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New agent register for overseas students

ABC News
July 27 2009

Private colleges are setting up a new agents' register to weed out unscrupulous agents offering services to international students.

The reputation of vocational higher education providers offering courses to overseas students is under attack, and the colleges are fighting back.

Full article:
<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2009/07/27/2637551.htm>

Calls for watchdog for foreign students

WA Today
July 28 2009

The federal government vows it won't tolerate abuses of the system governing the education of foreign students in Australia.

Concerns about Australia's third-biggest export industry have reignited after an investigation by the ABC's Four Corners program claimed some colleges and migration agents are ripping off students who come here to study.

Full article:
<http://www.watoday.com.au/breaking-news-national/calls-for-watchdog-for-foreign-students-20090728-dydzs.html>

Fear of drop in Indian students

The Age
July 30 2009

MELBOURNE'S educational institutions are bracing for a decrease in students from India, as three of them report declining applications following assaults on overseas pupils.

RMIT and Victoria University yesterday reported early signs of a drop in demand. Both universities attributed the decline to negative Indian media reports about student safety in Australia.

Full article:
<http://www.theage.com.au/national/education/fear-of-drop-in-indian-students-20090729-e1kg.html>

Uni head predicts decrease in Indian student enrolments

ABC News
July 29 2009

Melbourne University vice-chancellor Glyn Davis says he is expecting a dramatic fall in the number of Indian students enrolling in education courses in Australia.

Full article:
<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2009/07/29/2640158.htm?section=justin>

College folds, leaving hundreds in lurch

Sydney Morning Herald
July 29 2009

JULIA GILLARD failed to act on direct appeals to address complaints about a Sydney training college, which went into voluntary administration and left hundreds of students in limbo yesterday.

Full article:
<http://www.smh.com.au/national/college-folds-leaving-hundreds-in-lurch-20090728-e06q.html>

'Desperate' students demand education changes

ABC News
July 29 2009

As the reputation of Australia's overseas education sector continues to take a pounding, overseas students are calling on the Federal Government to fix what they say is a dishonest system.

Full article:
<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2009/07/29/2639291.htm?section=justin>

International students

ABC Radio National interview transcript: The Hon Julia Gillard MP
July 29 2009

FRAN KELLY: The collapse of a private vocational college in Sydney yesterday has left hundreds of students and some teachers in the lurch. It's also raised questions about the reliability of regulation for vocational training courses for foreign students in this country. Sterling College in Sydney went into administration yesterday - you might have seen that on the news. Two weeks ago, a large private college in Melbourne catering to mostly international students also closed its doors. The collapses come as the sector is mired in allegations of student exploitation, dodgy courses and migration fraud, a litany of series complaints outlined on ABC TV on Monday night.

Full article:
http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Gillard/Media/Transcripts/Pages/Article_090729_092324.aspx

International Students Invited to Have Their Say at Round Table

Media Release: The Hon Julia Gillard MP
July 27 2009

The Minister for Education, Julia Gillard, today called for expressions of interest from international students to be part of an International Student Round Table that will take place in Canberra on the 14th-15th of September this year.

Full article:

http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Gillard/Media/Releases/Pages/Article_090727_180358.aspx

Foreign students caught out as loophole closes

ABC News
July 22 2009

A new report has found that thousands of foreign students enroll in courses in order to get permanent residency in Australia - but many of them are unlikely to qualify.

Last year about 150,000 overseas students enrolled in vocational education and training courses in Australia.

Full article:

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2009/07/22/2632925.htm>

Visa crackdown will hit numbers

The Australian
July 22 2009

THE education export industry has to find a new way to prosper now that the government has made it harder for would-be migrants to use study as a route to permanent residency, social researcher Bob Birrell says.

In the Monash University journal People and Place, Dr Birrell said the industry, whose phenomenal growth had been helped by foreign students seeking permanent residency as skilled migrants, had reached a crossroads.

Full article:

<http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0,25197,25816526-12332,00.html>

Aspirations 2009 International Education Exhibition

The Sunday Times - Sri Lanka
July 19 2009

'Aspirations 2009 International Education Exhibition' was held for the third consecutive year at the BMICH Banquet Hall on July 11 and 12. With the participation of an overwhelming 1100 students with their parents and friends from diverse social, economic, educational, and geographical backgrounds who were lined up at 26 stalls eager to explore the variety of study opportunities available to them in renowned universities and colleges in Australia, Malaysia, Singapore and UK and to discuss their educational aspirations with the knowledgeable representatives of these institutions, 'Aspirations 2009', the only truly international education exhibition in Sri Lanka, was a mega-success!

