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Britain and US preferred by China students

The Australian
June 30 2010

THE best student recruiters in China are switching to the US and Britain as destinations, says agent John Findley.

"All agents [in China] are fed up with our current government's attitude to migration," said Mr Findley, who has just attended this month's Beijing International Education Expo. China is Australia's biggest market.

Full article:

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/higher-education/britain-and-us-preferred-by-china-students/story-e6frgcjx-1225885855025>

<http://bit.ly/ak6X2s>

Learning fast but a long way to go

The Australian
June 30 2010

IT will take years before higher education in China poses a real threat to Australian universities.

AS a Chinese university administrator, I find myself slightly shocked, as well as bemused, by the message delivered by some influential people and the media that huge dedicated investment in higher education by China and India somehow constitutes a threat to Australia's higher education industry.

Full article:

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/higher-education/learning-fast-but-a-long-way-to-go/story-e6frgcjx-1225885866242>

<http://bit.ly/99PJiW>

Launch pad for ties with China

The Australian
June 30 2010

THE University of Sydney is taking on an active role at the Shanghai Expo.

OVER the next six months, 70 million people, nearly all of them Chinese, are expected to pass through the gates of the World Expo in Shanghai.

Full article:

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/higher-education/opinion-analysis/launch-pad-for-ties-with-china/story-e6frgcko-1225885866003>

<http://bit.ly/biVN7B>

Simon Crean told to use trade nous in education job

The Australian
June 29 2010

A WORRIED international education industry wants a meeting with Simon Crean, as it calls for marketing to counter falling student demand.

Full article:

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/news/nation/simon-crean-told-to-use-trade-nous-in-education-job/story-e6frg6nf-1225885408661>

<http://bit.ly/cTtQSp>

Student visa changes 'put sector at risk'

The Age
June 29 2010

A UNIVERSITY vice-chancellor has attacked recent changes to international student visas, saying they send the message "our doors are effectively closed" to prospective students, putting the sector at risk.

Swinburne University vice-chancellor Ian Young strongly criticised the changes, saying they had created uncertainty.

Full article:

<http://www.theage.com.au/national/student-visa-changes-put-sector-at-risk-20100628-zf5x.html>

<http://bit.ly/9nMAiD>

Wake-up call on education

The Sydney Morning Herald
June 28 2010

While there have been significant concerns raised in recent weeks over the fate of Australia's mining and resource sector, in particular our two major export earners coal and iron ore, as a result of the Labor Government's proposed 40 per cent mining super tax, the fate of our third largest export earner – education services – is also under pressure.

Full article:

<http://www.smh.com.au/opinion/blogs/the-bishops-gambit/wakeup-call-on-education/20100625-z958.html#comments>

<http://bit.ly/bHHGJF>

Changes to visas 'will close colleges'

The Sydney Morning Herald
June 28 2010

Recent changes to international student visas send the message to prospective students that "our doors are effectively closed", putting the sector at risk, says the vice-chancellor of Swinburne University in Melbourne.

Full article:

<http://www.smh.com.au/national/changes-to-visas-will-close-colleges-20100627-zc2s.html>

<http://bit.ly/bPxH7x>

University of South Carolina joins IDP Education Network, consolidates position as largest student placement firm in United States

i-Newswire.com
June 14 2010

IDP Education concluded this year's NAFSA annual meeting with news that the University of South Carolina has signed as the organization's 61st U.S. university partner, making them the largest student placement firm in the United States.

Full article:

<http://www.i-newswire.com/university-of-south-carolina-joins/42840>

<http://bit.ly/blk5y8>

Australia's language climate change

The Guardian
June 15 2010

Financial difficulties, violent attacks and changing immigration rules have left the education industry in disarray. Now the government is looking hard at foreign students' qualifications

When an industry estimated to be worth \$16bn is hanging in the balance, it's amazing how quickly a government can react. In late 2009 three blows rocked Australia's education and training sector, denting its reputation as a leading "provider of quality education" to foreign students. Just months later, that combined crisis appears to have prompted the government into action.

