

## Abroad Perspective - Practical Partnership in Uganda

Institutions that are serious about advancing their accessibility to international students who live outside major urban areas would do well to consider the creative approach used by Kampala International University (KIU) in Uganda to achieve a similar end.

KIU, an institution with an enrollment of approximately 5,000 students, has teamed up with Posta Uganda, a local postal service provider, to enhance its student recruitment efforts. University materials such as brochures and prospectus are being made available at Posta Uganda branches nationwide. Application forms are also available for the cost of 10,000 Uganda Shillings (UGX), which includes postage and the processing fee.

This partnership was developed in light of students who do not have access to post boxes or have to travel a long distance to hand in their applications. This service allows students to pick up their correspondence from the Posta Uganda branch at which they first posted their application forms.

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## The Playing Field - War on Iraq affects Turkey

Asli Aktan, our Director in Turkey, recently spoke with representatives from both Istanbul University and Robert College in Istanbul. She reports that while most locals believe that the threat of war in Iraq will not likely reach Istanbul, Ankara or Izmir, planners representing overseas institutions will most likely postpone attendance to education fairs in Turkey. Turkey's geographical proximity to Iraq, as well as the number of U.S. bases located in its southern region, both add up as reasons for international administrators to cancel their plans in Turkey.

The current risk of war has caused some event organizers to postpone their education fairs to later dates, for example, the postponement of the 8th International Education Forum from May, to June 25-29 this year. Sehzazat Saridereli, General Manager of HIT International Education Co., organizer of the fair, states, however: "Even after

the 9-11 tragedy, the interest to the U.S. as a study destination was not affected. As a matter of fact, close to 12,000 Turkish students went to (the) U.S. for language or degree studies".

If planning to attend an education exhibition in Turkey this spring or summer, check with the event organizer to confirm that it is still going ahead as planned. •

## Over the Counter - Business as usual

How are other countries dealing with their student visa applications from Iraq in light of the anticipated threat of war in the region? As revealed in this week's interview with Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC), the Canadian equivalent to the INS, it is business as usual.

Canada has been oft-criticized as providing a safe haven for terrorists. To this, Ms. Scarlett of CIC lauded the foreign student screening measures that are already in place, saying that the "universal and non-discriminatory" system ensures that only "genuine foreign students" (those who do not pose a security risk) are granted admission into Canadian universities and colleges.

Contrast this to the ongoing FBI initiative in which Iraqi students, refugees, visitors and naturalized citizens are being sought out for interviews. It would seem that to U.S. officials, the threat is more substantial. •

## Globe Tipping - New Metro system in Delhi

A deep rumbling can be felt below New Delhi's bustling streets as a new subway system is being laid down. Currently, six stations in the older section of the city have been completed: Shahdara, Welcome, Seelampur, Shastri Park, ISBT (Kashmere Gate) and Tis Hazari.

Fare options include one-way fares which are priced according to the distance travelled, and one or three-day tourist cards which are available for Rs. 50 and Rs. 150 respectively. •