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**Title:** AUSTRALIA: Australian schools fail in preparing students for workforce

**Link:** [http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2009-10/08/content\\_12193957.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2009-10/08/content_12193957.htm)

**Summary:** Australia's education system came under fire on Thursday, as a new report revealed it had failed to prepare students for the modern workforce. The report by the Center for Skills Development said the education system was too focused on basics like literacy, numeracy and computing, neglecting more complex things such as teamwork and emotional intelligence.

**Date:** October 8, 2009

**Source:** China View

**Title:** UAE: Catching Up in the Persian Gulf

**Link:** <http://chronicle.com/article/Catching-Up-in-the-Persian/48735/>

**Summary:** Eleven years ago, when Zayed University opened its doors in the United Arab Emirates, it admitted only a narrow set of college-aged students: Emirati women. Building a student body that reflects the diversity of the resident population of the UAE, especially at a university where the government pays the full cost of tuition, has never been seen to fit that mandate. But with more state universities in the Gulf seeking the nod from American accreditation agencies, administrators and faculty members are beginning to discuss how to satisfy accreditors in terms of diversity.

**Date:** October 11, 2009

**Source:** The Chronicle of Higher Education

**Title:** AUSTRALIA-FRANCE: New study and internship options

**Link:** <http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20091010121038951>

**Summary:** The Australian vice-chancellors group, Universities Australia, together with the French Conference of University Presidents and the French Engineering Schools Directors' Committee established a framework whereby students who have undertaken secondary school or university studies in Australia or France can apply to study at universities in either country, with equivalent standing to local students.

**Date:** October 11, 2009

**Source:** University World News

**Title:** EUROPE: Call to scrap Erasmus

**Link:** <http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20091010122544392>

**Summary:** Franck Biancheri, President of the trans-European political movement Newropeans, has proposed scrapping the EU Commission's Erasmus student exchange programme, claiming it is outdated. His voice could carry some weight as he actively participated in its establishment.

The Erasmus type of European discovery was adapted to give students a good flavour of another European country but was neither sufficient in number to have a significant democratic impact, nor in studies to train future EU managers of all kinds. Something costlier and shorter was needed.

**Date:** October 11, 2009

**Source:** University World News

**Title:** EUROPE: Leaders emphasise global connections

**Link:** <http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20091011110451707>

**Summary:** European university leaders fear the Bologna process is being seen as a mechanism to make Europe "too Europe-centred". At the European University Association's autumn conference in Giessen last week, the leaders were anxious that Europe be viewed by the rest of the global academic community as outward looking and ready to engage with those beyond its shores.

Internationalisation had to become a top priority for senior university executives, she added. "It requires professional management at all levels successfully to contribute to the development of a higher education institution."

**Date:** October 11, 2009

**Source:** University World News

**Title:** **US-AUSTRALIA: Alarm lessens over foreign invaders**

**Link:** <http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20091010122703646>

**Summary:** Kaplan alarm bells sounded in Australian university marketing departments four years ago when they learned that one of America's largest for-profit education organisations was planning a dramatic expansion of its overseas operations.

Kaplan, a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Washington Post company, contributes more profit to its parent than does the flagship newspaper in the American capital - an indication of the profitability of selling education services.

**Date:** October 11, 2009

**Source:** University World News

**Title:** **VIETNAM: US\$50 million World Bank loan**

**Link:** <http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20091010122815389>

**Summary:** The World Bank has approved a US\$50 million loan for its higher education development policy programme in Vietnam, the first time the bank has injected money into the sector. A constant in-pouring of foreign investment as a result of the liberalisation meant that certain sectors such as manufacturing grew at a phenomenal pace. But because of the slow pace of higher education reform, Vietnam faces a severe shortage of skilled people - hence the World Bank loan.

**Date:** October 11, 2009

**Source:** University World News

**Title:** **🍁 Canadian Universities See Big Jump in Foreign-Student Enrollments**

**Link:** <http://chronicle.com/article/Canadian-Universities-See-Big/48759/>

**Summary:** Canada has long lagged behind other English-speaking nations when it comes to international student recruitment. The United States, Australia, and Britain all have larger shares of this highly competitive market.

