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Update on CIC Initiatives for International Students

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Purpose

To provide an update on recent initiatives related to international students including:

- Trends on international students
- “System-wide” operational improvements
- Work permit programs for international students and linkages to PR
- Best practices



Numbers of International Students

- Annual entries increasing in recent years
 - 72,842 international students entered Canada between Quarter 1 and Quarter 3 of 2009. 6% increase over entries between Quarter 1 and Quarter 3 of 2008

Annual Entries	2008 (Quarter 1 to Quarter 3)	2009 (Quarter 1 to Quarter 3)	% Change
Ontario	23,057	25,555	+11%
British Columbia	21,785	22,714	+4%
Quebec	11,379	12,455	+9%
Alberta	5,180	4,764	-8%
Nova Scotia	2,284	2,314	+1%
Manitoba	1,467	1,770	+21%
Saskatchewan	1,256	1,285	+2%
New Brunswick	1,149	1,219	+6%
Newfoundland and Labrador	613	466	-24%
Prince Edward Island	225	277	-23%
Territories	29	21	-27%
Province or territory not stated	-	2	
TOTAL	68,431	72,842	6%

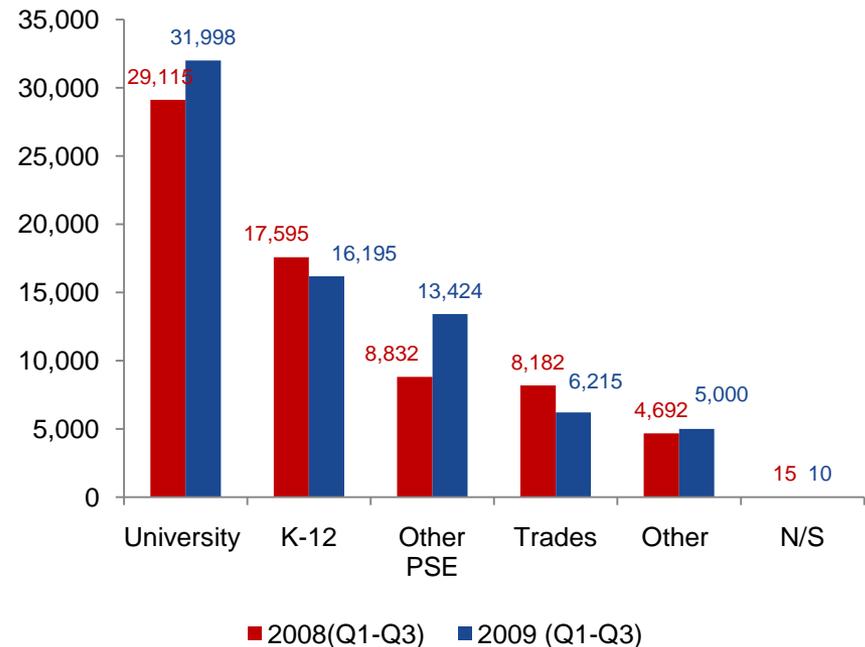
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Students by Level of Education

- Large share of international students destined to universities and K-12 level in CDA
 - 31,998 students entered Canada at university level in 2009 between Q1 and Q3 (44% of Cdn. total)
 - 16,195 students entered Canada in K-12 level between Q1 and Q3 (22% of Cdn. total)

Entries of International Students by Level of Education, 2008 and 2009 (Q1 to Q3)



