## TRENDS IN STUDENT MOBILITY & UNIVERSITY ADMISSION

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#### **Current Developments**

- Malaysia is one of the Newly Industrialized Countries in Asia.
- By the year 2020 : fully industrialized
- The expansion of the economy in 80's & 90's has led to a structural change in economy: from labor intensive to capital intensive and knowledge economy
  - (K Economy)
- Higher education has undergone dramatic changes: (K workers)

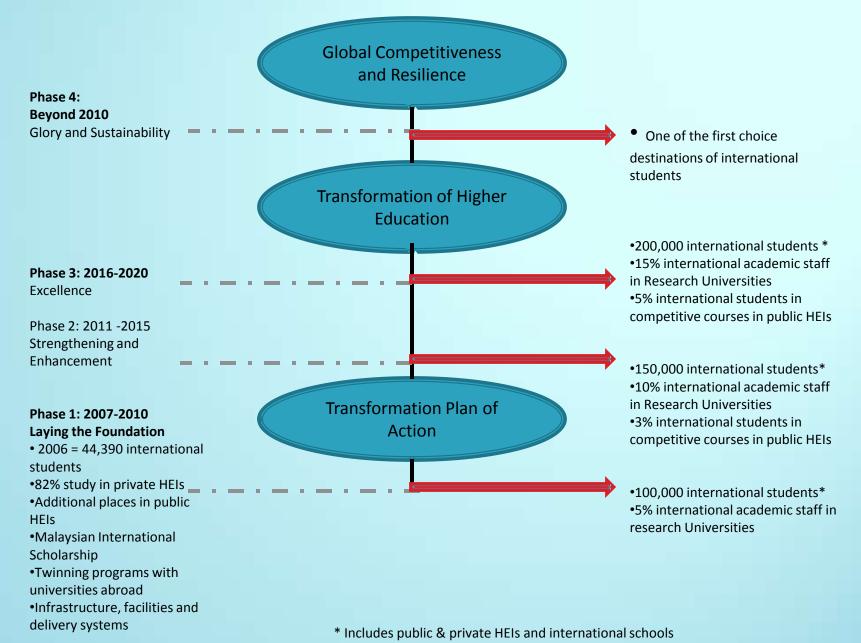
# NATIONAL TARGETS FOR EDUCATION



## Critical strategies

- 2 APEX university & 5 Research Universities
  - Best leaders, best faculty, best students & best facilities
- MyBrain15:
  - 100,000 high quality graduates with doctoral degrees within the next 10 years:
    - 60% in science, technology &medicine
    - 20% in humanities & applied literature
    - 20% in other professional fields
- Academic Performance Audit
  - MOHE & MQA
  - rating system and ranking locally
- Lifelong learning & Graduate Training Scheme
- International Education Hub
- Enhancing higher Education : Internationalization

### Transformation Phases towards Establishing Malaysia as a Hub of Higher Educational Excellence



#### Number of Higher Education Institutions (as June 2009)

Types of Institution	Number	
Public University	20	
Polytechnic	27	
Community College	39	
Private University and University College	36	
Private College	485	
TOTAL	607	

**Source: Ministry of Higher Education** 

**Current enrolment: 1 million** 

# FOREIGN UNIVERSITY BRANCH CAMPUSES IN MALAYSIA

- MONASH UNIVERSITY (AUST)
- CURTIN UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY (AUST)
- SWINBURNE UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY (AUST)
- THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTTINGHAM (UK)
- NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY (UK)
- JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY (USA)

#### **EDUCATION CITIES**

- KLEC: KUALA LUMPUR EDUCATION CITY
- MEDINI ISKANDAR MALAYSIA
- Prestigious foreign universities invited to establish their branch campuses
- Tax incentives & non fiscal incentives



## INTERNATIONALIZATION OF HIGHER EDUCATION

- Collaborations between Malaysian & foreign higher education institution: MOU & MOA
- Establishment of four research chairs in Malay studies at foreign universities: USA, Holland, New Zealand & China
- Employment of international experts & lecturers in Research universities
- Malaysian International scholarships to outstanding international students to undertake their studies in Malaysia