The University of Alberta, a large research institution, reported a 45-percent increase in newly registered foreign students, to nearly 2,000. The University of Prince Edward Island announced a 32-percent hike in its international student population, to 441, or 10 percent of its enrolment. And McGill University, where international students account for 18 percent of total enrolment, saw the number of new foreign undergraduates rise 17 percent this fall.

**Date:** October 12, 2009

**Source:** The Chronicle of Higher Education

**Title:** **USA: U.S. Student Visas Drop 25% in India**

**Link:** <http://www.insidehighered.com/news/2009/10/12/qt#210285>

**Summary:** The number of U.S. students visas issued in India fell 25 percent in the last year, *The Economic Times* reported. Experts told the newspaper that they believed the decline was not due to tougher standards on visas, but because many colleges in the United States appear to be cutting down on financial aid awards to Indian students, making them less interested in seeking a visa.

**Date:** October 12, 2009

**Source:** The Economic Times (<http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/articleshow/5111035.cms>) via Inside Higher ED

**Title:** KOREA: Korean Students Struggle at Ivy League Colleges

**Link:** [http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html\\_dir/2009/10/12/2009101200929.html](http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2009/10/12/2009101200929.html)

**Summary:** The number of Korean students at Ivy League universities is on the rise, but little more than half complete their courses. According to figures from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, around 110,000 Korean students were studying in the U.S. as of this year, the largest group of foreign nationals for the fourth year running.

Despite getting the high required scores on standardized multiple-choice English tests, students often realize that their actual language skills are insufficient to follow lectures and take part in discussions.

**Date:** October 12, 2009

**Source:** The Cholsun Ilbo

**Title:** USA: International students find overseas job market more attractive

**Link:** <http://www.dailyprincetonian.com/2009/10/12/24104/>

**Summary:** As members of the Class of 2010 fill their schedules this fall with job interviews, many international students are re-evaluating their decision to work in the United States after graduating.

As young graduates worldwide have been struggling to find work during the economic downturn, international students are having a particularly hard time because of employment restrictions as well as recent legislation. The Employ American Workers Act, enacted in February, prohibits companies that have received funds from the federal government's Troubled Asset Relief Program from hiring workers who are not U.S. citizens.

**Date:** October 12, 2009

**Source:** The Daily Princetonian

**Title:** USA: Are we witnessing a key moment in the reworking of the global higher education & research landscape?

**Link:** <http://globalhighered.wordpress.com/2009/10/12/reworking-of-the-global-higher-education-landscape/>

**Summary:** Over the last several weeks more questions about the changing nature of the relative position of national higher education and research systems have emerged. These questions have often been framed around the notion that the US higher education system (assuming there is one system) *might* be in relative decline, that flagship UK universities (national champions?) like Oxford are unable to face challenges given the constraints facing them, and that universities from 'emerging' regions (East and South Asia, in particular) are 'rising' due to the impact of continual or increasing investment in higher education and research.

**Date:** October 12, 2009

**Source:** Global Higher ED

**Title:** **M** Nursing: A Relationship

**Link:** <http://myuminfo.umanitoba.ca/index.asp?sec=143&too=100&dat=10/20/2009&sta=3&wee=4&eve=8&npa=20494>

**Summary:** Six students and two faculty members from Sichuan University participated in University of Manitoba Faculty of Nursing classes and learned about the Canadian health care system as part of an exchange program the schools established in 2007.

The relationship with the Sichuan University began in the 90s when the U of M received grants to help what was then known as Western China School of Nursing to develop a sustainable program. In 2001 the school was mature enough to be on its own and now the two schools keep the relationship alive with student exchanges.

