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International Branch Campuses in Malaysia

Abstract (150 words max.)

As indicated by a recent UNESCO report, Malaysia is a prime destination for higher education. There are at present seven international branch campuses in operation with another twenty-five applications from UK, US, Australia and elsewhere under consideration by the Ministry of Higher Education. Malaysia's Higher Education Strategic Plan has stated the objective of establishing the country as the regional hub for higher education with an estimated international student population of 100,000 (in 2013) with projected numbers of 150,000 (in 2015) and 200,000 by the year 2020. This presentation will provide an overview of transnational higher education in Malaysia with a focus on international branch campuses.

Biography (150 words max.)

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