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Title: USA: More U.S. students picking Canadian universities

Link: http://www.philly.com/inquirer/local/20090928_More_U_S_students_picking_Canadian_universities.html

Summary: More American students are finding worth in Canada's higher-education system, where costs are lower than many private schools in the United States and in some cases similar to costs at flagship state schools, such as Pennsylvania State and Rutgers Universities.

During the last decade, the number of American students at Canadian universities has more than doubled, says the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada, to 8,200 in 2007-08, up from 3,312 a decade ago. The Canadian Embassy in Washington expects there will be as many as 10,000 this year, making the United States the second-largest exporter of students to Canada behind China.

Date: September 28, 2009

Source: The Philadelphia Inquirer

Title: INDIA: Sibal eyes tie-ups with leading global universities

Link: <http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/politics/nation/Sibal-eyes-tie-ups-with-leading-global-universities/articleshow/5066504.cms>

Summary: The ministry for human resource development is keen to tie up with the world's leading universities to ensure that its "innovation universities" are a class apart from the pack. During his visit to the US in late October, the minister for human resource development Kapil Sibal would like to firm up MOUs with leading US universities to collaborate with the proposed innovation universities.

The government proposes to set up these universities as "global centres of innovation" and would like to draw on the talent and expertise of leading universities.

Date: September 29, 2009

Source: The Economic Times

Title: AFRICA-SOUTH AMERICA: New university partnerships

Link: <http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20091001182958343>

Summary: Africa's 53 states and South America's 12 countries plan to deepen their alliances by cooperating in areas of mutual interest, including higher education, science and technology. The plan was approved by heads of state at the second Africa-South America Summit held on Venezuela's Margarita Island from 26-27 September.

Working groups were formed to promote cooperation in education, science and technology, and communications, as well as in agriculture and the environment. Responsibility for the programmes will rest with Senegal and Venezuela, Brazil and Cameroon, and Guyana and Uganda respectively.

Date: October 4, 2009

Source: University News World

Title: VIETNAM: Higher education cooperation deal with US

Link: <http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20091001175531703>

Summary: Vietnam's Ministry of Education and Training and the US Embassy in Hanoi on 30 September signed an agreement to cooperate in education, the radio station VOVNews reports. Under the agreement, both parties will step up cooperation through a training programme between Vietnamese and US colleges and universities before establishing a Vietnam-US University in Vietnam.

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Source: VovNews (<http://english.vovnews.vn/Home/Vietnam-US-tighten-education-cooperation/20099/108366.vov>) via University World News

Title: UK: Dreams and football support foreign student drive

Link: <http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20091001182614898>

Summary: Three international challenges are seeking to capture the benefits of a UK university education, attracting teams from universities and institutes in China and South Korea. The separate competitions range from designing an earthquake-resistant hospital to managing a top international football team and an exploration of sleep and dreaming.

The three challenges have been set by the British Council to demonstrate aspects of education for which the UK is renowned - such as thinking creatively, being innovative, preparing students for the jobs market, and working in teams.

Date: October 4, 2009

Source: University World News

Title: USA: How to win the global competition for talent

Link: <http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=2009100220360484>

Summary: The Centre for Studies in Higher Education (CSHE) at the University of California, Berkeley, in a new report titled The Global Competition for Talent, recommends that the United States should aim to double its overall international student enrolments from 625,000 in 2008 to 1.25 million in 2020.

The report's authors John A Douglass and Richard Edelstein underline the strategic importance to the US of investing in higher education in order to continue capitalising on the global pool of mobile students.

Date: October 4, 2009

Source: University World News

Title: AUSTRALIA: France says it is about more than just food and fashion

Link: <http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0,25197,26167466-12335,00.html>

Summary: The French Embassy in Canberra will unveil two initiatives aimed at boosting educational links between France and Australia, which it believes will have the ultimate benefit of expanding the bilateral relationship between the two countries. In conjunction with a number of French companies and five Australian universities, the embassy has developed an internship program that will allow students to work in France for up to six months.

Students with existing French language skills will be able to apply for an internship with Australian-based French firms that will be completed in both Australia and France.

Date: October 5, 2009

Source: The Australian

Title: USA: Exchange we can believe in

Link: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/10/02/AR2009100203941.html?hpid=opinionsbox1>

Summary: Studying abroad has been a formative experience for the Iraqi leaders who have done it, and the experience can yield long-term benefits for economic development, public diplomacy, and the struggle for hearts and minds.