**Date:** October 13, 2009

**Source:** University of Manitoba website

**Title:** VIETNAM: Education budget grows 600% from 2001 but quality gains hard to see

**Link:** <http://english.vietnamnet.vn/features/200910/Education-budget-grows-600-from-2001-but-quality-gains-hard-to-see-873361/>

**Summary:** A Finance Ministry publication projects education and training expenditures in 2009 at some 100,000 billion dong, 20 percent of the State Budget. At the website of the Ministry of Education and Training (MoET), we learn that the State spent 15,600 billion dong on education and training in 2001. That expense soared to 41,630 billion dong in 2005 and to 66,770 billion dong in 2007.

**Date:** October 13, 2009

**Source:** VietNamNet Bridge

**Title:** CHINA: Colleges fight for Chinese students

**Link:** [http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/metro/2009-10/13/content\\_8785477.htm](http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/metro/2009-10/13/content_8785477.htm)

**Summary:** Competition between international universities is heating up, as China grows as one of the largest exporters of students aiming to study abroad. One key reason why more Chinese students are able to study abroad is the economy: With China's boom within the past decade, more families have the financial wherewithal to send their children to international universities.

The increase in Chinese students with their sights abroad and the heightened interest from overseas institutions converge for the 2009 China Education Expo on weekends.

**Date:** October 13, 2009

**Source:** China Daily

**Title:** TAIWAN: Education Ministry making preparations for university closures

**Link:** [http://www.etaiwannews.com/etn/news\\_content.php?id=1079822&lanq=eng\\_news&cate\\_img=83.jpg&cate\\_rss=news\\_Politics\\_TAIWAN](http://www.etaiwannews.com/etn/news_content.php?id=1079822&lanq=eng_news&cate_img=83.jpg&cate_rss=news_Politics_TAIWAN)

**Summary:** The Ministry of Education (MOE) has been making preparations to help local and particularly private universities, to gradually leave the education market in the event that they continue to fail to recruit enough students, Education Minister Wu Ching-chi said yesterday. According to a recent MOE report, enrollments in privately run tertiary education institutes have continued to decline over the past two years, with enrollments falling short of the target by 6,802 in the 2009 school year.

The MOE unveiled a package of regulations in June to pave the way for local universities that have failed ministry evaluations or are unable to recruit enough students to gradually exit the education market.

**Date:** October 13, 2009

**Source:** Taiwan News

**Title:** INDIA: No of Indian students to Aus may halve next yr: IDP

**Link:** [http://www.ptinews.com/news/328598\\_No-of-Indian-students-to-Australia-may-halve-next-year-IDP#](http://www.ptinews.com/news/328598_No-of-Indian-students-to-Australia-may-halve-next-year-IDP#)

**Summary:** In the backdrop of a spate of racial attacks against Indians here, the number students from the country could dwindle by nearly 50 per cent by 2010, according to an international educational consultant.

**Date:** October 13, 2009

**Source:** Press Trust of India

**Title:** FRANCE: France calls for plan to improve language teaching

**Link:** <http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5j6ZWCLoq2RvEWUTSZpMqIH5-cTDQD9BACSC80>

**Summary:** French children generally spend years learning foreign languages in school, but the results are often dismal. So President Nicolas Sarkozy called Tuesday for an emergency plan to produce more bilingual students. Students in French public schools begin a second language in middle school and often receive up to six years of foreign language instruction. Still, many high school graduates struggle to express even the simplest thought in English, Spanish, German or other foreign languages.

**Date:** October 13, 2009

**Source:** Google News

**Title:** UK: Overseas students prop up university finances

**Link:** <http://www.guardian.co.uk/education/2009/oct/14/international-students-pay-20000>

**Summary:** Overseas students are propping up UK universities' finances, with some paying fees of more than £20,000 a year, data compiled for the Guardian reveals today. Most overseas students starting an undergraduate degree in the sciences will pay an average of £10,781 in fees for each year of their course, the data shows. This is a 3.7% increase on last year's fees, Reddin found. Those on undergraduate arts degrees will spend an average of £9,911 in fees each year, which is 4.2% more than the average for the same courses last year.

