

ATN UNIVERSITIES BUILDS ON FOUNDATIONAL TIES TO INDIA WITH MINISTER JASON CLARE

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Australian Technology Network of Universities (ATN) Executive Director, Luke Sheehy, has joined Education Minister, Jason Clare, on a Higher Education delegation to India.

The Minister, Mr Sheehy and other members of a high-level tertiary education group are seeking to build on the extensive foundational ties with the emerging economic powerhouse. The five-day visit will include meetings with key Indian Government officials and education sector business leaders.

“I echo the importance Minister Clare has placed on the growing relationship between Australia and India, and this delegation will help solidify the already deep affinity we share,” Mr Sheehy said.

“There is an enduring genuine affection with India, along with great partnerships which have been signed in economic agreements, and education has always taken a leading role.”

India is one of the fastest recovering markets for international students at ATN universities. The rebound was clearly visible in Semester One, 2022 with a 275 per cent increase on Semester Two the previous year.

ATN universities have long been the number one destination for Indian students. At its peak in 2019 ATN universities had almost 14,000 students from India, representing 16 per cent of all Indian students in Australia.

“ATN universities have been in India for more than 20 years when Deakin University first established ties there and this is a great opportunity to demonstrate to the new minister the long-term commitment of our universities to India.”

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