Full article:

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/education/2010/apr/08/tefl-australia>

<http://bit.ly/aTkJUj>

News from Australia for Students in India

The Wall Street Journal
June 24 2010

The headline on an Australian government release Wednesday sounded universally positive for Indian students thinking about studying Down Under:

“Changes to International Education Sector to Provide Added Security for International Students.”

Full article:

<http://blogs.wsj.com/indiarealtime/2010/06/24/news-from-australia-for-students-in-india/>

<http://bit.ly/ahPJbl>

Special exchange - Hong Kong

The Standard - Hong Kong
June 22 2010

This year, 39 Hong Kong and 38 Australian students will be swapping countries as part of the Endeavour Australia Cheung Kong awards.

The fund aims to promote educational exchange opportunities for students between Asia and Australia and to widen their horizons. More than 1,200 undergraduates and postgraduates have received the scholarship since it began in 2004.

Full article:

http://www.thestandard.com.hk/news_detail.asp?we_cat=16&art_id=99600&sid=28659596&con_ty

<http://bit.ly/dDdHJe>

Overseas student market at risk

The Australian
June 23 2010

THE threat to universities from a significant downturn in international students is real and immigration needs to better refine its visa integrity.

These measures will ensure legitimate students aren't being caught in the crackdown.

Full article:

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/higher-education/overseas-student-market-at-risk/story-e6frcjx-1225882948204>

<http://bit.ly/cZLKcQ>

Sector calls for government to kill visa bill

The Australian
June 23 2010

PhD candidate Umut Ozguc is afraid she will have to leave Australia under proposed visa changes.
Picture: Kym Smith Source: The Australian

STUDENTS and universities fear the consequences of residency changes.

Full article:

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/higher-education/sector-calls-for-government-to-kill-visa-bill/story-e6frgcjx-1225882950106>
<http://bit.ly/bZo7Tq>

Indian outreach has its problems

The Australian
June 23 2010

Here's an idea for a vice-chancellor who likes to see the staff sweat: tell the director of student services to prepare for a partnership with the University of Pune in India, the one with more than one million students.

The VC could suggest it with a straight face, following the Indian government's decision to allow international universities to set up shop there. The legislation has yet to pass parliament but the case for expanding higher education seems strong.

Full article:

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/higher-education/business-education/indian-outreach-has-its-problems/story-e6frgcp6-1225882931863>
<http://bit.ly/c1huCq>

Universities' outside work pulls in £3bn

The Sunday Times - UK
June 14 2010

Record revenues from business partners and selling services to the public sector buck the economy's recessionary trend.

While the rest of the economy was withering in the teeth of the recession, British universities increased their outside revenues from business partners and selling services to the public sector to a record £3 billion.

Full article:

http://business.timesonline.co.uk/tol/business/industry_sectors/support_services/article7149409.ece
<http://bit.ly/9NAGj7>

Heroes & villains

The Sydney Morning Herald
June 14 2010

Gautam Gupta is the loudest voice of protest against violent attacks on Indian students in Australia. But is anyone listening, asks Michael Short.

BOLLYWOOD is looking at making a film about the life and times of the activist who has been championing the rights of Indian students here for almost a decade, and who in recent years spent a lot of time in the limelight decrying a spate of attacks against those students.

Full article:

<http://www.smh.com.au/opinion/society-and-culture/heroes--villains-20100613-y5u1.html>
<http://bit.ly/arlwfw>

International students welcome in Australia

Media release: Senator Chris Evans

June 10 2010

The Rudd Government has no intention of putting a limit on the number of international student visas issued each year, Minister for Immigration and Citizenship, Senator Chris Evans said today.

Full article:

<http://www.minister.immi.gov.au/media/media-releases/2010/ce10049.htm>

<http://bit.ly/bKG7NE>

Gautam Gupta (Founder, Federation of Indian Students in Australia) talks with The Zone

The Age

June 14 2010

MICHAEL SHORT: Gautam, welcome to The Zone

GAUTAM GUPTA: Thank you.

MS: Thank you for your time. You contend that Indian students have been racially targeted in Victoria and elsewhere in Australia, but let's look at Victoria in particular. What is your argument?

