

THE PLAYING FIELD

Canadian degree offered in Dubai

A Canadian university has finally made the bold step to set up its own degree program in the Dubai Knowledge Village. Joining with a local partner, the University of New Brunswick (UNB) will offer a four year Bachelor of Science in Information Science starting next September. The program will host occasional visiting UNB faculty to complement locally engaged instructors. Annual tuition fees will be set around CAD \$10,000 (US \$ 8,495). Students will be easily able to transfer to UNB Canadian campuses in Saint John and Fredericton. Although not finalized, UNB in Dubai is considering a 12,000 square foot space from Knowledge Village. Rent will be in the range of CAD \$ 500,000 (US \$ 425,000) annually.

Higher-Edge has had its own office in the Dubai Knowledge Village since 2003, consulting and delivering strategies on international education initiatives in the UAE and the Gulf region.

ABROAD PERSPECTIVE

Malaysian universities to admit foreign students

In a significant move, the Government plans to allow foreign students to take up critical courses at Malaysian public universities. Nearly five per cent of undergraduate places in key courses are being allocated for foreigners. The Government has described the move as Malaysia's social obligation to nations with which Malaysia has exploration rights, especially for petroleum. Funds to the tune of RM131 million (US \$ 34.7 million) have been allocated to make sure that adequate places are available to foreigners and to accommodate seats for increased numbers of domestic students in critical courses at these universities.

Source: "[Malaysian universities to take in foreigners](#)," *Malaysia Star*, November 19, 2005

OVER THE COUNTER

New law punishing exam cheats in Korea

Students caught cheating during the College Scholastic Ability Test (CSAT) in Korea will be sentenced to imprisonment and forbidden to take the exam for one year. The new law, which was passed by the Government, was devised to prevent instances of cheating after a major cheating scandal rocked the nation last year in which students used mobile text messages to send answers. The scores of 314 exam-takers were invalidated.

Source: "[Entrance Exam Cheaters Subject to Imprisonment](#)," *The Korea Times*, November 20, 2005

GLOBE TIPPING

Keeping cash handy in Asia

When traveling to countries in Asia such as Pakistan, India and Bangladesh, one must make sure that there are a variety of financial options available in the form of credit cards, travellers' cheques and cash.

Consult your automatic teller machine (ATM) card provider for information about overseas services and availability. Not all overseas ATMs accept international cards, and it is advisable to carry sufficient cash for everyday requirements.

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