country, as well as the goodwill they can deliver for Australia where they studied.”

Ms Thomson said the Go8 had an active program in place to make and keep contact with its valued Alumni and that the plan was for this dinner be the first of many. “Of course, the Federal Government’s New Colombo Plan has already begun its work of having many more Australian students study overseas. This too will assist strengthen our relationships with other nations.

“The Go8 is of the view that everything that can be done through a quality education in Australia and overseas must be done in the name of strengthening those relationships. This inaugural Alumni dinner is therefore a strong marker for the future.”

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