



Newsletter

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By appointment only



Special points of interest:

- Annual Pre-departure Orientation
- Study in the USA Seminars for F.5-F.7 Students
- Hong Kong Vincennes University Scholarship Application Deadline: **May 30, 2008**

The Institute of International Education and its in-house EducationUSA Advisory Center seeks to serve local students, parents and schools with accurate, up-to-date and unbiased information and guidance on educational opportunities in the U.S. We provide free consultations for individuals and groups at our comprehensive reference library. We also host annual fairs featuring U.S. colleges and boarding schools in North America, and we host free sessions to advise U.S. bound students-before they depart-on what they can expect and how to best prepare themselves to flourish as students in the U.S.

For info, please call 2603 5771 or email to info@iiehongkong.org

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Certain F-1 Students Now Eligible to Extend Optional Practical Training (OPT) to Up to 29 Months

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security has extended the period of Optional Practical Training (OPT) from 12 to 29 months for qualified F-1 non-immigrant students. The extension will be available to F-1 students with a degree in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics who are employed by businesses enrolled in the E-Verify program, is a free, web-based system with the Social Security Administration that helps employers to determine the employment eligibility of newly-hired employees.

Students can apply for OPT within 60 days of graduation. To be eligible for OPT extension, an F-1 student must:

- Currently be participating in a 12-month period of approved post-completion OPT;
- Have successfully completed a degree in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics
- Be working for a U.S. employer in a job directly related to the student's major area of study
- Be working for, or accepted employment with, an employer enrolled in U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services' E-Verify program.
- Properly maintain F-1 status

For more info, visit www.dhs.gov

Upcoming Events

Study USA Seminar for F.5-F.7 Students

Interested in furthering your post-secondary education in the U.S.? Come learn about U.S. higher education and application procedures and requirements with us! Topics include: How to Choose U.S. Universities and Community Colleges, Financial Aid, Admission Requirements, and U.S. Student Visas. Please RSVP at 2603-5771.

Seminar for F. 7 Students

Date: July 2, 2008 (Wednesday)

Time: 5:00-6:00pm

Venue: 2/F IIE Advising Center

Free Admission

Seminar for F.5-F.6 Students

Date: August 6, 2008 (Wednesday)

Time: 3:30-5:30pm

Venue: Lecture Theatre,

Hong Kong Central Library

Free Admission

2008 U.S. Pre-departure Orientation

IIE's annual U.S. Pre-departure Orientation will be held in July 19, 2008. The orientation will provide you with important information to make your move to the U.S. and your time there easier and more successful. A series of seminars are planned to give you more information on what to expect on U.S. college campuses, cultural adjustments, and student visas, and recently returned students will share their first-hand experiences studying at colleges and universities in the U.S. So mark your calendar now and invite a friend to come along. The better prepared you are, the easier your transition will be in studying in the U.S.!

Date: July 19, 2008 (Saturday)

Time: 3:00-5:00pm

Venue: Pacific Place Conference Center

Level 5, One Pacific Place

Free Admission

U.S. Study Scholarships Update



Hong Kong Vincennes University Scholarship

Amount: Several scholarships at US\$6,000 per year plus additional scholarships at US\$3,000 per year

Application Deadline: May 30, 2008

Eligibility: Hong Kong and Macau residents at Form 5 level or above. Applications from Mainland senior high school students will also be eligible to apply for the scholarship. Priority will be given to students majoring in sciences, mathematics, and engineering.

About VU: VU is one of America's premiere two-year colleges, founded over two hundred years ago by a former U.S. president, William Henry Harrison. In addition to the first two years of several baccalaureate programs including medicine, engineering, and business, VU also offers associate degrees in popular programs such as broadcasting and commercial art.

Website: www.iiehongkong.org/vincennes



KAUST Discovery Scholarship

Amount: Full undergraduate scholarship at current university and then full master's degree scholarship at King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST) in Saudi Arabia

Application Deadline: May 11, 2008

Eligibility: Science & Technology students eligible to matriculate at KAUST in 2009 or 2010. Please see website for detailed information

Details: Please call 2603 5771 ext 105 or email scholarships@iiehongkong.org

Website: www.kaust.edu.sa

**We're Online on MSN Messenger:
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Events Calendar

May

11	(Sun)	-	KAUST Discovery Scholarship Application Deadline
12	(Mon)	10:00am-6:00pm	Public Holiday- Office Closed
17	(Sat)	10:00am-12:30pm	TOEIC Test
30	(Fri)	-	Hong Kong Vincennes Scholarship Application Deadline
31	(Sat)	10:00am-12:30pm	TOEIC Test

June

7	(Sat)	8:00am-1:00pm	SAT International Test
9	(Mon)	10:00am-6:00pm	Public Holiday- Office Closed
14	(Sat)	10:00am-12:30pm	TOEIC Test
28	(Sat)	10:00am-12:30pm	TOEIC Test
30	(Mon)	-	HKALE Result Release Date

July

1	(Tues)	10:00am-6:00pm	Public Holiday- Office Closed
2	(Wed)	5:00pm-6:00pm	U.S. Study Seminar for Form 6-7 Students
12	(Sat)	10:00am-12:30pm	TOEIC Test
19	(Sat)	3:00pm-6:00pm	Annual Pre-departure Orientation
26	(Sat)	10:00am-12:30pm	TOEIC Test

August

4	(Mon)	-	HKCEE Result Release Date
6	(Wed)	3:30pm-5:30pm	U.S. Study Seminar for Form 5 Students
19	(Sat)	3:00pm-6:00pm	Annual Pre-departure Orientation
26	(Sat)	10:00am-12:30pm	TOEIC Test



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