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Slump in Indian student numbers

The Age
August 30 2009

INDIAN student enrolments at Victoria's universities are expected to plunge by up to 50 per cent next year following a spate of violent attacks in Melbourne.

The shortfall - comprising existing students who plan to abandon their courses here and hundreds more who intended to enrol but are now seeking positions at universities in other countries - will cost the Victorian economy tens of millions of dollars.

Full article:
<http://www.theage.com.au/national/slump-in-indian-student-numbers-20090829-f3cj.html>

Australian state premier writes to Indian students

The Times of India
August 29 2009

ADELAIDE: The premier of an Australian state has taken the unusual step of writing a personal letter to each of the 4,787 Indian overseas students enrolled in his state, assuring them of their safety and welfare.

South Australia Premier Mike Rann has written to Indian students highlighting not only his government's support but also the extra support networks available to ensure that their experience of living and studying is "overwhelmingly positive".

Full article:
<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/NEWS/World/Indians-Abroad/Australian-state-premier-writes-to-Indian-students/articleshow/4947945.cms>

Fear grips students in Australia

China Daily
August 26 2009

Chinese students in Australia are scared for their safety following a string of disappearances and murders involving Asians in the country.

Jia Li, 29, a University of Sydney student, said young Chinese were staying away from late-night events and avoiding walking alone.

Full article:
http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/china/2009-08/26/content_8616282.htm

Australian union calls for review of foreign students' work rights

ABC Radio
August 26 2009

Unions are calling on the Australian government to make changes to the working rights of overseas students.

The Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union, has recommended all trade occupations be removed from a list of eligible jobs for international graduates. The union has also called on the government to investigate the impact of overseas students accepting low-wage jobs as part of their bid for permanent residency.

Full article:
<http://www.radioaustralia.net.au/connectasia/stories/200908/s2667238.htm>

Dodgy degrees

The Star - Malaysia
August 23 2009

PETALING JAYA: Malaysians are so caught up with degrees that many would go to any lengths for one.

And degree mills — bodies that award degrees with little or no study — are ready to hand out the awards to many who want to boost their business position, social status or political standing.

Full article:
<http://thestar.com.my/news/story.asp?file=/2009/8/23/nation/4522725&sec=nation>

Tougher visa screening for Indians going to study in Oz

India Today
August 23 2009

Indian students aspiring to study in Australia will be subjected to tougher visa screening.

The move comes in the wake of the Australian government tightening the screws on both fraudulent educational institutions and on students who misrepresent their financial capacity to study Down Under.

Full article:
http://indiatoday.intoday.in/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=58060§ionid=4&secid=&Itemid=1&issueid=120

Foreign students reported for absence, unsatisfactory results

The Courier Mail
August 21 2009

THOUSANDS of overseas students each year are reported to the Federal Government's international student compliance watchdog for failing their courses or not turning up for lectures and tutorials.

Data obtained by The Courier-Mail shows that between July 2007 and June this year, 10,913 notices were issued to international students by registered higher education providers complying with the requirements of the Commonwealth Education Services for Overseas Students Act.

Full article:

<http://www.news.com.au/couriermail/story/0,23739,25957106-953,00.html>

Doubts over govt crackdown on college

ABC News - The World Today
August 20 2009

ELEANOR HALL: Australian and overseas students say they're not convinced that the Federal Government's proposed changes to private colleges would improve the welfare of foreign students.

Full article:

<http://www.abc.net.au/worldtoday/content/2009/s2662014.htm>

Oz to strengthen visa application checks to prevent fraud

The Times of India
August 20 2009

In yet another step to cleanse its overseas education sector hit by scams and the Indian student crisis, Australia on Thursday said it will now strengthen checks on visa applications to stamp out fraud and ensure that only "genuine students" enrol for studies here.

Full article:

<http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/News/News-By-Industry/Services/Travel/Oz-to-strengthen-visa-application-checks-to-prevent-fraud/articleshow/4915014.cms>

Foreign students face more stringent tests

The Age
August 21 2009

FOREIGN students will face greater screening as the Government cracks down on visa fraud and scrutinises their ability to finance life in Australia.

The changes, announced by Immigration Minister Chris Evans yesterday, apply to students from India, Mauritius, Nepal, Brazil, Zimbabwe and Pakistan and take effect immediately.

Full article:

<http://www.theage.com.au/national/education/foreign-students-face-more-stringent-tests-20090820-es2w.html>

Measures to safeguard education for overseas students studying in Australia

Media Release: The Hon Julia Gillard MP
August 19 2009

The Minister for Education, Julia Gillard, today warned education providers that they risk being shut down if they don't comply with rules relating to international students.

