

OVERSEAS OVERWHELMED

LET'S GO CANADA

Off-Campus Employment In New Brunswick

In [Overseas, Overwhelmed 3.32](#), we reported that international students in Manitoba would be able to work off-campus. As of May 1, 2004, New Brunswick institutions will offer their international students the same opportunity. Students must maintain a full time status, be in their second year and must be in good academic standing.

Peter Donahue, Director of the International Office of the University of New Brunswick, St. John, feels that while the majority of international students will not participate in the program, he does see an added benefit for Canadians interested in working overseas, stating that New Brunswickers will have "opportunities to develop racial tolerance and intercultural competencies never before available inside the Province."

While this two-year pilot project is intended to encourage international students to immigrate to the Province, Donahue insists that the immediate advantages (a potential increase in international students) will be "short-lived." He does hope that successful projects like this one will lead to other provinces adopting similar measures, and eventually a national policy for off-campus employment.

Source: ["Canada and New Brunswick Announce New Student Pilot Project," Citizenship and Immigration Canada Press Release, 18 March 2004.](#)

OVER THE COUNTER

Hong Kong Scholarship Fund Established

Thanks to the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (HKETO), MBA students from the International Business Program at the University of Alberta will be able to conduct research projects related to Hong Kong. Following a charity event in Edmonton in February, \$23,000 was raised for a scholarship fund. This was the first time that the HKETO has worked with a Canadian education institution.

Mr. Bassanio So, Director of the HKETO (Toronto office) hopes that this fund will provide students "with more means to explore more cross-cultural studies with a view to contributing more to Hong Kong-Canada collaborations."

While the HKETO's primary focus is not in education, it is open to similar projects with other institutions. Interested universities should contact Mr. Kenneth Cheng, Deputy Director: kenneth_cheng@hketotoronto.gov.hk.

ABROAD PERSPECTIVE

British Successes In Pakistan

By 2020, the United Kingdom expects over 800,000 international students at the higher education level, according to two reports released last week. The reports, *Vision 2020: Forecasting International Student Mobility – A UK Perspective* and *Global Value of UK Education and Training Exports*, both emphasise the positive benefits international students bring to the British economy. The results of an aggressive student recruitment policy can be seen in Pakistan, where Higher-Edge Asia Managing Director Mel Broitman reports the market continues to be controlled by the British.

Pakistani education agents have been so successful sending thousands of students to the UK, that they actively dissuade students from pursuing other study-abroad destinations. Higher tuition commission fees paid to agents in British pounds and the current liberal trend of the British High Commission in Islamabad in giving out thousands of student visas, have agents marching as many applicants as possible to British schools.

Mel also reports that students interested in Canada are told by agents that Canadian universities are too expensive, and Canadian student visas are not being granted by the Canadian High Commission - both utterly untrue statements, but critical misinformation to undermine competition to revenues of commissions from UK universities.

Source: ["UK economy at risk, warns British Council," British Council Press Release, 20 April 2004.](#) (Microsoft Word file)

GLOBE TIPPING

Shanghai Tour Bus

The Shanghai Sightseeing Bus Center offers travelers 50 different sightseeing routes that cover 120 scenic spots. There are also ten downtown routes (for a description of these ten routes, click [here](#)).

The center has two waiting lounges: under the No. 5 escalator at the Shanghai Stadium and under the No. 2 escalator at the Hongkou Stadium. Open daily, the terminal also provides services in English. A ticket costs 18 yuan (\$3 CAD), and you can board and disembark the bus from any point along the route.