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Title: USA: Vietnam, other nations look to U. S. –Style Community Colleges

Link: http://www.usatoday.com/news/education/2009-09-23-vietnam-community-college_N.htm

Summary: Other countries, too, are tapping into U.S. community college expertise as they diversify their higher education systems. In April, China's Ministry of Education sent a delegation to the American Association of Community College convention in Phoenix, and a second group plans to visit in November.

The first of several community colleges developed by the Republic of Georgia opened last year, with assistance from community colleges in Illinois, Iowa and Wisconsin. Qatar's government is working with two U.S. community college presidents as it looks into offering associate degrees and a transfer option to four-year universities.

Date: September 24, 2009

Source: USA Today

Title: AUSTRALIA: Home-grown rankings gain support

Link: <http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=2009092502234249>

Summary: Support is growing across Australia's higher education sector for an independent national university ranking system that would be more comprehensive than the Shanghai Jiao Tong survey of world universities, writes Andrew Trounson for The Australian. A national ranking would complement new performance indicators being developed by the federal government.

Date: September 27, 2009

Source: The Australian (<http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0,25197,26111342-12332,00.html>) via University World News

Title: NIGERIA: Shift toward private universities

Link: <http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20090925024306457>

Summary: Private higher education in Nigeria has grown rapidly. There are 33 private universities, and 61 public universities financed by federal and regional governments.

Private universities, which do not allow trade unionism, have experienced a dramatic increase in the number of candidates applying for admission. But only students from middle and upper class families who can afford the high fees are applying - including the children of staff in strike-crippled public universities.

Date: September 27, 2009

Source: University World News

Title: GLOBAL: International students: a \$100 billion business?

Link: <http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20090925022811395>

Summary: "It is good for the economy" has been one of the public policy mantras for supporting the inflow of international students since the 1980s. Sure, there were lots of other reasons. At the national level, international students were important strategically and diplomatically - fostering global engagement and cross cultural understanding, promoting freedom and democracy and easing tensions between neighbouring countries.

Institutionally, students from other cultures and economies diversified the student body and symbolised the international mission of colleges and universities. They also brought fee revenue.

Date: September 27, 2009

Source: University World News

Title: USA: Economic crisis slashes US study abroad enrolments

Link: <http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20090925025603271>

Summary: A survey conducted by the Forum on Education Abroad and published this month has shown that one year since the onset of the current global economic crisis, fewer American students are traveling abroad to study.

The survey of American private and public institutions as well as affiliated overseas universities and independent study-abroad providers sought to determine the impact of the economic downturn on education abroad programmes, enrolments and budgets.

Date: September 27, 2009

Source: University World News

Title: ICELAND: OECD recovery package urges tuition fees

Link: <http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20090925025458452>

Summary: The OECD has reinforced its advice to Iceland to consider seriously the introduction of tuition fees at public universities.

The organisation has previously recommended that Iceland's public universities should be empowered to charge tuition fees. But the epic banking crisis that precipitated a deep recession prompted it to repeat the advice in a recovery plan published earlier this month.

The OECD pointed out the shortcomings in its economic review of 2006, and recommended a series of measures which promised not only better outcomes but also lower costs.

Date: September 27, 2009

Source: University World News

Title: SWEDEN: Fees for foreign students possible from 2010

Link: <http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20090925025236467>

Summary: The Swedish Government is discussing how and when to introduce tuition fees for students from outside the European Union.

The reason why Sweden is wanting to introduce an application fee - likely to be around SEK1,000 - is that higher education institutions were this year flooded with 114,900 applications from non-European students, with only 18,000 offered admission.

Date: September 27, 2009

Source: University World News

Title: **M** U of M-led HIV/AIDS research among nation's best

Link: <http://myuminfo.umanitoba.ca/index.asp?sec=2&too=100&eve=8&dat=9/28/2009&npa=20366>

Summary: HIV virus remains determined and aggressive, much like the scientists trying to stop it in its tracks. University of Manitoba professor Stephen Moses was principal investigator in research that revealed a significant hole in the deadly virus' armour. His team showed that male circumcision significantly reduces the risk of acquiring HIV for men who have heterosexual intercourse.

Date: September 28, 2009

Source: University of Manitoba

Title: THAILAND: Education business likely to grow 10% annually

Link: <http://enews.mcot.net/view.php?id=12040>

Summary: According to Thailand's export chief, the education business sector in Thailand is projected to grow at least 10 per cent annually linked to the implementation of the Abhisit government's Thai Kem Keng Scheme (Strong Thailand Project).

International students currently contribute some Bt50 billion of Thailand's Bt70 billion education business sector, according to Director-General Rachaen Pojjanasunthorn of the Department of Export Promotion (DEP).

Date: September 28, 2009

Source: MCOT. Net

Title: USA: 'The Chinese Are Coming'

Link: <http://www.insidehighered.com/news/2009/09/28/china#>

Summary: Carleton College has 18 new students from China this year, and they are paying about half of their own expenses. A handful of them don't need any financial aid at all. While Chinese graduate students are no shock on university campuses, significant cohorts of undergraduate applications from China are a new phenomenon at most colleges. Just a few years ago, Carleton had only three or four students enrolling from China, and it never enrolled students who could afford to pay their own way.

