### **Opportunities, Trends and Power of Networks in Our Regions (University Perspective)**







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### **Global Trends in Higher Education**



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## Canada

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#### **CANADA**

In 2023, a record <u>684,385 new study permits</u> were issued for international students in Canada In 2024, the government limited study permits to maximum <u>485,000</u> and will further limit them to to only <u>437,000</u> for 2025. Sept 2024 projections estimate that only <u>230,000</u> will be issued in 2024, which would represent a 66% decrease from the previous year.





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#### UNITED KINGDOM

- Recent discussions and policy shifts focused primarily at the graduate level, including implementation of new limitations on bringing dependent family members, and lots of discussion but in the end no changes to the Graduate Route.
- The snap July 2024 election resulted in Labour party taking control and a video from the new <u>Education Secretary</u> to international student affirming that they are welcome.
- However, such policy discussions can still impact international student perceptions of how welcoming the host country may be, and in August 2024 student visa applications were <u>down 17%</u> compared to prior year.







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Proof of <u>funding amounts</u> have gone up Visa fees have <u>more than doubled</u> Visa approvals for 2024 have dropped <u>almost 30%</u> compared to prior year

For higher education and vocational education and training, will cap new international student enrollments for 2025 at 270,000 (down from



in 2023 which would be a 33% reduction)



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# **United States**

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#### UNITED STATES

The U.S. has rebounded from the pandemic and is again hosting over 1 million international students. <u>92% of U.S. HEIs</u> are hoping to *increase* their international enrollments. The U.S. college-age population is declining and schools are expecting a sharp drop in domestic enrollments from 2025 onwards, so many schools are increasing international recruitment efforts.

India has replaced China as the number one sender of students to the U.S.

The presidential election may impact both U.S. policy and student interest.







International Students as a Percentage of Total University Enrollment

Source: Project Atlas, 2023

#### IIE Outlook 2030 Brief

# Regional Trends

### **Trends - Regional**

#### **China: Outbound international Students**



While growth in the number of new Chinese students going abroad has slowed and it has dropped to number 2 (behind India) in the US and Canada, it continues to be a top sender of international students globally.

#### British Council "Outlook for International Student Mobility" March 2024



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### **Trends - Regional**

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Vietnam: Outbound international Students

#### Indonesia: Outbound international Students



British Council "Outlook for International Student Mobility" March 2024



### Trends - Regional

#### **STUDENT INTERESTS**

Academic programs

 Data review - Uni reps can use this information to see which of their programs align in different areas

#### Athletics

 The U.S. in particular has strong athletics programs which can be a major driver of student interest and can sometimes include funding. <u>29% of New Zealanders and 28% of Australians</u> studying in the U.S. are NCAA I or II Student-Athletes

#### **Proximity to Family/Familiar Community**

- Local diaspora and immigrant populations
- For example, Maryland has 3rd largest population of Koreans in US





#### **GOING ABROAD - CLOSER TO HOME**

Over the last decade, the "mobility of students from East Asia within the region grew faster than mobility of students from East Asia to major English speaking destination countries"

- British Council: More East Asia students opting for regional study destinations

China, Japan, and South Korea are all major hosts of students from the region

Thailand, Indonesia, Japan and South Korea all send more students to China than to English-speaking destinations.





#### **GOING ABROAD - CLOSER TO HOME**

Vietnam hosts nearly <u>22,000 international students</u>, a record in recent years, most from the East and Southeast Asia region

International higher education students in the Philippines have shot up from just over 12,000 in 2019 to over 24,500 in 2023. While a large cohort originates from South Asia, the country also hosts nearly 4,500 Chinese students, and over 150 each from South Korea, Indonesia, and Thailand.

Post-pandemic <u>enrollments at Japanese universities are on the rise</u>, with China, Vietnam, South Korea, and Myanmar in the top 5 countries of origin. The Japanese government <u>hopes to reach</u> <u>400,000 international students</u> by 2033.





