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THAI STUDENTS' DEMAND FOR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

- An estimated 10 000 Thai students study overseas (1990).
- Thai students in Canada (1991)
 - college: 76
 - undergraduate: 25
 - graduate: 165
 - total: 342
- International education is perceived extremely positively.
- There is a preference for international education at the university level – a college education is not highly valued, vocational students can't afford international education.
- A rise in individual wealth has increased numbers of Thai students studying overseas.
- There is a high demand for English as a second language training.
- Thai students often do not have prerequisite high school math and science courses to pursue an international university education.
- Some government departments, universities and businesses offer promising executive-level workers opportunities to win scholarships to study abroad in certain fields.

Source: Thai-Canadian Association; Statistics Canada

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TOP INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION DESTINATIONS FOR THAI UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

1990

▪ U.S.	(6 353)
▪ PHILIPPINES	(731)
▪ JAPAN	(681)
▪ AUSTRALIA	(576)
▪ U.K.	(358)
▪ FRANCE	(231)

Source: UNESCO Statistical Yearbook 1992