Full article:

<http://www.sundaytimes.lk/090719/Education/ed710.html>

Rules 'put off overseas students'

Press Association - UK
July 18 2009

Strict new visa regulations have been blamed for putting off overseas students from studying at UK universities and schools.

The high rates of refusal after the introduction of the UK's new points-based immigration system has meant many international students are now deciding not to apply, but to look to other countries, such as Australia, instead.

Full article:

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ukpress/article/ALeqM5hV1S6JsPCnW7vunsMvXBRIxJQeyA>

Overseas students in limbo as Oz college collapses

The Times of India
July 17 2009

MELBOURNE: Over 300 students, mainly from India and Nepal, have been left in limbo after the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority cancelled the education licence of Melbourne International College, in a crackdown on corrupt private training colleges allegedly misleading international students.

Full article:

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/NEWS-World-Indians-Abroad-Overseas-students-in-limbo-as-Oz-college-collapses/articleshow/4787919.cms>

New Zealand, HCMC universities set up IT training course

Saigon GP Daily - Viet Nam
July 16 2009

New Zealand's Auckland University of Technology tied up with the Ho Chi Minh City University of Natural Sciences for training in information technology.

An Auckland University Technology representative (L) and Duong Anh Duc, HCMC University of Natural Sciences deputy rector, sign an agreement for IT training.

Full article:

<http://www.saigon-gpdaily.com.vn/Education/2009/7/72523/>

A home away from home

The Star Online - Malaysia
July 12 2009

Greenhorns and seasoned students talk about their experiences and their future plans.

FOR many Malaysian undergrads, arriving Down Under marks the first time they've been on their own.

Full article:

<http://thestar.com.my/education/story.asp?file=/2009/7/12/education/4273813&sec=education>

200,000 Chinese students preparing to study overseas this year

China Central Television - CCTV.com
July 12 2009

As many as 200,000 Chinese students will leave the country to study overseas this year. This is thanks to the one of the toughest domestic employment environments ever, as well as the improved affordability and increasing attractiveness of overseas school policies.

Full article:

<http://www.cctv.com/program/bizchina/20090712/102909.shtml>

Australia takes further action towards students' safety

The India Times
July 09 2009

Continuing a series of initiatives to ensure the safety and well-being of international students in Australia, the state government of Victoria has announced further action.

Full article:

<http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/News/PoliticsNation/Australia-takes-further-action-towards-students-safety/articleshow/4759069.cms>

Extra \$15m for Australia-Asia Student Exchange

Media Release: The Hon Julia Gillard MP
July 07 2009

The Minister for Education, Julia Gillard, today extended the Endeavour Australia Cheung Kong Scholarship Program for a further 10 years at a signing ceremony in Melbourne.

Full article:

http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Gillard/Media/Releases/Pages/Article_090707_173421.aspx

Inaugural international education roundtable held in Singapore

XinhuaNet.com - China
July 07 2009

SINGAPORE, July 7 (Xinhua) -- For the first time, education ministers from seven top-performing school systems gathered in Singapore for the inaugural International Education Roundtable, Singapore's Ministry of Education said in a statement on Tuesday.

Full article:

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2009-07/07/content_11669357.htm

COAG focuses on foreign students' safety

Sydney Morning Herald
July 01 2009

The nation's leaders will use a meeting in Darwin on Thursday to discuss the safety of foreign students in Australia.

Full article:

<http://news.smh.com.au/breaking-news-national/coag-focuses-on-foreign-students-safety-20090701-d3zk.html>

Opportunism, not Racism behind attacks

Indian News Link - New Zealand
June 30 2009

The recent attacks on Indian students in Australia were probably motivated more by opportunism rather than racism an Indian lawmaker said.

Telugu Desam Parliamentary Party leader Nama Nageswara Rao told Indian Newslink from Melbourne that a number of issues must be considered and solved to promote the safety and security of Indian students studying in Australia.

Full article:

<http://www.indiannewslink.co.nz/index.php/educationlink/3354.html>

Education opportunities in New Zealand discussed

Arab News
July 01 2009

Officials of Jeddah Chamber of Commerce and Industry (JCCI) and New Zealand's Ambassador to the Kingdom Trevor Matheson discussed ways to strengthen cooperation, particularly in the field of education and trade between the two countries.

Full article:

<http://www.arabnews.com/?page=1§ion=0&article=124192&d=1&m=7&y=2009&pix=kingdom.jpg&category=Kingdom>