### **Transnational Education**

- According to <u>Cross-Border Education Research Team (C-BERT)</u>, there are over 330 international branch campuses globally, and over 100 are in East Asia, Southeast Asia, and Oceania.
- China (47), Singapore (16), and Malaysia (15) are in the top 5 countries that host branch campuses
- Within this region, the US has 27 branch campuses, the UK 17, Australia 12, France 12, and Ireland 6.



### **Opportunities for Higher Education Institutes**



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### If you have the budget to go to any conference, which one and why?

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### If you have limited budget for recruitment, which tour would you join and why?

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### **Recruitment Strategies**

- Direct/Indirect
- Small vs Large Group
- Agents/Organizations
- Alums/Parents/Ambassadors
- Direct vs Reverse Admission





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### **Recruitment Strategies**

#### **Brand Awareness - spreading the word**

- School visits/College Fairs
- Tours Small Group vs Large
- In-Country Reps
  - Quality of reps, knowledge of campus and investment to have reps visit campus annually (Quality control)
- Events
  - Accepted Student Receptions
  - Counselor Receptions/Workshops
- Social Media/Online Communities
  - BridgeU, Maia Learning, Cialfo, StudyintheUSA, QS
  - ChinaGravy/Sunrise specific sites for China (different languages), Fourdozen - Vietnam
- Al
  - Data-driven insights
  - Personalized outreach
  - Chatbots

Brand Recognition - positioning & differentiating factors

- Specialized programs
- Diversity
- Campus locations
- Scholarships
- Student Life/Athletics





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### **Agents/Organizations**



- Expand your geographical reach at low cost
- Help identify qualified students
- Market expertise local trends/insights
- Access to local resources
- Economies of scale in engagement
- Increased enrollment rates



- Quality control agents providing inconsistent/misleading information to students
- Ethical concerns transparency, prioritizing commissions over students' best interests
- Brand dilution potential loss of control over brand messaging
- Higher cost per student high commission fees, low ROI



### Recruitment Strategies -Alumni, Parents and Ambassadors

#### Develop alumni networks worldwide

- Collaborating with your development/alumni office
- Locate alums in new/existing markets
- Set up meet/greet during your travel to new/existing markets
- Invite alumni to your admitted student events

#### **Parent volunteers**

- Find those parents that love the university
- Has connections/resources in new target markets
- Assist with fairs/hosting prospective student events

#### International/Domestic Student Ambassadors

- When they visit home, study abroad
- Work with students groups



### **Direct/Reverse Admissions**

| Aspect                   | Direct Admission  | Reverse Admission  |  |  |
|--------------------------|---|--|--|--|
| Initiative               | The university initiates by offering admission directly to students   | The university initiates contact by expressing interest based on the student's profile                       |  |  |
| Application Process      | No formal application is required from the student                    | Students create a profile but don't necessarily<br>apply until they receive interest from the<br>institution |  |  |
| Student Role             | Students passively receive admission offers                           | Students actively create profiles that attract universities  |  |  |
| University Competition   | Less competitive, as offers are based<br>on meeting criteria          | More competitive, as universities compete to attract students by offering tailored opportunities             |  |  |
| Flexibility for Students | Limited flexibility; students receive<br>offers based on set criteria | More flexibility; students can receive and compare multiple offers from different universities               |  |  |



### **Direct/Reverse Admissions**

- Identify and directly reach out to prospective students, instead of waiting for them to apply
- Engage with potential applicants based on your institution's requirement
- Increase Conversion Rates
- Resource Intensive involve high costs, management of student data
- EAB (Concourse Global), Collegevine, Niche, Common App, Maia Learning



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### **Opportunities in the Regions**



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# Opportunities for high school counselors in the region



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### University visits

- Communication
  - School profile & academic calendar
  - Directions getting around, driver recommendations
  - Format of visit
  - Expectations
  - Travel tips
- Visiting time & academic calendar
  - Parent chats
  - Counselor meeting



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We are an association of counselors in Taiwan, who work in support of secondary students transitioning to higher education around the globe. We welcome representatives from universities throughout the world to visit our high schools and attend our events. Our events and visits are run independently, but by working together we hope to show you how easy it is to conduct a series of visits in Taiwan.