**Date:** October 14, 2009

**Source:** Guardian.co.uk

**Title:** UK: Thousands of overseas students unable to enter UK

**Link:** <http://www.guardian.co.uk/global/2009/oct/14/overseas-students-fees-visas>

**Summary:** Thousands of university places could be left unfilled and institutions millions of pounds out of pocket, because high fee-paying international students are being blocked from starting degrees under a new visa system, vice-chancellors warned yesterday.

Universities fear wealthy foreigners, who can pay more than £20,000 a year for degree courses, according to data compiled for the Guardian, will be put off studying in Britain by massive delays in processing visa applications, prompting a funding crisis.

**Date:** October 14, 2009

**Source:** Guardian.co.uk

**Title:** ♦ Another look at the Times Higher Ed rankings

**Link:** <http://www.universityaffairs.ca/margin-notes/another-look-at-the-times-higher-ed-rankings/#>

**Summary:** A nod to Rob Annan at the Researcher Forum blog for his interesting examination of the Times Higher Education-QS World University Rankings released last week. He says the rankings show that Canada's approach to academia and research is successful and balanced. We have a good number of institutions which provide widespread world-class research and teaching across the country, but we can also claim more than our fair share of "elite" institutions.

**Date:** October 14, 2009

**Source:** University Affairs

**Title:** UK: Supersize my MBA: Importing HE internationalisation

**Link:** <http://www.international.ac.uk/resources/International%20Focus%2046.14.10.09.pdf>

**Summary:** In the UK, HE internationalisation is spoken of as an export industry, but we are increasingly on the receiving end of it as well. Two months ago the Apollo Group, owners of the massive, for-profit University of Phoenix and other things, acquired BPP Holdings plc, a law and business school specialist whose strong brand and eight locations in England make it a major private-sector education provider this side of the pond. David Willetts, the Conservative shadow universities secretary, was widely quoted as saying that it would be 'fascinating' if Apollo continued to expand in this manner.

**Date:** October 14, 2009

**Source:** International Focus

**Title:** **INDIA: India: Finally opening the door to foreign universities?**

**Link:** <http://www.international.ac.uk/resources/International%20Focus%2046.14.10.09.pdf>

**Summary:** India's new minister of human resource development, Kapil Sibal, has promised legislation to permit foreign universities to open campuses in the country as early as summer 2010. As we have provided something of a running commentary on the political stresses around this issue for two years, we know enough not to place all of our bets on that happening. But there is no question that Sibal's position is a marked departure from India's traditionally sceptical position on foreign investment in higher education. He takes a practical rather than ideological line on this one, i.e., he sees more foreign university activity as one measure to address India's huge shortfall in higher education provision.

**Date:** October 14, 2009

**Source:** International Focus

**Title:** **CAMBODIA: Cambodia as a player in education**

**Link:** <http://www.phnompenhpost.com/index.php/2009101428933/Education-and-Career/cambodia-as-a-player-in-education.html>

**Summary:** Universities are set to play a key role in Cambodia's economic development, national leadership and its move forward in globalisation. Asian higher education is on the rise and looks set to take the global stage. Global university rankings show this growth, and even the European Union's education commissioner says the famous names that dominate such exercises should look to their laurels if they are not to be overtaken by the tigers from the East.

**Date:** October 14, 2009

**Source:** The Phnom Penh Post

**Title:** **INDIA: India's Higher-Education Minister Calls for Creation of SAT-Like Admissions Test**

**Link:** [http://chronicle.com/article/Indias-Higher-Education/48822/?sid=pm&utm\\_source=pm&utm\\_medium=en](http://chronicle.com/article/Indias-Higher-Education/48822/?sid=pm&utm_source=pm&utm_medium=en)

**Summary:** In a step that will radically change how Indian universities admit students, the country's minister in charge of higher education has asked the 15 soon-to-be-established central universities to formulate a common admission test akin to the SAT in the United States, according to a government statement. The common examination could later be extended to 25 other federally supported universities as well, reported the *Business Standard*, a newspaper. The Indian government in July increased its higher-education budget by an unprecedented 40 percent, to \$3.1-billion, for 2009-10.

