



Call for Expressions of Interest

LG Professionals Australia seeks partner in Myanmar

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LG Professionals Australia is looking for a local partner (NGO / community organisation / civil society group / firm) in Myanmar to implement its International Mentor Program from 2018 and onwards.

LG Professionals Australia is a not-for-profit organisation established in 1936. It is a national peak body representing professionals of more than 550 councils across Australia. The International Mentor Program is one of the key programs within the organisation, promoting international local development through in-country platforms such as local councils, community-based organisations and civil society groups.

The International Mentor Program (IMP), launched in 2012, is one of the organisation's key programs. Currently, it is operational in Kathmandu in Nepal, and Siem Reap and Phnom Penh in Cambodia. IMP is a voluntary program run with a very limited administrative budget

The program annually recruits around 10 to 15 young people at each location who are studying at the tertiary level or have completed their tertiary education in the targeted country. To be selected for the program, applicants must be motivated young community leaders covered by LG Professionals Australia. Leaders who are enthusiastic and keen to learn the basic skills of project management, and at the same time, are interested in implementing their own small community project to make incremental improvements to their communities. All the selected mentees are closely supported by their individual mentors who are highly skilled professionals in Australia. Mentor and mentee work together for almost 5 months to design and implement the selected project and learn from each other.

The program director, who is a highly-experienced CEO in one of the largest cities in Australia, travels to participating countries twice a year to deliver the inception and closing reviews of the program. This program offers ample opportunities to link Myanmar with

Australia. It has helped hundreds of young leaders in Nepal and Cambodia, influencing their lives and careers. The mentors provide customised support to their individual mentees and this relationship often lasts well beyond the program.

LG Professionals Australia is keen to support the decentralisation process and rural development in Myanmar. The selected organisation will provide an avenue for LG Professionals Australia to facilitate this process. For more information on the International Mentor Program of LG Professionals Australia, please visit

www.lgprofessionalsaustralia.org.au/international-mentor-program.html

Interested organisations / individuals / firms are requested to send their EoI with a short cover letter and a brief organisational profile to office@lgprofessionalsaustralia.org.au