### STUDENTS MOBILITY: International students in Malaysia

80,000 international students from: China, Saudi Arabia, Indonesia, Bangladesh, Iran, Maldives, Nigeria, Sudan, Yemen, India, Botswana, Thailand

Ranked 11<sup>th</sup> in the world as a destination among international students

### Malaysian Students Mobility

**FAVOURITE DESTINATIONS:** 





#### **STUDENTS MOBILITY - USA**

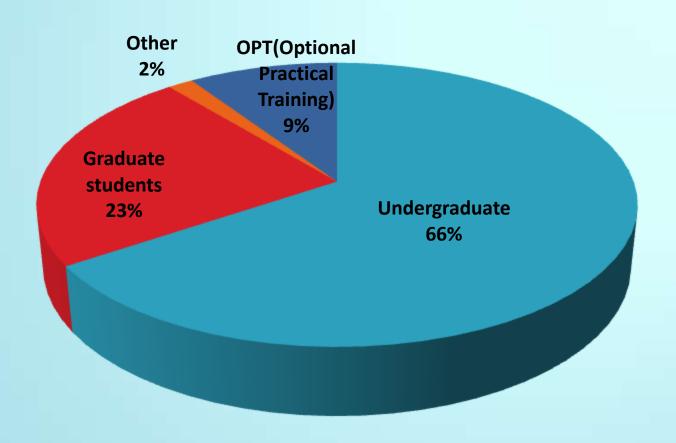
- Historical trends: The number of students from Malaysia decreased from a peak of 9,074 in 1999/00 to a low of 5,281 in 2006/07.
- Since 2006/07, the number of Malaysian students in the U.S. has increased however Malaysian students have remained 0.9% of the total foreign student population in the United States.

Year	# of Students from Malaysia	% of Total Foreign Students in U.S.	# of U.S. Study Abroad Students Going to Malaysia
2008/09	5,942	0.9%	n/a
2007/08	5,428	0.9%	105(down 13.2%)
2006/07	5,281	0.9%	121
2005/06	5,515	1.0%	108
2004/05	6,142	1.1%	77
2003/04	6,483	1.1%	43
2002/03	6,595	1.1%	47
2001/02	7,395	1.3%	25
2000/01	7,795	1.4%	77
1999/00	9,074	1.8%	26

Note: Study abroad figures in the *Open Doors* report reflect credit given by U.S. campuses during the survey year to their students who studied abroad in the academic year just completed, including the summer term. Study abroad in 2008/09 will be reported in the 2010 *Open Doors*, once credit is awarded by the home campus.

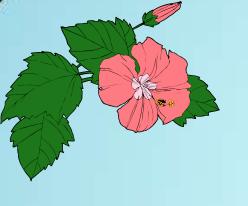
Source: Open Doors: Report on International Educational Exchange, published annually by IIE with support from the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. For more information, including press releases on foreign students in the U.S. and U.S. study abroad, and FAQs, including definitions of Foreign students and foreign scholars, visit <a href="http://opendoors.iienetwork.org/">http://opendoors.iienetwork.org/</a> or contact Leena Soman IIE Public Affairs Manager, at 1(212) 984 5360 or Isoman@iie.org

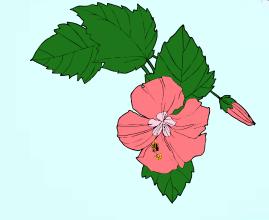
**Academic Level:** The majority of Malaysian students study at the undergraduate level. In 2008/09, their breakdown was as follows:



### Enhancing students mobility

- Receiving institution, assist & ease the experience of new students when they arrive in US
- Immigration policy & control -strike a balance between legitimate international security concerns & needs to provide a welcome to foreign students
- Demonstrate understanding and accommodate religious beliefs and practices
- Credit transfers given for courses taken from Malaysian universities
- Scholarships & other academic opportunities to excellent Malaysian/foreign students
- Waived Tax and fees (recreational fees, transport fees, health service fees, tax on tuition fees)





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