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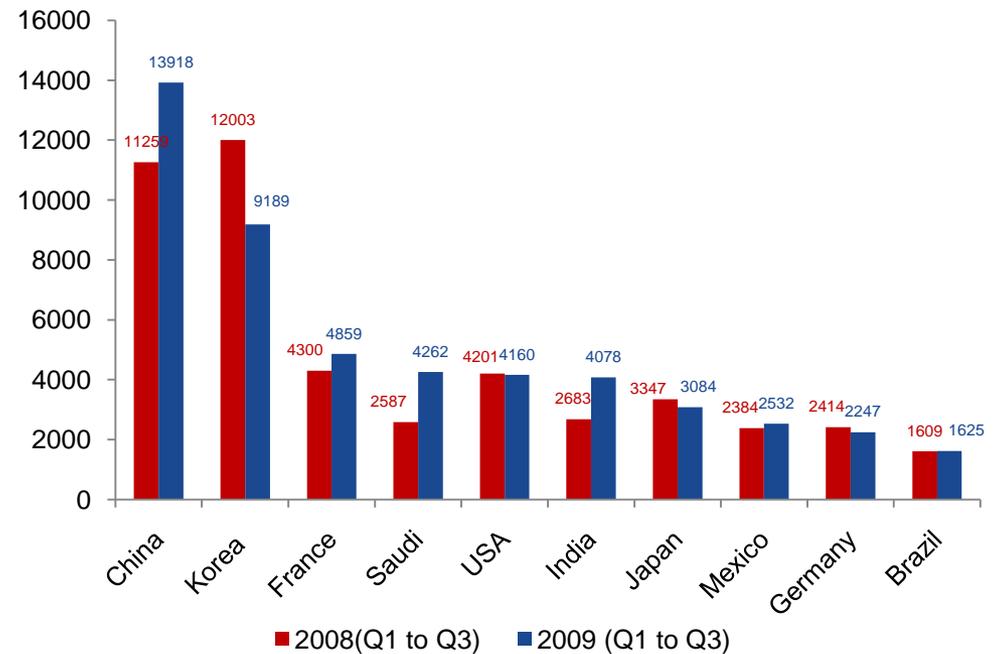
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Student Countries of Origin

- Students from China (13,918) and Korea (9,189) represented 32% of total annual entries of foreign students in Canada between Q1 and Q3 of 2009
- Followed by France, Saudi Arabia, USA, India, Japan, Mexico, Germany, and Brazil
- Top 10 source countries represented 69% of annual entries to Canada

Entries of International Students by Source Country, 2008-09 (Q1 to Q3)



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Operational Improvements

On-line applications

- On-line applications now available for study permit extensions in Canada, off-Campus WPs, post-graduation WPs, and WPs for spouses of international students
- Upcoming pilot project on study permits in select visa-exempt countries

Visa Application Centers (VACs)

- General information and services provided by VACs available on-line in CIC best-practices “bulletin” and directly from CIC Mission websites
- In addition to existing VACs, 3 additional VACs were opened in Mexico in Mexico City, Guadalajara, and Monterrey in 2009

Electronic Notification System

- Changes introduced in last release to facilitate and improve reporting from institutions to PTs and CIC
- Next upgrade of ENS will include further improvements on reporting (e.g. separate reporting on graduating students)



Work Permit Programs and Links to PR

- Student participation in work permit programs significant, but demand is “flattening”

Off-Campus Work Permit Program

- 13,892 OCWPs issued from January-September 2009 in Canada
- Approximately 4% increase over same period in 2008

Post-graduation Work Permit Program

- 12,716 PGWPs issued from January-September 2009 in Canada
- Approximately 13% decrease over same period in 2008

Transition to PR and Students

- Number of international students transition to PR decreased from 8,814 in Q1 to Q3 of 2008 to 7,075 in Q1 to Q3 of 2009
- On upside, demand for CEC is increasing, and reaching projected targets
- 86% approval rate for CEC applications



Best Practices

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- Collection of input from PTs, stakeholders, and CIC officers during 2009
- CIC working to implement recommendations from PTs/stakeholders
- Best-practices “bulletin” to be available on-line



Moving forward

- Government of Canada and CIC continuing to work on initiatives to attract and retain international students in Canada
- Need to maintain integrity of immigration system
- Important to increase awareness and use of existing tools (e.g. on-line apps, Visa Application Centers, Student Partners Project) to maximize benefits for student clients





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