Full article:

http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Gillard/Media/Releases/Pages/Article_090819_113519.aspx

AsiaLink Dunlop Awards: Applications close 9 September 2009

AsiaLink - University of Melbourne
August 19 2009

The Dunlop Asia Fellowships provide opportunities for young Australians who are committed to making a lasting contribution to Australia-Asia relations. They operate as one component of the Sir Edward Weary Dunlop Asia Awards program established to:

- Promote Sir Edward's vision for peace and prosperity in the region through people-to-people exchange and interaction
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For more information or an application form, please visit:

http://www.asialink.unimelb.edu.au/our_work/corporate__and__public/dunlop_fellowships

Crackdown on visa vultures

The Australian
August 19 2009

UNIVERSITIES are pushing for a crackdown in vocational training to root out the visa-driven element of the international student market, which they argue is causing collateral damage to the reputation of the sector.

Universities Australia chief executive Glenn Withers said there was concern that pathways to permanent residency were overwhelming education objectives in areas such as "shorter courses in the vocational end".

Full article:

<http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0,25197,25948777-12332,00.html>

Wish you were here

The Independent - United Kingdom
August 18 2009

Overseas universities are hoping to snap up British students during Clearing

With Clearing only days away, overseas universities are lining up British students who are looking for a place to study. Opportunities are opening up from Australia to the Caribbean, and from the Netherlands to the United States, so if your results leave you without an obvious next step, it could be time to look further afield.

Full article:

<http://www.independent.co.uk/student/into-university/clearing/wish-you-were-here-1773351.html>

US is poised to stop worrying and embrace overseas agents

The Times Higher Education - United Kingdom
August 13 2009

World's largest offshore recruiter may cast off doubts as market hots up, writes Phil Baty

The US is poised to seize an even greater share of the lucrative international student market as its universities wake up to the potential of using overseas recruiting agents.

Full article:

<http://www.timeshighereducation.co.uk/story.asp?sectioncode=26&storycode=407739&c=1>

Crackdown on student recruitment

The Australian
August 12 2009

THE failure of the states to properly regulate the troubled college sector is putting at risk the \$15 billion export education industry and the federal government should consider a takeover, according to former immigration minister Philip Ruddock.

Full article:

<http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0,25197,25916022-12332,00.html>

Tie-ups with Australia to help boost English

New Straits Times - Malaysia
August 07 2009

DEPUTY Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, currently leading a delegation on a working visit to Australia, is laying more groundwork to help raise the standard of English in Malaysia's education system.

Full article:

http://www.nst.com.my/Current_News/NST/articles/20090807162211/Article/index_html

Education Ministry To Forge Cooperation With Edith Cowan University

Bernama - Malaysian National News Agency
August 07 2009

The Malaysian Education Ministry and the Edith Cowan University have agreed to forge long-term cooperation in the teaching and learning of the English language in Malaysian schools and the training of English language teachers, Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said Friday.

Full article:

<http://www.bernama.com/bernama/v5/newsindex.php?id=430947>

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August 06 2009

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AEI International Student Data YTD June 2009

Australian Education International

August 06 2009

AEI has released the year-to-date June 2009 statistics on international students studying in Australia on student visas. AEI's latest data show that across all education sectors, international student enrolments in Australia have grown 19.6 per cent. For the first time, VET mid-year enrolments have overtaken Higher Education enrolments.

http://aei.gov.au/AEI/MIP/Activities/06June09MonthlySummary_pdf

Universities request meeting with Indian minister

ABC News

August 03 2009

Australian universities are keen to meet the Indian Foreign Minister about a sharp drop in the number of overseas students wanting to study here.

Full article:

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2009/08/03/2644405.htm?section=australia>

Organise Multiracial Activities Call To M'sian Students Abroad

Bernama - Malaysian National News Agency

August 02 2009

Malaysian students overseas have been advised to organise activities of a multiracial nature involving all Malaysian communities.

Malaysian International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Mustapa Mohamed, who made the call, said many activities organised by these students were confined to certain groups.

Full article:

<http://www.bernama.com/bernama/v5/newsgeneral.php?id=429735>

India to Foreign Colleges: Set Up Campus Here

Time Magazine

July 31 2009

For decades, foreign universities have been an integral part of India's higher education. Whiz kids across the country with the financial means have left for highly regarded global universities to study. Many never return, taking both their tuition money and their talent overseas. More than 160,000 students are currently studying in schools in the U.S., Australia, Britain and elsewhere. Over 100,000 pack up and head to study abroad every year, spending \$7 billion on tuition and housing.

Full article:

<http://www.time.com/time/world/article/0,8599,1913653,00.html>