

THE PLAYING FIELD

International student numbers to rise: IDP

International student recruiter IDP Education has predicted that applications from overseas to Australian universities will nearly double by 2025. According to their research, overseas students at Australian campuses will increase from 163,000 in 2005 to 291,000 by 2025.

China is expected to send a massive number of students to Australia despite their own rapidly developing higher education sector. According to IDP Chief Executive Anthony Pollock, "universities were likely - in about 2020 - to become more selective in accepting students and teaching courses designed to attract foreigners. This will coincide with a fall in Australian 18-year-olds graduating from high schools and, presumably, applying for university."

The international student market brings an estimated Aus \$11 billion (\$ 9.6 billion U.S.) a year into the local economy.

Source: ["International student numbers to rise: recruiter."](#)
[The Age, September 19, 2007](#)

OVER THE COUNTER

Foreign b-schools eye Indian corporate market

International business schools such as Duke CE, Harvard, Garvin School, ESCP-EAP European School of Management, University of Texas at Austin-McCombs, Thunderbird School of Global Management are eyeing the corporate training market in India.

While many of these institutions are considering customised programmes, a few are also considering joint programmes with management institutes in India such as IIM-Ahmedabad, Bangalore and Kolkata, ISB-Hyderabad and Management Development Institute at Gurgaon. According to ESCP EAP UK director, Mr David Sola, "A lot of Indian companies are already looking for collaborations and acquisitions and there is lot of scope in corporate training. We are in talks with several Indian companies for offering customised executive education programmes. Later, we plan to increase focus on executive education in India," he said.

Source: ["Foreign B-schools vie for Indian corporate students."](#) [The Economic Times, September 11, 2007](#)

ABROAD PERSPECTIVE

OECD report on higher education

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) released its annual report entitled *Education at a Glance* this month. The report tracks participation and achievement in education, public and private spending on education, the state of lifelong learning and conditions for pupils and teachers among OECD's 30 member countries and in a number of partner economies.

The report reveals interesting facts about higher education and student mobility across countries. According to the report, 28.9 per cent foreign students were studying in New Zealand, 20.6 per cent in Australia and, 17.3 per cent in Britain. Korea had the fewest percentage of international students at 0.5 per cent in 2005.

Source: ["Education at a Glance 2007."](#)

GLOBE TIPPING

Immunizations and antibiotics for overseas travel

When travelling overseas, carry your medicine and prescription drugs on your person for the entire duration of the trip. There is no harm in carrying a little extra as many countries may not stock the medicine you require. Also, it may be a good idea to carry a prescription for the medications you are carrying. For more information on immunizations and antibiotics for overseas travel, go to www.eMedicine.com. This online resource has lists of immunizations required for travel to various countries as well as remedies for certain illnesses.