

COMMONWEALTH SCHOLARSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP PLAN

Statement by the Acting Prime Minister, Mr. J. McEwen

The Acting Prime Minister, Mr. McEwen, announced today that the first senior award to be offered by Australia to an educator from another Commonwealth country under the Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan had been accepted by Dr. P.F.R. Venables, Principal of the College of Advanced Technology of the City of Birmingham.

Mr. McEwen said that Dr. Venables' visit should provide a stimulus in the field of technical education in Australia. Dr. Venables was one of the leading figures in technological education in the United Kingdom and had been closely associated with recent important overseas developments in this field.

Dr. Venables was expected to arrive in Australia towards the end of July to spend six weeks in Australia.

Mr. McEwen added that Australia had offered scholarships to over twenty Commonwealth countries, mainly for post-graduate studies at Australian universities.

Fifty awards would be made, tenable from the beginning of the 1961 academic year, but it was expected that a small number of students would arrive in Australia shortly to commence post-graduate study during 1960.

Furthermore, offers of scholarships had now been received in Australia from the United Kingdom, Canada, New Zealand, South Africa, Malaya and Hong Kong.

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