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### JAPAN: Change reformed tertiary system, says OECD

University World News  
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Institutional mergers, a revised student loan scheme and more performance-based funding are among changes an OECD review team has called on Japan to make to its tertiary education system. The recommendations come less than four years after Japan reformed the system to give greater autonomy to the country's more than 4,000 tertiary institutions.

But the review team's report published last week says Japan has yet to make the most of those reforms because institutions, including more than 700 universities, have not changed the way they operate and the country's Ministry of Education has yet to establish its role in steering, rather than running, the tertiary education system.

Full article:

<http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20090305191501962>

### Thousands flock to school exhibition

Shanghai Daily  
March 09 2009

THERE was a heavy turnout for the 14th China International Education Exhibition Tour over the weekend. Thousands of students nearing graduation and young employees facing the possibility of being laid off flocked to the event, the third leg of the country's biggest annual education fair.

The fair attracted 271 educational institutes from 26 countries and regions to meet potential applicants for their study programs.

Full article:

[http://www.shanghaidaily.com/sp/article/2009/200903/20090309/article\\_393567.htm](http://www.shanghaidaily.com/sp/article/2009/200903/20090309/article_393567.htm)

### Internships and studies in Malaysia

Australian Education International  
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Malaysia, with its diverse and rich background of people from different ethnicities, cultures and religions, offers a truly global setting where to undertake an internship. It is also Australia's third-largest trading partner within the ASEAN group of countries and Australia's 11th largest partner internationally.

Full article:

<http://www.internshipoverseas.com.au/Home.html>

## **Medical school applicants forced to study Down Under**

The Edmonton Journal  
March 04 2009, originally November 29 2007

CALGARY - Nine Calgary graduate students who were turned away from Canadian medical schools are about to begin their physician training in Australia, angering critics who say Alberta is losing future doctors because there aren't enough homegrown training spots.

The University of Calgary students -- most of whom have completed master's degrees -- are enrolled at the University of Queensland medical school, where at least 50 students from Canada will begin studies early next year.

Full article:  
<http://www.canada.com/edmontonjournal/story.html?id=32f7eb85-625f-4ced-8539-c69c04029712>

## **Concerns over talented students staying overseas**

Saigon Daily, Viet Nam  
March 04 2009

The numbers of Vietnamese students receiving visas to study overseas has continued to increase over the years. Yet, 70 percent do not return after graduation.

A deputy head of a high school for gifted pupils in Ho Chi Minh City, Nguyen Thanh Hung, recalled one of his former students who had won a golden medal at an international competition for computers and went on to be a research student in US.

Full article:  
<http://www.saigon-gpdaily.com.vn/Education/2009/3/68890/>

## **Overseas study in crisis period: is the stream changing direction?**

VietNamNet Bridge  
March 03 2009

The economic crisis has changed the overseas study plans of many Vietnamese students. They are now going to study in Australia instead of the US as previously planned.

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Full article:  
<http://english.vietnamnet.vn/education/2009/03/833755/>