



**ASSOCIATION OF  
AUSTRALIAN EDUCATION  
REPRESENTATIVE IN INDIA**

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**Media release - AAERI's 20th year celebration (released on 23rd Aug, 2016)**

AAERI is a non-profit, democratic organisation registered under the Indian Societies Act. It is the only successful model across the globe for regulating education agents. Today at AAERI we have 90 members with approximately 400 offices in India. All the members abide to the Australian Government's Education Services for Overseas Students Act (ESOS Act) and the AAERI Code of Ethics. All the AAERI members have gone through a third party integrity check and are certified by the Education Agent Training Course.

In 1996, AAERI was established with the encouragement of Prof. Tom Calma (then Counsellor, Education at the Australian High Commission). Since then, AAERI has developed to become a significant stakeholder in international student recruitment.

AAERI continues to value the support of Australian Government agencies, including the Department of Education and Training, Department of Immigration and Border Protection and Austrade and works closely with these agencies.

In August 2015, the Hon Christopher Pyne MP, then the Minister of Education, during his visit to India acknowledged the role of AAERI in the internationalisation of the Australian education sector.

There are collaborative efforts by Australia, NZ, Ireland & the UK for the ethical recruitment of international students. These efforts include the London Statement (2010) and AAERI members are encouraged to use this Statement as a basis for ethical recruitment.

With the idea of forming an association like AAERI in 1996, Prof Tom Calma recognised the value of collaborating with education agents in India.

On the 26th Aug, 2016, AAERI is celebrating its 20th year and the Australian High Commissioner to India, Her Excellency Ms. Harinder Sidhu will be the Chief Guest of Honour for a gala event. In addition, Prof Tom Calma, now Chancellor of the University of Canberra will be the Chief Guest for the event.

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