

Post-event report for

Education UK schools and colleges exhibition 2014

11th October 2014 Bangkok, Thailand

Introduction

The Education UK schools and colleges exhibition was held on Saturday 11th October 2014, and attracted more than 700 students and parents at Intercontinental Hotel in Bangkok. The event brought representatives from 26 UK schools and further education institutions to meet with prospective Thai students, providing them with information on education opportunities as well as helping them with application preparation.

A series of seminars were held on the day with topics including how to choose the right school for your child, how to get into top universities, University Pathways - a guaranteed placement in higher education, Inspire Scholarships 2014, How to enter top UK universities such as Oxford, Cambridge, Imperial and the LSE, and choosing the right subjects for GCSE & A-Level

In this report, British Council Thailand undertook a review of the exhibitions strength and weakness as well as opportunities for improvement by analysing feedback from exhibitors and visitors.

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Highlights

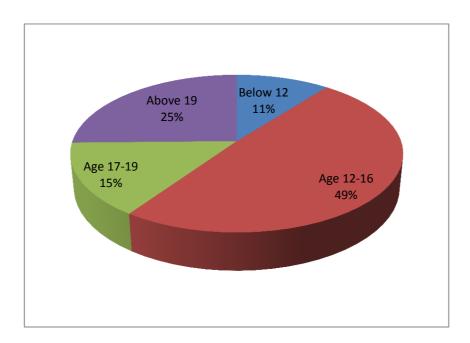
There were -

26 BOOTHS, 700 PARENTS & STUDENTS, and 1 business partner

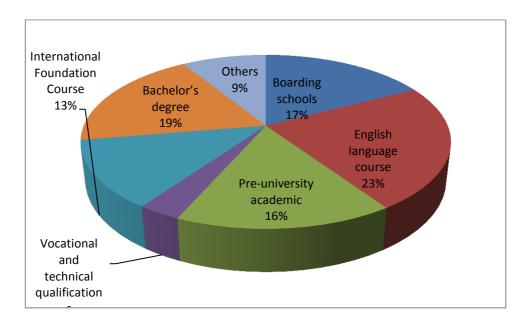
attending the exhibition

Visitors' profile

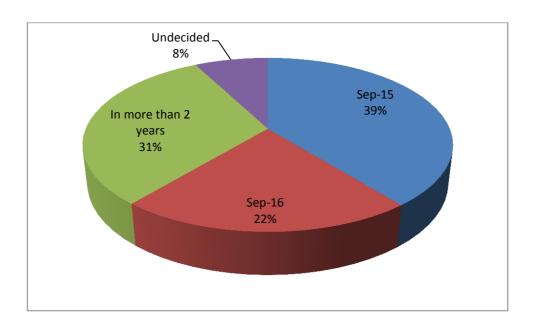
Majority of visitors were students aged 12-16 years old.



Many of our visitors, at 33%, were looking for boarding schools and pre-university academic courses.



Almost 40% of the visitors were considering studying abroad within 1 year



Marketing

We spent

1,000,000 Thai Baht

on promotion

Newspaper: Our Advertisement in the Bangkok Post newspaper, which is Thailand's number 1 English newspaper with a circulation of 80,000 copies a day





Education UK Schools and Colleges Fair 2014

พบกับ 26 โรงเรียนและวิทยาลัยชั้นนำจาก สหราชอาณาจักร

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- Cambridge Education Group
- Cardiff Sixth Form College
- Ealing, Hammersmith & West London College
- EF Academy International Boarding Schools
- King William's College
- · Moira House Girls School
- Oswestry School
- St Edmund's College
- Strathallan School

- Astrum Colleges
- Cambridge Tutors College
- . City of Sunderland College
- EF Education First Exeter College
- Highbury College Portsmouth
- Kingston College
- Moreton Hall School
- Queen Ethelburga's Boarding School
 The Royal Wolverhampton School

- St Micheal's School

พิเศษ ทุน Inspire! สำหรับนักเรียนไทย

รับใบสมัครพร้อมรายละเอียดทนในงานและฟังประสบการณ์ และเทคนิคพิชิตทุนจากนักเรียนทุน Inspire







We used both above-the-line and below-the-line communications to engage different groups of people