For your convenience, we have a **spreadsheet consolidating our preferred visit times**. Please visit the links below for a direct link to each school's counseling webpage. You'll also find general information about **visiting Taiwan** and a **printable map of international high schools in Taiwan**.\*

Taiwan is a vibrant democracy in East Asia with a population of 23 million. The official language of Taiwan is Mandarin Chinese; with English the most popular foreign language. According to Taiwan's Ministry of Education, there was a slight increase in the number of Taiwanese students studying abroad in 2013, bringing the total number to 60,839 students. The U.S. is the most popular destination with 23,000 students, though the number has been declining in recent years, with the UK the second most popular destination. (1)

#### Greater Taipei Area

Asia American International Academy Dominican International School Kang Chiao International School Primacy Collegiate Academy Taipei American School Taipei European School Taipei Fuhsing Private School Taipei Wego Private Senior High School

#### Hsinchu

International Bilingual School of Hsinchu Science Park (IBSH) Hsinchu American School Hsinchu County American School Hsinchu International School Pacific American School

Central Taiwan American School in Taichung Ivy Collegiate Academy Morrison Academy Taichung

#### Southern Taiwan International Bilingual School at Tainan Science Park (IBST) I-Shou International School Kaohsiung American School Morrison Academy Kaohsiung

Other Partners Education USA Taiwan



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and Oceania 2024

### The importance of counselor networks

- Network exposure
- Shared resources, stronger network, more visits
- Joint events and workshops
- Job opportunities and mentorships
- Professional reputation



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### The importance of counselor networks





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### Working with parents

- Source of information
- The idea of finding fit
- Understanding need and concern
- Develop rapport and trust
- Recruitment, retention and graduation



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### **Additional Resources**

#### **COUNSELOR NETWORKS AND RESOURCES:**

<u>Hong Kong</u> <u>Korea</u> <u>Singapore</u> <u>Taiwan</u> <u>Brunei</u> <u>Indonesia</u> <u>Laos</u> <u>Malaysia</u> <u>Myanmar</u> <u>Philippines</u> (Manila) <u>Vietnam</u> (Ho Chi Minh City)

#### **OTHERS:**

China Fairs Mongolia - Educational Advising Resource Center



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### **Additional Resources**

#### **CONFERENCE AROUND THE REGIONS**

China - <u>East Meets West</u>, <u>China ICAC</u> Singapore - <u>Global University Counselor Connect</u> Indonesia - <u>Network of Indonesian School Counselors</u> Thailand - <u>CIS EARCOS</u> Korea - <u>KISCA conference</u> <u>IC3 Regional Forums</u> International ACAC Regionals EducationUSA Regionals

#### **OTHERS:**

<u>Globe Trotters United</u> <u>College Fairs Surrounding CIS-EARCOS conference</u>



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### **Additional Resources**

DATA SOURCES NUFFIC Global Mobility Streams: https://www.nuffic.nl/en/subjects/facts-and-figures/global-mobility-streams

IIE Open Doors (international mobility to U.S.):

https://opendoorsdata.org/data/international-students/

Campus France:

https://www.campusfrance.org/en/key-figures-2022-student-mobility-is-back-with-changes Project Atlas (global and certain voluntary partners):

https://www.iie.org/research-initiatives/project-atlas/

Australian Government International Education Data and Research:

https://www.education.gov.au/international-education-data-and-research

Government of Canada International Education Strategy:

https://www.international.gc.ca/education/strategy-strategie/2019-2024.aspx

British Council "5 Trends to Watch in 2024: East Asia Insights"



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### **Questions?**



### Hopefully answers...



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