

seminars and recruitment interview sessions. I-20 form issued by USA is also issued on a timely basis. Acceptance letters are crucial to the student visa process and, as such, must be issued in a timely manner. Only Windsor (through Bazaar 2000) and Acadia (through visits to Dhaka) issue letters of acceptances in Bangladesh.

Scholarships

The US, Australia and Japan are most active in this area. The Australian government as well as institutions from the US, the UK, Australia and Japan offer a wide variety of scholarships to undergraduate, graduate and PhD students. There are no official statistics but it is estimated that the highest number of scholarships are offered by USA followed by Japan and Australia.

Joint Degrees, Twinning and Other Programs

In Bangladesh, with the evolution of the private education industry, many foreign universities have linked up with private universities. These linkages are mainly in the form of transfer credit arrangements. The US, Australia, the UK, Malaysia and India are well ahead of Canada in establishing these linkages. Many professors are coming from India to teach at the tertiary and secondary level. Private universities have arrangements for students and faculty exchanges, largely with the US, Australia with Japan commencing shortly. Annex 1.0 gives a few examples of existing cooperation with Bangladeshi institutions.



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