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Title:	INDIA: Indian Higher-Education Minister to Court Top U.S. Universities
Link:	http://chronicle.com/article/Indian-Higher-Education/48926/?sid=at&utm_source=at&utm_medium=en
Summary:	India's minister in charge of higher education will meet next week with the heads of at least six top American universities that he hopes to persuade to set up campuses in India. Since taking office, in May, the minister, Kapil Sibal, has publicly endorsed the entry of foreign universities into India. A long-delayed bill outlining the regulations for the entry of foreign higher-education providers is expected to pass by the beginning of India's next academic year, in July 2010.
Date:	October 24, 2009 Source: The Chronicle of Higher Education

Title:	UNESCO: Education a priority for new DG
Link:	http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=2009102311015163
Summary:	Irina Bokova, Director General-elect of the UN education, science and cultural organisation Unesco, and its first woman head, has said her priorities will be education, Africa and gender equality when she takes over on 15 November. In her first public comments since her election, Bokova, 57, from Bulgaria, who was her country's former ambassador to the UN in New York and is currently ambassador to France, said the education of women and girls was a particular concern, and not just formal education but general access to information and knowledge.
Date:	October 25, 2009 Source: University World News

Title: **INDONESIA: Discrimination against foreign students**

Link: <http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20091023104527254>

Summary: A series of un-neighbourly spats that has gone on between Indonesia and Malaysia this year has extended into Indonesian higher education. A leading Indonesian university has talked openly of excluding Malaysian students from its campus in protest against an unrelated move by a Malaysian government ministry.

Quarrels between the two cultural cousins - the Malay language is the bedrock of the Indonesian language, one differing from the other only in small ways - have gone on over possession of islands, demarcation of maritime boundaries, of dance and music, and the origin of certain culinary items.

Date: October 25, 2009

Source: University World News

Title: **GLOBAL: Luring the foreign student**

Link: <http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20091023103020329>

Summary: The commercials are ludicrous but no-one is really surprised when Foster's claims people who drink its lager can withstand hurricanes and tame violent tribesmen. The idea that "getting some Australian in you" can move mountains is considered acceptable for a national advertising campaign, despite the fact the drink is brewed in the EU and is not that popular in Australia.

Date: October 25, 2009

Source: University World News

Title: **ISRAEL: Perks for professors to stymie brain drain**

Link: <http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20091023101212334>

Summary: Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told cabinet ministers last Sunday that Israel needed to work hard to create a "vacuum" to keep academics from travelling abroad to pursue their careers or studies, writes Barak Ravid for *Haaretz*. During a cabinet meeting, ministers presented data on the brain drain, showing that a high number of lecturers and researchers at top universities in the US were Israeli expatriates.

Date: October 25, 2009

Source: Haaretz.com (<http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/1121855.html>) via University World News

Title: **JAPAN: Enrollment Crisis Threatens Japan's Private Colleges**

Link: <http://chronicle.com/article/Enrollment-Crisis-Threatens/48909/>

Summary: The first day of the semester should be one of the year's busiest, but it is immediately clear here at St. Thomas University that something is badly wrong. Apart from a sprinkling of students chatting near the entrance, the grounds are eerily quiet—closer to the atmosphere of a retirement home than a bustling city campus. Footsteps echo off the walls of deserted corridors. Students huddle around professors at the front of nearly empty classrooms.

Date: October 25, 2009

Source: The Chronicle of Higher Education

Title: **INDIA: India's Elite Technology and Management Institutes to Recruit More Abroad**

Link: http://chronicle.com/article/Indias-Elite-Technology-and/48943/?sid=pm&utm_source=pm&utm_medium=en

Summary: India's elite, public Indian Institutes of Technology and Indian Institutes of Management plan to add extra seats for international students to bolster their global standing and attract top talent to further their research and development efforts. The seven graduate-level management schools have already received approval from the Indian government to set up campuses abroad and are now planning to reserve 10 percent of their seats at each school for students from abroad, *The Times of India* reported.

Date: October 27, 2009

Source: The Chronicle of Higher Education

Title: AUSTRALIA: Students taught by unqualified teachers

Link: <http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2009/10/27/2725469.htm?site=news>

Summary: Students across the country are increasingly being taught by teachers who are not working in their area of expertise, according to a survey by the Australian Education Union (AEU). The union found that in 60 per cent of secondary schools, teachers were working in fields they were not fully qualified in.

Date: October 27, 2009

Source: ABC News

Title: M We are the U of More

Link: <http://myuminfo.umanitoba.ca/index.asp?sec=2&too=100&eve=8&dat=10/27/2009&npa=20697>

Summary: At the University of Manitoba, more is a good thing. More academic programs, more resources, more campus communities, more scholarships and bursaries, more faculty expertise, more opportunities. You'll find our U of More website, revamped for the new year, is filled with student blogs, videos, news and tons of information about the University of Manitoba.

Date: October 27, 2009

Source: The University of Manitoba website

Title: ♦ International Students Contribute Over \$6.5 Billion to Canadian Economy

Link: http://www.international.gc.ca/media_commerce/comm/news-communiques/2009/319.aspx

Summary: The Honourable Stockwell Day, Minister of International Trade and Minister for the Asia-Pacific Gateway, today released a study showing that international students contributed more than \$6.5 billion to the Canadian economy in 2008. This is the first time a dollar figure has been attached to the economic impact of international students in Canada.

"International students provide a significant boost to Canada's economy," said Minister Day. "Their presence helps create thousands of jobs and generates billions in revenue. Our government will continue its efforts to promote Canada as the destination of choice for international students by enhancing outreach efforts at our missions around the world."

Date: October 28, 2009

Source: Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada

Title: ♦ Canada celebrates 50 years of Commonwealth Scholarships

Link: http://cbie.ca/data/media/releases/20091029_commonwealth_e.pdf

Summary: This evening, a Reception celebrating the 50th anniversary of Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan (CSFP) was held at Ottawa's Fairmont Château Laurier Hotel. The event was co-hosted by Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada (DFAIT) which is responsible for Canada's participation in the CSFP and the Canadian Bureau for International Education (CBIE) which currently administers the program with funding from DFAIT.

Date: October 29, 2009

Source:

Title: USA: Fulbright's Good Fortune

Link: <http://www.insidehighered.com/news/2009/10/30/fulbright>

Summary: The tough job market for college seniors and recent graduates has left millions of twenty-somethings unemployed or underemployed and looking for work or some other way to occupy their time. Among the alternatives that appear to be growing in popularity this fall: State Department-sponsored Fulbright fellowships to study, conduct research or teach English in 140 countries.

Date: October 30, 2009

Source: Inside Higher ED