- Advertising on famous websites
- Advertising on Pantip.com
- Television tie-in PR in Rueng Lao Chao Nee, Thailand's No.1 morning news programme
- SMS to British Council Thailand's students and parents
- Invitation letters to students and parents
- E-news to British Council Thailand's news subscribers
- Posting on British Council Thailand's website and Facebook fan page
- Calendar news sent out to local schools and academic institutions
- Calendar news sent out to media
- Google ad-words



Rueng Lao Chao Nee, Thailand's number 1 TV news programme



British Council Thailand's website



British Council Thailand's Facebook page



Direct mail to prospective students and parents



Endorsed by Ban Muang newspaper as calendar news on 24

September 2014. Ban Muang newspaper is a Thai-language daily

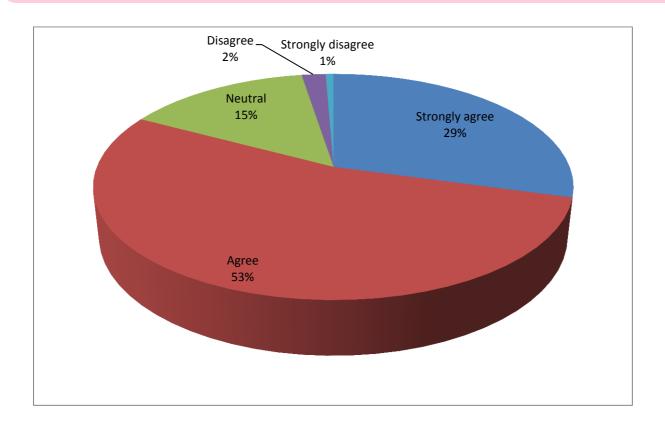
newspaper with a circulation of 600,000 copies a day

Visitors' feedback

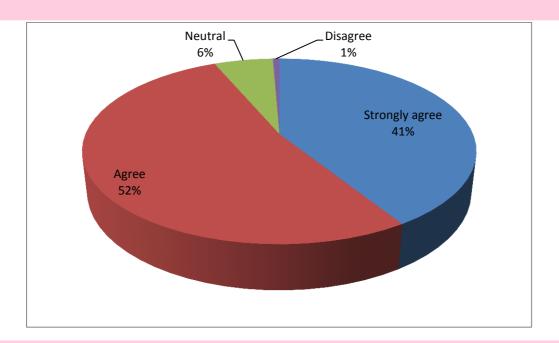
Methodology

We distributed a printed survey to visitors during the exhibition. The questions were designed to gather quantitative statistics as well as qualitative remarks on visitors reactions to our exhibition and the decision making process.

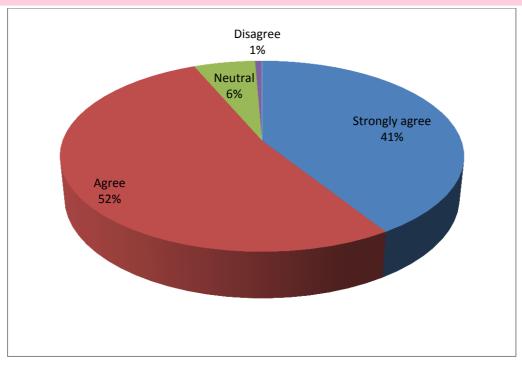
82% of visitors agreed that the event was delivered according to their expectations



91% of visitors said it was a high-quality event

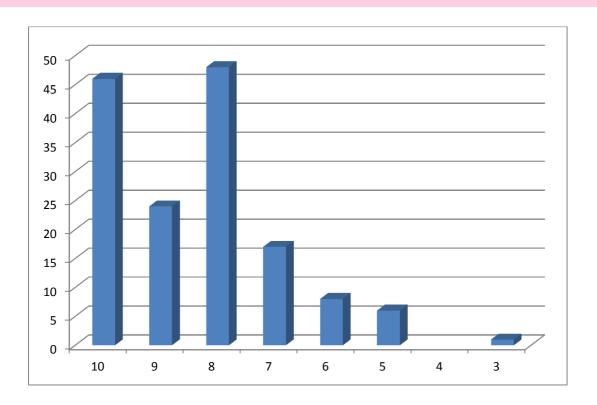


93% of visitors agreed that British Council Thailand was a Leading Organisation.



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The majority said they were **8.4/10** likely to **recommend** this event to friends.