GG: Well, my argument is very simple – that Indians are overrepresented as Victims of crime. This is what I have observed, I have seen, the police have said, students have told and there is enough evidence for anyone who wanted to see that Indians have been targeted and they've been overrepresented as victims of crime.

Full article:

<http://www.theage.com.au/opinion/society-and-culture/bread-the-full-transcript-of-the-gautam-gupta-interviewb-20100614-y739.html>

<http://bit.ly/9qNnjx>

Swinburne and HELP, Malaysia, join forces

Swinburne Media Centre

June 11 2010

Under a new partnership, HELP University College, Malaysia and Swinburne University of Technology will deliver a unique international psychology degree - the first of its kind in Victoria.

The Bachelor of Social Science (Psychology), expected to have its first intake in August 2010, will give Malaysian students the opportunity to transfer to Swinburne to complete the third year of their course.

Full article:

<http://www.swinburne.edu.au/chancellery/mediacentre/media-centre/news/2010/06/swinburne-and-help-join-forces>

<http://bit.ly/b8CIMO>

India to take up issue of migration policy changes with Oz

Press Trust Of India via the Hindustan Times

June 10 2010

India plans to lodge a protest with Australia against the proposed changes in its migration policy that are likely to impact as many as 80,000 existing Indians students in the country, an official said on Thursday.

Full article:

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/India-to-take-up-issue-of-migration-policy-changes-with-Australia/H1-Article1-555892.aspx>

<http://bit.ly/9zjuEI>

Exam scandal for \$5m 'forgotten man'

The Herald Sun
June 10 2010

ONE of the Middle Eastern RMIT students accused of cheating by Ombudsman's investigators is the asylum seeker who became known as the "forgotten man" of Australia's immigration policy.

Kuwaiti-born Palestinian Aladdin Sisalem was held for 18 months - 10 of them on his own at the Manus Island detention centre in Papua New Guinea.

Full article:

<http://www.heraldsun.com.au/news/victoria/exam-scandal-for-5m-forgotten-man/story-e6frf7kx-1225878114300>

<http://bit.ly/cXblsl>

'Death knell' for overseas students

The Australian
June 11 2010

UNIVERSITIES and colleges have condemned the Rudd government for seeking new powers to nullify the residency applications of potentially thousands of former overseas students, labelling it "the kiss of death" for the \$18.6 billion industry.

Full article:

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/news/nation/death-knell-for-overseas-students/story-e6frg6nf-1225878156303>

<http://bit.ly/9UHB5O>

Vietnamese students drawn to Australian education

Radio Australia
June 08 2010

The very competitive and lucrative overseas-student market pumped 18 and a half billion dollars into the Australian economy last year. Most of that money came from fees and spending on goods and services by foreign students. Vietnam is in the top six as a source country for students who come to Australia, with about 19 thousand Vietnamese currently enrolled with Australian education institutions. Negative publicity over attacks on Indian students and reported student labour exploitation, have not stopped the flow to Australia.

Full article:

<http://www.radioaustralia.net.au/connectasia/stories/201006/s2921195.htm>

Degrees at RMIT 'dumbed down' for foreign students

The Herald Sun
June 10 2010

- University "dumbs down" courses
- Evidence reveals special treatment
- Whistleblower sparks investigation

FOREIGN students are cheating and getting special treatment to ensure they get their degrees, according to evidence gathered in a secret investigation by the Ombudsman.

Full article:

<http://www.heraldsun.com.au/news/national/foreign-students-cheating-or-receiving-special-treatment-to-get-degrees/story-e6frf716-1225877694343>

Harmony Day 2010: Feedback survey to prepare for 2011

Survey closes 30 June 2010

<http://www.harmony.gov.au/harmony-day/2010-survey.htm>

California Colleges' Recruiting Efforts Could Threaten Australia

The Chronicle of Higher Education

June 07 2010

Australia has long been a destination for Asian university students. But increased competition from American institutions, as well as economic and cultural challenges, demand that the country's higher-education officials rethink their approach to recruiting people from China, India, and elsewhere in Asia, warns Sean Gallagher, a U.S.-studies expert at the University of Sydney.

