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PRESS RELEASE

i-graduate appoints new Australian Director

i-graduate, part of the Tribal Group, has appointed international education specialist Stephen Connelly as the new director of its Australian operations.

In 2016 Stephen received the IEAA Excellence Award for Distinguished Contribution to International Education (www.ieaa.org.au/what-we-do/award-winners-2016) as recognition of his work over 25 years in the education sector in Australia and around the region. Over the past four years Stephen has run a highly successful consulting firm, GlobalEd Services, specialising in international education. The role with i-graduate will enable clients of both organisations to access a broad suite of services and products, from benchmarking and surveying to specialist international education advice and assistance.

Stephen Connelly, Director, GlobalEd Services Australia

Over the past 10 years i-graduate has become an integral part of the education sector in Australia, including, importantly, Australia's \$19b international education industry. The opportunity to combine the international education expertise and focus of GlobalEd Services with i-graduate's suite of products and services is exciting, and I look forward to continuing to further growing and providing added value to our clients and to i-graduate's partnerships in Australia.

Nick Stanley, Managing Director, Tribal Group (Asia Pacific):

i-graduate have been delivering comparative insights to the education sector in Australia since 2006, helping institutions deliver a world-class student experience to enhance their competitive advantage. Stephen's experience and approach is the perfect counterpart to ensure our continued success partnering providers in this dynamic market.

Stephen has begun the transition process, working closely with outgoing Director Kevin Brett, and will fully assume the role in February 2017.

About i-graduate

i-graduate tracks and benchmarks student and stakeholder opinions across the entire student journey, from prospective students to alumni. Established in 2005, i-graduate has obtained feedback from 2.7 million students and worked with 1,400 institutions in over 30 countries. i-graduate runs the world's largest survey of international student satisfaction - the *International Student Barometer* - as well as surveys of domestic students, TNE students and distance learners, English language learners and education agents. In Australia i-graduate also runs the suite of benchmarking exercises for the Australian Universities' International Directors' Forum (AUIDF). More information at i-graduate.org.

About GlobalEd Services

Based in Melbourne, Australia, GlobalEd Services assists education institutions to achieve their internationalisation objectives. Drawing on 25 years' experience in Asia, Europe and North and South America, GlobalEd Services provides advice and assistance in strategy and business development, partnerships, relationship management, international student recruitment, transnational education, global mobility, staff professional development and organizational structures and review.

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