Minister for Multicultural Affairs, Peter Styles, has congratulated the successful recipient of the Charles See Kee Leadership scholarship.

“The Charles See Kee Leadership scholarship provides an opportunity to support students who have resettled in Australia for humanitarian reasons,” Mr Styles said.

“This year’s recipient is Ms Rebecca Tshibangu, who came to Australia in 2013 after fleeing the Democratic Republic of Congo to a refugee camp in Botswana where she stayed for 13 years.

“Ms Tshibangu is studying a Bachelor of Social Work at Charles Darwin University and will receive financial support during the course of her studies.

“Finding inspiration though her interaction with people from the different parts of Africa, Ms Tshibangu has developed an understanding of how different ways of thinking and living shaped people’s lives.

“Ms Tshibangu has a keen interest in women’s issues and wants to make life better, not just for herself, but for others as well and is involved in helping with family programs for refugees at the Melaleuca Refugee Centre.

“By assisting new Territorians, the Giles Government is striving to improve the skills and diversity of the Territory’s workforce to encourage growth both economically and socially.”

The scholarship was named after leading Territory multiculturalism advocate, Charles See Kee.

In 1977 Charles See Kee established the Ethnic Communities Council of the Northern Territory, which now is known as the Multicultural Council of the Northern Territory.

He also founded the Multilingual Broadcasting Council and the Chinese Culture and Language School.
Applications for the Charles See Kee Leadership Scholarship are managed by Charles Darwin University. The scholarship opens in November each year and closes early March.

For more information on the Scholarship, visit http://www.cdu.edu.au/scholarships

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