Full article:

<http://chronicle.com/article/Calif-Colleges-Recruiting/65805/>

Decade to regain foreign students

The Australian

June 08 2010

THE Australian international education sector could take 10 years to recover from changes to the skilled migration program and a "tarnished" reputation among overseas students.

Full article:

<http://www.theage.com.au/national/decade-to-regain-foreign-students-20100607-xqsu.html>

New wave of welcoming ways

The Australian

June 07 2010

MELBOURNE universities are trialling mentoring and other programs to help international students meet their local counterparts.

Professor Simon Marginson at the University of Melbourne welcomes the initiatives, but warns they will only work if there is protracted engagement between students.

Full article:

<http://www.theage.com.au/national/education/new-wave-of-welcoming-ways-20100604-xk93.html>

Under-reporting of assaults on international students

Radio Australia

June 04 2010

A study is underway by Australia's Institute of Criminology on the extent of racially motivated attacks on foreign students in Australia. It follows a spate of attacks earlier this year which seriously damaged Australia's international reputation. But in the attempt to get more information, the study has opened a whole new controversy and sparked fears of further damage to relations for overseas students.

Australia's Privacy Commissioner has relaxed normally tough restrictions and released the identity details of half a million foreign students....

Full article:

<http://www.radioaustralia.net.au/connectasia/stories/201006/s2918321.htm>

Student drop hits economy

The Australian
June 06 2010

TOUGH new immigration rules for foreign students are hitting Australia's economy, with more than 125,000 fewer international students expected to come in the next 12 months, costing more than 31,000 jobs nationwide.

Full article:

<http://www.theage.com.au/national/student-drop-hits-economy-20100605-xly1.html>

University bans statue

The Straits Times
June 03 2010

The student union will defy the administration and move the 21-foot (6.4-metre) tall 'Goddess of Democracy' statue and large carving depicting the 1989 military eviction to the Chinese University campus on Friday. -- PHOTO: AP

HONG KONG - A HONG Kong university has banned its students from erecting a statue that honours victims of the 1989 Tiananmen Square crackdown, as tensions simmer over alleged restrictions on public mourning in this semiautonomous Chinese territory on the 21st anniversary of the bloodshed.

Full article:

http://www.straitstimes.com/BreakingNews/Asia/Story/STIStory_534908.html

Inbound student market falters

The Australian
June 01 2010

AUSTRALIA'S international student market has gone into reverse with government figures showing commencements slumping 3.3 per in the four months to the end of April on the back of steep falls in the English language sector last month.

Full article:

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/higher-education/inbound-student-market-falters/story-e6frgcjx-1225873948881>

Academic urges more focus on student tourism

ABC Gold Coast
June 02 2010

A Gold Coast professor says the Australian tourism industry should do more to target the lucrative international student market.

Full article:

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2010/06/02/2916017.htm?site=goldcoast§ion=news>

AISA to demonstrate against revised immigration rules

IndianExpress.com
May 31 2010

An organisation representing overseas students in Australia will stage a demonstration this week in Sydney against new tougher immigration rules imposed by the government, and will demand concessions for foreign students who are already enrolled in the country.

The All International Students Association (AISA) will launch a protest on Thursday, complaining that while framing the broad rules the government has failed to take into account the welfare of those who migrated earlier and are now about to complete their courses.

Full article:

<http://www.indianexpress.com/news/aisa-to-demonstrate-against-revised-immigration-rules/627194/0>

Australasian Association of Campus Activities (AACA): 2010 national student competitions

National Campus Band Competition launched:	http://www.aaca.net.au/ncbc
National Campus Film Festival launched :	http://www.aaca.net.au/ncff
National Campus Art Prize launched :	http://www.aaca.net.au/ncap
National Campus DJ Competition launched :	http://www.aaca.net.au/ncdj

ACUMA Incorporated: Items in the press - monthly round-ups

- Higher education news
- International issues in education, and items affecting international students
- Technology developments of relevance to campus services

http://www.acuma.org.au/resource_library/in_the_press/