Despite the enormous time and effort that have been invested in establishing long-term stability and democracy in Iraq, only a few dozen Iraqis are able to study in the United States each year. By comparison, consider that during the Cold War the United States and the Soviet Union exchanged 50,000 citizens over 30 years, producing more educated students and some of the most pro-Western and pro-democracy Soviet scholars and scientists

Date: October 5, 2009

Source: The Washington Post

Title: USA: International 'Leapfrogging'

Link: <http://www.insidehighered.com/news/2009/10/05/global#>

Summary: In 1970, 29 percent of the world's college students were enrolled in the United States, which had 6 percent of the world's population. But 2006, the United States enrolled only 12 percent of the world's students. The United States actually grew in enrollments, but other parts of the world -- especially China -- experienced surges far beyond the totals in the U.S.

Date: October 5, 2009

Source: Inside Higher ED

Title: INDIA: Faculty Unrest at India's Leading Universities

Link: <http://www.insidehighered.com/news/2009/10/05/qt#209801>

Summary: About 1,500 faculty members at the Indian Institutes of Technology held a one-day hunger strike -- and are considering further fasts -- to protest low salaries.

The institutes are prestigious and considered the prize of Indian higher education, but faculty salaries start as low as \$6,000 a year. Faculty union leaders said that they were not seeking parity with American faculty salaries, but wanted pay at least competitive with business jobs in India. The faculty union says that as many as 25 percent of faculty positions are vacant due to the low salaries.

Date: October 5, 2009

Source: The Wall Street Journal (<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB125443643625257583.html>) via Inside Higher ED

Title: KSA: Saudi Arabia unveils co-ed 'House of Wisdom'/Postcards from Saudi Arabia: The KAUST inauguration

Link: <http://globalhighered.wordpress.com/2009/10/05/the-kaust-inauguration/>

Summary: KAUST is an example of an ambitious attempt to construct a new site of knowledge production, albeit one that is significantly deterritorialized given the globalized nature of the forms and quality of the epistemic communities being targeted, and the cultural-politics of Saudi Arabia.

It is a unique experiment on how to organize an institution to facilitate innovation in scientific knowledge production, a secure and efficient compound (hence Saudi Aramco's involvement), a defacto sovereign wealth fund, a demonstration effect for new approaches to higher education in Saudi Arabia, and many other things.

Date: October 5, 2009

Source: Global Higher ED

Title: ♦ Chinese immigrants Canada's brain gain

Link: <http://www.nationalpost.com/news/canada/story.html?id=2066528>

Summary: An astonishing 88.3% of young Chinese immigrants in Canada go to university -- more than double the figure for young Canadians as a whole, according to a new study.

When community college was added to the mix, 98.3% of young Chinese immigrants sought post-secondary education by the time they were 21 years old.

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Source: National Post

Title: ♦ Back to the Future: Imagining the future of Canadian post-secondary education- Trend #2

Link: <http://www.universityaffairs.ca/back-to-the-future.aspx#>

Summary: The period 2010-15 is now known as the start of the era of the global university. In the previous decade, some schools had experimented with setting up single campuses abroad, in East Asia or the Gulf states. But now, major British and North American universities were setting up multiple campuses around the world. Johns Hopkins had campuses in eight countries, while Texas A&M and Cornell had six each.

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Source: University Affairs

Title: ♦ **Back to the Future: Imagining the future of Canadian post-secondary education- Trend #4**

Link: <http://www.universityaffairs.ca/back-to-the-future.aspx#>

Summary: While a couple of G-5 universities belatedly began setting up campuses abroad, many other institutions concluded that the risks of operating abroad in a catch-up situation required a more radical solution. Hence, the creation of the University of Canada, a collective effort of two dozen institutions that within three years had established campuses in India, China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Morocco, Mexico and the United Arab Emirates.

Date: October 5, 2009

Source: University Affairs

Title: **USA: U.S. Criticizes Ban on Foreign Travel by Students in Turkmenistan**

Link: http://chronicle.com/blogPost/US-Criticizes-Ban-on-Foreign/8330/?sid=pm&utm_source=pm&utm_medium=en

Summary: The U.S. Embassy in Turkmenistan today criticized the Turkmen government for barring students from studying outside of the country, the Associated Press reported. The de facto ban began in July, when the country's minister of education imposed new rules that required students to seek official permission to study abroad.

Date: October 5, 2009

Source: The Chronicle of Higher Education

Title: ♦ **Professors Make the Grade: International Students cite Canadian educators as one of the best things about their learning adventure in Canada**

Link: http://www.cbie.ca/data/media/releases/20091005_mediaRelease.pdf

Summary: Canadian educators are open, engaged, at the top of their field and at the cutting edge of research, says Karron James in describing her Canadian learning experience. This message resounded in a letter that Karron wrote, as did hundreds of other letters from applicants for the prestigious Liz Paterson International Student of the Year Award.