Date: September 28, 2009

Source: Inside Higher Ed

Title: TAIWAN: U.S. remains top choice for overseas study

Link: http://www.etaiwannews.com/etn/news_content.php?id=1068678&lang=eng_news&cate_img=49.jpg&cate_rss=news_Society_TAIWAN

Summary : Taiwan has been among the Top 10 sources of foreign students in the U.S and has ranked fifth or sixth in recent years. Despite the fluctuations in the U.S. economy last year, it is believed that the economy has little influence on recruiting foreign students.

"The greatest variety of programs, types of schools and a very open academic system that allows students to think, explore and experiment are what stands out in U.S. education," said Scott Robinson, director of American Cultural Center during an interview with the Taiwan News on Sept. 23.

Date: September 29, 2009

Source: Taiwan News

Title: USA: U.S. Needs Strategic Approach to Recruit Foreign Students, Researchers Say

Link: <http://chronicle.com/blogPost/US-Needs-Strategic-Approa/8251/>

Summary: The United States needs a national strategy for recruiting foreign students, with the goal of doubling the number of students from overseas, to 1.25 million, over the next decade, according to a new paper by researchers at the Center for Studies in Higher Education at the University of California at Berkeley. To do that, the researchers say, the country needs to expand enrolment and program capacity, build reciprocal global networks, and promote higher education as a critical American asset and export.

Date: September 29, 2009

Source: The Chronicle of Higher Education

Title: ♦ Atlantic Universities Should Band Together To Recruit Internationally, Says UNB President

Link: <http://www.academicagroup.ca/node/8558>

Summary: University of New Brunswick president Eddy Campbell suggests universities in Atlantic Canada should work together when it comes to foreign student recruitment, instead of each institution working alone. Campbell says the schools may need an Atlantic Canadian message pointing out to people worldwide that there is a high concentration of terrific universities in this part of the world.

Date: September 30, 2009

Source: Telegraph-Journal (<http://telegraphjournal.canadaeast.com/search/article/806832>) via Academica Group Inc.

Title: UK: UK students should learn Chinese

Link: <http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/comment/letters/article6854301.ece#>

Summary: Despite China's growing economic and global significance, the traffic is largely one-way, with thousands of Chinese studying in UK universities.

Date: September 30, 2009

Source: Times Online

Title: UK: Drop in Scottish student numbers

Link: http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/scotland/8282612.stm

Summary: In recent years, the number of foreign students in Scotland had expanded enormously. This is seen as an important source of revenue for Scottish institutions. The number of students on Scottish campuses fell for the first time since the millennium – despite numbers rising in England.

Date: September 30, 2009

Source: BBC News

Title: SAUDI ARABIA: Saudi king's university slammed for coed classes

Link: http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5iGpION_unvG8YW_IzI5ECEVJiJgD9B1PKRG3

Summary: A prominent Muslim cleric has criticized a new Saudi university launched by King Abdullah for allowing men and women to take classes together. Saudi officials have envisaged the university as a key part of the kingdom's plans to transform itself into a global scientific hub — its latest efforts to diversify its oil-reliant economy.

Date: September 30, 2009

Source: Google News

Title: AUSTRALIA: Aussies angered by job-hungry Indians

Link: http://www.dnaindia.com/india/report_aussies-angered-by-job-hungry-indians_1294173

Summary: Recently, the Indian students in Australia have been attacked by some angry unemployed Australian youths. The reason was stated that Indian students have of late become one of the most visible communities living in Australia and majorities of them bagged jobs too.

Date: October 1, 2009

Source: DNA Read the World

Title: RUSSIA: Russia Cracks Down on Fraud in College Entrance Exam

Link: <http://chronicle.com/article/Russia-Cracks-Down-on-Fraud-in/48662/>

Summary: This year Russia introduced a nationwide university entrance exam in hopes of reducing bribery and other forms of corruption that have become rampant in the college admissions process throughout the country.

A federal education-inspection service began investigating the administrators after receiving complaints from universities about student performance and from parents about bureaucrats asking for bribes.

Date: October 1, 2009

Source: The Chronicle of Higher Education

Title: INDIA: UK student visa now has a new funding clause

Link: <http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/news/city/mumbai/UK-student-visa-now-has-a-new-funding-clause/articleshow/5079087.cms>

Summary: The UK Border Agency on Thursday reminded applicants of the changes in its visa funding requirements. From now on, those seeking Tier 4 UK student visas will be required to hold the stipulated funds in their personal bank accounts or that of their parents or legal guardians for at least 28 days before making their visa applications.

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Source: The Times of India

Title:	TAIWAN: Globalization putting a premium on overseas studies
Link:	http://www.etaiwannews.com/etn/news_content.php?id=1071679&lang=eng_news&cate_img=83.jpg&cate_rss=news_Politics_TAIWAN
Summary :	<p>The Director General of the Ministry of Education's (MOE) Bureau of International Cultural and Educational Relations, CJ Liu, encourages students to study abroad to see beyond Taiwan, by broadening their world view and sharpening their global competitiveness.</p> <p>To encourage students to explore the world outside Taiwan to further their education, Liu said the MOE has launched policies such as government-sponsored full scholarships for overseas study, study-abroad scholarships for graduate students, and study-abroad loans.</p>
Date:	October 2, 2009
Source:	Taiwan News