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## Electrifying exchanges for South Australian and Asian students

A total of 35 students will travel between South Australia and the Asia Pacific nations on education exchange opportunities, after being named as the latest recipients of the prestigious Endeavour Australia Cheung Kong Scholarship.

From the 2008 round announced today, 18 South Australian university students will travel overseas on placements and 17 Asian students will study at SA universities.

The \$7.5 million dollar student exchange programme, which is jointly-funded by the Cheung Kong Group and the Federal Government, supports educational exchange between students in Australia and the Asia Pacific regions.

The Cheung Kong Group is one of Australia's largest foreign investors with local interests including ETSA Utilities.

The Governor, His Excellency Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce, presented awards to this year's scholarship recipients along with Group Managing Director of Cheung Kong Infrastructure Holdings Limited, Mr HL Kam, at a ceremony this evening (6 pm, Sunday 21 September) at Adelaide's Festival Centre.

Since its launch in 2004, the Scholarship Programme has been significantly oversubscribed each year. It now offers 200 scholarships to undergraduates and 20 scholarships to postgraduates annually, half of which are designated for Australian students going to Asia and half for Asian students going to Australia. Over the past five years, the Programme has supported the participation of nearly 1,000 students in educational exchange opportunities.

Mr Kam said the Cheung Kong Group was extremely pleased to join the Australian Government in supporting the programme.

"We believe the programme can be summed up by an old Chinese Proverb that says 'learning has no boundaries'," Mr Kam said.

"Through such exchanges between young Asian and Australian university students comes greater understanding and appreciation, which is vital for our future and mutual development."

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### **About ETSA Utilities**

ETSA Utilities is South Australia's electricity distributor, delivering energy from the transmission network through poles, wires, substations and transformers to about 800,000 customers. With more than 60 years experience, we are one of South Australia's largest organisations which employs about 1700 people throughout metropolitan and regional South Australia.

ETSA Utilities is 51 percent owned by Cheung Kong Infrastructure Holdings Limited and Hongkong Electric Holdings, which form part of the Cheung Kong Group of companies. The remaining 49 percent is owned by Spark Infrastructure. Spark Infrastructure began trading on the ASX in December 2005.