Date: October 5, 2009

Source: CBIE website

Title: **M More distance learners than ever at RRC**

Link: <http://www.rrc.mb.ca/index.php?pid=2384&mid=3588&rid=699>

Summary: More students than ever before are pursuing their education at Red River College without ever having to set foot on campus. RRC currently offers 13 certificates, two post-graduate certificates and two diplomas entirely by distance education. Students can also combine distance and in-class learning to pursue several dozen more certificate options.

Date: October 5, 2009

Source: Red River College website

Title: **AUSTRALIA: Foreign Student Complaints About Australia and UK**

Link: <http://www.insidehighered.com/news/2009/10/06/qt#209882>

Summary: Australia's government has issued a report criticizing its treatment of foreign students, and noting that violent attacks on some Indian students have damaged the country's reputation with potential students, Bloomberg reported. Britain, meanwhile, is getting criticized in Pakistan over visa delays that have prevented thousands of students from starting their classes on time this semester, *The Guardian* reported.

Date: October 6, 2009

Source: Guardian. Co.uk (<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2009/oct/04/visa-pakistan-uk-students-university>) via Inside Higher ED

Title: USA: University invites Yale administrators to help plan new liberal arts college

Link: <http://www.yaledailynews.com/news/2009/10/06/yale-in-singapore/>

Summary: Yale is turning its international attention southward from China to lend a hand to the National University of Singapore.

The Southeast Asian island's largest university invited Yale administrators and professors to consult at the end of June on a new liberal arts college that NUS hopes to open. Administrators have not decided the extent of Yale's commitment to the project, and there is no timeline for the college's opening.

Date: October 6, 2009

Source: Yale Daily News

Title: 🍁 Canadian universities falling behind in drawing students from China

Link: <http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/world/canadian-universities-falling-behind-in-drawing-students-from-china/article1313302/>

Summary: As a young adult just out of university 25 years ago, Henry Wang was among the first wave of Chinese students permitted to go abroad to study. As China's middle class grows, a foreign education has become even more prized, and Canadian universities, colleges and even secondary schools are lining up in the hope of winning their share of new talent and tuition money.

"Canada always has a good image for overseas studies," said Mr. Wang, who now heads the Center for China and Globalization, a private think tank, in Beijing and serves as vice-chair for the China Western Returned Scholars Association.

Date: October 6, 2009

Source: The Globe and mail

Title: UK: An Online University – with no Fees

Link: <http://www.guardian.co.uk/education/2009/oct/06/online-university-no-fees>

Summary: It has no campus, no lecture theatres and hardly any paid staff, but the International University of the People, which opened last month, does have one big plus point – no tuition fees.

The university's ambition to democratise education, combined with its not-for-profit ethos, has brought it support from humanitarian organisations, including the UN's Global Alliance for ICT and Development. But its teaching model, which uses open-source technology, the increasing availability of free educational material available online, social networking and more than 800 volunteer educators, has also attracted attention because of broader implications for the way higher education will be delivered in future.

Date: October 6, 2009

Source: Guardian.co.uk

Title: USA: U. of Washington Tightens Oversight of Study Abroad

Link: http://chronicle.com/blogPost/U-of-Washington-Tightens/8357/?sid=pm&utm_source=pm&utm_medium=en

Summary: The University of Washington, which has dealt with problems in study abroad in recent years, has increased its oversight of the programs, according to the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*. New rules include mandatory training for faculty members who lead trips and better communication procedures.

Date: October 6, 2009

Source: The Chronicle of Higher Education

Title: AUSTRALIA: Down Under still top choice for M'sians

Link: <http://www.thesundaily.com/article.cfm?id=38730>

Summary: Australia continues to be the destination of choice for Malaysian students, with a 10% increase in enrolments of Malaysian students in Australian educational institutions this year compared to last year. Australia's popularity amongst Malaysian students is reflected by the response to last year's annual Study in Australia education fair, which recorded 4,000 visitors.

Date: October 6, 2009

Source: Sun2Surf

Title: VIETNAM: Vietnam works with France to build University of Technology

Link: <http://english.vovnews.vn/Home/Vietnam-works-with-France-to-build-University-of-Technology/200910/108611.vov>

Summary: Vietnam's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education and Training, Nguyen Thien Nhan and France's Minister of Higher Education and Research, Valerie Pecresse have discussed a project to build a University of Technology in Vietnam in association with 40 French universities.

Date: October 7, 2009

Source: VoVNews

Title:  Canadian universities advance in global ranking

Link: <http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/national/canadian-universities-advance-in-global-ranking/article1316184/>

Summary: Canadian universities continue to make gains in a widely watched ranking of higher education, but the principal of McGill University, the country's top finisher, says that position is "precarious" without further government investment.

The results, released Thursday by the Times Higher Education-QS World University Rankings , saw three Canadian schools – McGill, the University of Toronto and the University of Alberta – post improved results. The numbers also point to the increasing profile of campuses outside North America, especially those in Asia.

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Source: The Globe and Mail National