**Date:** October 15, 2009

**Source:** The Chronicle of Higher Education

**Title:** **AUSTRALIA: Australian gov't promises better education for foreign students**

**Link:** [http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2009-10/16/content\\_12243578.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2009-10/16/content_12243578.htm)

**Summary:** Australian Deputy Prime Minister Julia Gillard has promised to guarantee that the international students coming to Australia will get a good education. Speaking to Xinhua at the University of Technology Sydney on Thursday while announcing a 71.5 million Aus dollars of federal government grants for universities to improve their facilities, Gillard said the Australian government was very much concerned about the safety of international students in Australia.

**Date:** October 16, 2009

**Source:** China View

**Title:** **🇨🇦 Canada To Spend Nearly \$11 Billion On Science And Technology**

**Link:** <http://www.academicagroup.ca/node/8674>

**Summary:** According to new Statistics Canada data, federal government spending on science and technology is expected to reach \$10.7 billion in the 2009-10 fiscal year. Intended spending on research and development will total \$6.9 billion, while related scientific activities, including the gathering, processing, and analyzing of data; information services; museum services; feasibility and policy studies; and education support will receive \$3.7 billion.

**Date:** October 16, 2009

**Source:** Academia Group Inc.

**Title:** CHINA: 'A True Liberal Arts Education'

**Link:** <http://www.insidehighered.com/news/2009/10/16/liberalarts#>

**Summary:** At a time when the liberal arts sector feels ever-increasing pressure to justify its own existence, and when colleges are feeling a greater and greater need to globalize, a bit of assistance on both these fronts has come from an unlikely source: three unassuming Chinese undergraduates, each of them attending an American liberal arts college. Yongfang Chen, Lin Nie and Li Wan, who are now seniors at Bowdoin College, Franklin and Marshall College, and Bucknell University, respectively, are the authors of *A True Liberal Arts Education* (China Publishing Group), which came out in May and is currently in its second printing.

**Date:** October 16, 2009

**Source:** Inside Higher ED

**Title:** INDIA: Sibal-Burns talks focus on India-US education council

**Link:** <http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/politics/nation/Sibal-Burns-talks-focus-on-India-US-education-council/articleshow/5129500.cms>

**Summary:** US under secretary of state William Burns on Thursday called on minister for human resource development Kapil Sibal to firm up the proposal for setting up an India-US Education Council. The HRD minister is generally not even a whistle stop for senior officials of the US State department. However, with the government signalling its keenness to open up the sector to foreign players, Mr Burns' second visit in the span of four months is significant.

**Date:** October 16, 2009

**Source:** The Economic Times

**Title:** ♦ Universities learning how to recruit

**Link:** <http://thechronicleherald.ca/NovaScotia/1147909.html>

**Summary:** Atlantic Canadian universities are in hyper-marketing mode and it's paying off. Universities in the region have been heavily recruiting internationally and nationally, Mr. Dodds said Thursday. And the enrolment numbers are up for the first time in four years, with a total increase of 1.5 per cent in undergraduate students, 5.4 per cent in graduate students and 16.5 per cent in international students.

**Date:** October 16, 2009

**Source:** The ChronicleHerald.ca

**Title:** USA: New Grant Program Will Help Colleges Build Ties to Peers in China and India

**Link:** [http://chronicle.com/article/New-Grant-Program-Will-Help/48855/?sid=pm&utm\\_source=pm&utm\\_medium=en](http://chronicle.com/article/New-Grant-Program-Will-Help/48855/?sid=pm&utm_source=pm&utm_medium=en)

**Summary:** The Institute of International Education announced today a new initiative for colleges interested in establishing partnerships with universities in two countries abroad. The International Academic Partnerships Program, financed with a \$300,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Education's Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education, is a two-year project in which the institute, known as IIE, will help American colleges establish ties with universities in India and China.

**Date:** October 16, 2009

**Source:** The Chronicle of Higher Education