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Message from the Director

The Introductory Academic Program (IAP) that was conducted in Semester 1 was a success, particularly the celebratory dinner, according to all accounts. Facilitated by RMIT’s International Student Information and Support (ISIS) unit, the IAP assists students with adjusting to life in Melbourne and familiarising themselves with RMIT. Although the IAP incurs an additional cost per student, the academic and social benefits passed on to students justify this.

While students are busy preparing for their exams, we are preparing to welcome the June 2008 cohort of students. Of course, this welcome will also feature another IAP that will assist the students adjust to their new environment.

Happy reading!

Michelle Hoodbhoy
Director, International Services
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AusAID

Earlier this year we welcomed 12 new Australian Development Scholarship and Australian Leadership Award students to our growing AusAID community. The students came from countries as diverse as Papua New Guinea, Nepal, Fiji, India and Swaziland. These students are currently studying a range of programs from TAFE to postgraduate research in many areas, including: clinical microbiology; computer science; education; international urban and environmental management; midwifery; occupational health and safety; quality management; surveying, geomatics and cartography; sustainable energy; and telecommunications engineering.

AusAID

Farewell

In July we say goodbye to Aruna Devi, a Fijian Australian Leadership Award student who has been studying the Master of Laboratory Medicine. Aruna is expected to complete her studies in July. To date Aruna has received high praise from many areas of the University. Aruna has been an outstanding support for others, and as a result will also receive a RMIT LEAD certificate for her voluntary peer work. (RMIT LEAD is RMIT’s Student Leadership Program.)

Farewell

NEWSLETTER FEEDBACK

We are keen for your feedback! Please address all comments and queries to:

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Omani Student Society of Victoria Exhibition

The Omani Student Society of Victoria (OSSV) recently showcased their culture to Melburnians at an exhibition held at Federation Square.

Held on a sunny weekend in April, the OSSV made the most of the popular meeting spot, grabbing the attention of many locals who were passing by. Melbourne’s Lord Mayor and the Consul General of Oman welcomed guests, while traditional Omani bands and children performed. On display were crafts, jewellery, clothes, pottery and sweets, providing an insight into Omani culture and traditions.

The OSSV is a non-profit organisation, founded in 2002 by the first group of Omani students to arrive in Melbourne. The initial objective of the group was to create a home away from home; this has now morphed into showcasing Oman and blending into Australia’s multicultural society. Judging by the success of the exhibition, the OSSV are well on their way!

RMIT student, Mohammed Saif Al Saidi, described the purpose of the day as ‘presenting Oman to Australian society’. Mohammed, a sponsored student of the Government of the Sultanate of Oman, is currently studying the Bachelor of Engineering (Manufacturing and Engineering Management).

Exhibitors and participants (including Melbourne’s Lord Mayor John So, bottom left hand corner) at the recent Omani Student Society of Victoria event.

WHAT’S ON RMIT’S WEBSITE?

2008 academic calendar
www.rmit.edu.au/academic-registrar/academic_calendars

Semester 2, 2008 enrolment timetable
www.rmit.edu.au/international/enrolment

New programs available to international students
www.rmit.edu.au/international/newprogram

Publications
www.rmit.edu.au/international/brochures

Programs and Fees 2008
www.international.rmit.edu.au/info/programfees/programfees.asp

Refund policy
www.rmit.edu.au/international/refundpolicy

RMIT University alumni information
www.alumni.rmit.edu.au

Scholarships website
www.rmit.edu.au/international/scholarships

INTERNATIONAL DELEGATIONS

RMIT University regularly hosts international delegations, including those on study tours, exchange partners, government and business groups. During the March to June 2008 quarter, we have had the pleasure of meeting with the following individuals/organisations:

Brazil - Universities from Santa Catarina
Canada - Waterloo University
China - Heilongjiang Department of Education
- Peking University
- South China Normal University
- South East University China
- Tongji University
- Zhejiang University
Cyprus - Cyprus University of Technology
India - National Institute of Design (NID)
Indonesia - University Kristen Satya Wacana (UKSM)
Malaysia - High Commissioner of Malaysia
- International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM)
- National University Malaysia
- University Putra Malaysia
Oman - Consul General
Taiwan - Rajamangala Srivijaya
USA - Rolls Royce Corporation
Vietnam - Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences (VASS)

Source: RMIT University Protocol Office

Invoices

Invoices will be issued after the Semester 2 census cut-off date, 31 August 2008. If your finance department’s contact details have changed, please let us know before this date.

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