

## THE PLAYING FIELD

### *Korean universities to go global*

As part of a Government strategy to globalize South Korea's education sector, domestic universities will recognize a greater amount of course credits earned at foreign universities. The Government also plans to validate the secondary school curriculum of Philippines, Mongolia, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, and some regions of China. Students from these countries will find it easier to gain admission into South Korean universities. Universities will be encouraged to increase English-language instruction and foreign faculty hires so that it becomes easier to set up campuses abroad.

Source: ["Korean universities seek 'internationalization,'" The Hankyoreh, Mar.3, 2007](#)

## OVER THE COUNTER

### *Scottish funds for foreign students*

The Scottish Government will spend £400,000 (\$786,468 U.S.) on projects to help international students stay in Scotland. A greater part of the funds will be spent helping institutions support activities for foreign students during their courses. A scholarship scheme for a one-year master's degree is to be extended to include students from the U.S.

Nearly 4,300 international graduates will stay back in Scotland at the end of their studies through the Fresh Talent initiative. The Fresh Talent Initiative encourages people to consider living and working in Scotland. The scheme allows international students to remain in Scotland for two years after graduation.

Source: ["New fund to keep foreign students," BBC News, Mar. 23, 2007](#)

## ABROAD PERSPECTIVE

### *Education providers blame Australian Govt.*

According to the Australian Council for Private Education and Training, Government inaction has resulted in a greater incidence of scams in the country's \$10 billion (\$ 8 billion U.S.) international education industry.

The Council, the country's leading private education industry body, represents around 1100 private education operators teaching 250,000 students. Damaging reports about the quality of Australian higher education providers has caused the Council to lash out against the Government, which it says, repeatedly ignored its warnings about unscrupulous colleges.

Source: ["Canberra failing to regulate colleges: industry," The Age, Mar.15, 2007](#)

## GLOBE TIPPING

### *More on Moscow's airports*

If you are using the new Domodedovo airport in Moscow, there is a direct train link to and from downtown Moscow. Your plane ticket may allow you to claim a free train ticket from the administrator desk at the airport train section of the station. Some travellers choose this train in order to avoid traffic jams on the roads to the airport, but note that the station has at least two staircases on the way to the platform. Certain airlines will allow direct luggage check-in at the train station. You will need to show the train ticket both on the train and again to exit the platform to the airport. Taxis can be ordered to meet you on arrival at airports, but may charge more than the previously agreed amount if your exit is delayed.