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## New China partner scheme: share your course development expertise – funding, exchanges available

UK NARIC announces a new scheme for UK universities to partner with universities in China: funding is available for staff exchanges and student orientation programmes, for curriculum development, and there is support for joint degrees where Chinese students spend 2 years of their Bachelor course in the UK.

UK NARIC is the exclusive facilitator for this scheme in the UK. Entitled the 'International High Standard Application-Oriented Institutions Programme', the scheme was initiated by the CSDP, China's national agency for education development and innovation, and has the full support of the Chinese Ministry of Education.

The focus of the programme is strengthening the industrial and vocational relevance of university education in China. UK expertise is especially sought in course development – the development of industrially-relevant modules for delivery in China. 4-year joint Bachelor programmes are envisaged where the Chinese student will spend the final 2 years at the UK partner institution. ([more...](#))

### Admissions training: Level 1 Manchester June 7; Level 2 Leeds, June 29

Our popular new training day for international admissions - our [Admissions Officer Level 1](#) training - is being delivered in [Manchester](#) on 7 June.

There are still places available. Members can [book online](#) (member log-in needed). Non-members can book using [the form](#) [PDF] which can be emailed to [events@naric.org.uk](mailto:events@naric.org.uk)

Level 1 is ideal for those new to the international admissions role or in the first 18 months of the job.

For those wishing progression or a thorough short training course in admissions, ([more...](#))



## Memorandum of Cooperation signed with Malaysian Qualifications Agency

UK NARIC and the Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA) are further strengthening their relationship with the signing on 25 May of a new Memorandum of Cooperation.

At the Malaysian High Commission in London, the agreement was signed by the CEO of MQA, Dato' Prof Dr Rujhan Mustafa (*above, front left*) and the Head of Stakeholder Management at UK NARIC, Tim Buttress (*above, front right*), representing Dr Cloud Bai-Yun, the CEO of UK NARIC.

The signing was witnessed by the Secretary General of the Ministry of Higher Education, Malaysia, HE Tan Sri Dr Noorul Ainur Mohd Nur (*above, back right*) and the High Commissioner of

### New: Protect your sponsor licence - advanced compliance, in partnership with Fragomen

UK NARIC is launching, in partnership with [Fragomen](#), the leading immigration law firm, new one-day Advanced Workshops in immigration compliance for universities. The workshops will be led by Fragomen, UK NARIC and other specialists.

These in-depth days feature detailed and practical advice on protecting your sponsor licence and preparing for UKVI audit. Your current policies and practice will be reviewed, and rigorously and critically examined. Strict Chatham House rules apply, to permit frank and open discussion. Group sizes are limited to 20 to give more individual attention.

Two workshops are offered: [Immigration Compliance for Universities](#) ([more...](#))

Malaysia to the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland, HE Dato' Ahmad Rasidi bin Hazizi (*back left*).

The signing of this document formally establishes a new phase of cooperation between the two organisations. This is part of UK NARIC's accelerated effort to consolidate key partnerships with global players from the SEA and Gulf regions.

Noorul Ainur said in her remarks that she hopes this cooperation will allow MQA to strengthen its qualification referencing capacity, to support the nearly completed revised Malaysia Qualifications Framework, and the Agency's endeavour to reference ([more...](#))

## Don't forget our member survey

Have you completed our latest member survey yet? You should have received an email invitation to take part.

Complete the survey and qualify for a prize draw for £50 of Amazon vouchers, as a thank you for your participation. ([more...](#))



### European Professional Card operation reviewed at Single Market Forum

Zara Green of UK NARIC's Centre for Professional Qualifications (*above, second from right, on the livestreamed Q&A panel discussing the European Professional Card*) took part in the European Commission Single Market Forum in Brussels on 16 May.

The forum reviewed the first year of operation of the 'European Professional Card' (EPC) and the 'alert mechanism'.

The discussion was wide in scope and included contributions from a range of government authorities and professional bodies. ([more...](#))



### UKNARIC17 delegate booking opens June; pre-register for Early Bird rates

Online delegate booking forms for the UKNARIC17 annual conference will open in June. Meantime, you can secure your place and your Early Bird discounted rates by [pre-registering](#). UKNARIC17 is on 20 and 21 November at the Park Plaza Victoria, London.

If you are interested in leading a workshop or taking part in a panel, it's not too late. [Email us](#) to let us know of your interest and specialist knowledge, and the kind of panel or workshop you think you could be part of.

Workshop sessions can be half-hour or one-hour, and there are various formats, some ([more...](#))



### Australia/NZ training: September dates in Auckland, Sydney, Perth

UK NARIC will be in Australia and New Zealand in September to offer a series of training sessions. Email [events@naric.org.uk](mailto:events@naric.org.uk) to book places or for detailed information.

There were requests for us to include Perth as a location. In response, we have included the Western Australian city (*pictured above*) in our 2017 itinerary.

We are at the Media Design School in Auckland on 14 and 15 September; at the University of New South Wales, Sydney, on the 18th and 19th; and at the Curtin ([more...](#))

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