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LET'S GO CANADA

George Brown Announces Indian Partnership

In a bid both to attract more Indian students and to offer more “international exposure” to its Canadian students, Toronto’s George Brown College will be offering a joint program in computer science with an Indian institution beginning this August.

The program will involve two years of study at the Chitkara Educational Trust in Chandigarh, India and one at George Brown. Graduates will receive both a diploma in computer systems technology from George Brown and an accredited bachelor of computer applications degree from Chitkara. Qualifying students will also have the option to do a one-year post-graduation work program. The two schools are planning to expand the partnership in 2007.

Source: [May 26, 2006 news release](#), available on the George Brown web site

ABROAD PERSPECTIVE

Four More Branch Campuses Planned for Adelaide

Weeks after the official opening of Carnegie Mellon University’s Adelaide campus last month, the premier of South Australia recently said “three or four” more foreign universities are planning to open branch campuses in the state over the next four years. Premier Mike Rann said he was involved in talks with one American university and two British schools.

Mr. Rann declined to name the institutions, but he is reported to be interested in attracting programs in areas such as energy economics, high-technology criminology and software engineering.

While the opening of foreign branch campuses is becoming increasingly popular among universities in Canada’s rival international educators, such as the U.S. and the U.K., no Canadian university has so far opened an overseas campus, according to a [Conference Board of Canada report](#) released this spring.

Source: “[Four More Unis Likely to Open Campuses in S.A.](#),” *The Advertiser* (Adelaide), June 19, 2006

OVER THE COUNTER

NAFSA Calls “Urgently” for National American Strategy

The U.S. risks losing more share of the international student market unless it adopts a number of reforms, including the formulation of a national strategy for attracting foreign students, argues a recent NAFSA paper. While international education rivals such as the U.K. continue to put in place student-attracting policies, and while traditional big education importers such as China work increasingly to keep their students at home, the U.S. has been “curiously disengaged,” the report contends. As a result, there are still fewer foreign students in the U.S. now than there were immediately before the 2001 terrorist attacks.

One key factor in any national student-attracting strategy, NAFSA says, will be the role of the Department of Homeland Security. Homeland Security and the departments of State, Commerce and Education, the paper argues, “need strong policy direction, clear mandates, and better synergy” if the U.S. is to attract more students.

Source: A news release and link for downloading the ten-page report, free, can be found on the [NAFSA web site](#).

GLOBE TIPPING

More on Chinese Cabs

When you enter a taxi in China, it’s a good idea to say “da biao,” to make sure the meter is turned on. If the driver does not turn the meter on right away, we recommend getting out of the car and looking for another cab—especially at the airport.

To ask for a receipt at the end of the ride, state “fa piao”. In major cities this receipt is printed from the meter, and clearly states the start and end time of the ride, the distance and the cost. In case of any lost items or disputes, this receipt will list the car number and the driver number. A Chinese-speaking colleague could then call the taxi company for you to make an enquiry or complaint.

More useful information on taxi travel in China can be found in previous issues of *Overseas, Overwhelmed*: [Nov. 12, 2003](#); [Nov. 19, 2003](#); [June 7, 2006](#) and [June 14, 2006](#).