Suggestions from visitors

Suggestions for upcoming exhibitions

About the seminars

- Please leave 1 hour lunch break for people who are interested in all topics
- Seminar room was too small
- Tables in the seminar room for note taking
- Not enough seats

About the opening hours of the exhibition

- The event should be held more than just one day
- Please leave 1 hour lunch break for people who are interested in all topics

Suggestions for exhibitors

- More higher education institutions
- More information on A-level, IGCSE and IB

Exhibitors' feedback

Main compliments

Compliments were received from exhibitors' feedback forms, mainly in the area of professionalism of British Council staff

- Very well organised
- Interpreter-May was a fantastic help
- Excellent interpreter Prim. Very good knowledge and skills
- Successful for a new school in an established market
- Lovely staff and very helpful
- · Advice is excellent. Slot after is very well
- BC staff are helpful

Main recommendations (responses following page)

About the booth layout and the venue

- Hotel was fine for event but not for accommodation as I had problem with reserving using credit card
- Some schools should not have been allowed to move into central area and expanding blocking access. Far too many helpers on the stand
- Keep to the same format focus on schools and colleges

About refreshments and catering

- On-going coffee/water outside room would have been handy
- Refreshments could have been nearer for exhibitors too far away

About the seminar

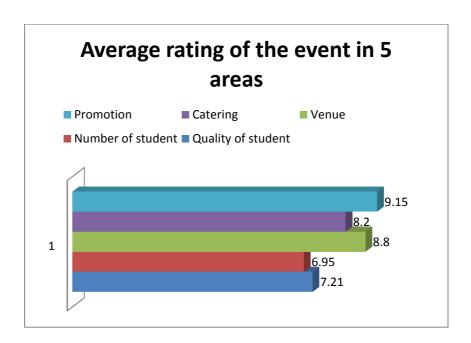
• The two-day event works well

Key market development (comments from exhibitors)

- There's a demand for IB courses
- I thought Thailand was an EFL market but now I know it is an A level market
- Good market for A-Level/Foundation/UG
- Variety of requirements such as EFL, HE, FE
- Need to develop USP for marketing as the day we were on it seemed many of the institutions were saying similar things

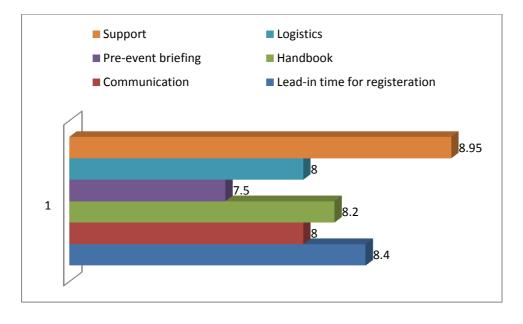
Visitor assessment

We asked the exhibitors to rate1-10 (1-poorest, 10-best) on 5 elements of the event which are promotion, catering, venue, number of students, and quality of students, based on their satisfaction. We found that on an average, the exhibitors gave high rating on promotion, venue, and catering service.

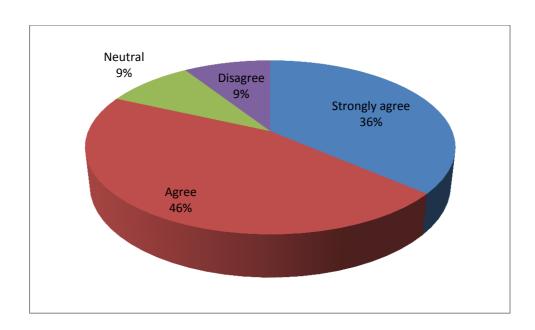


British Council's support

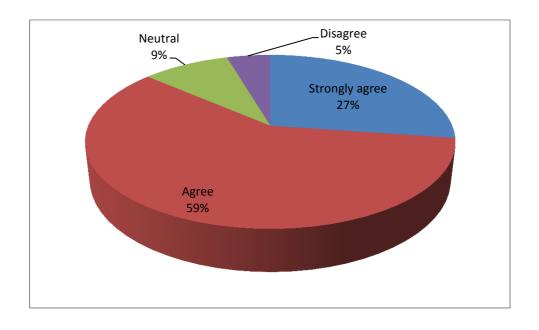
On the average, the exhibitors are satisfied with BC support, handbooks, and registration.



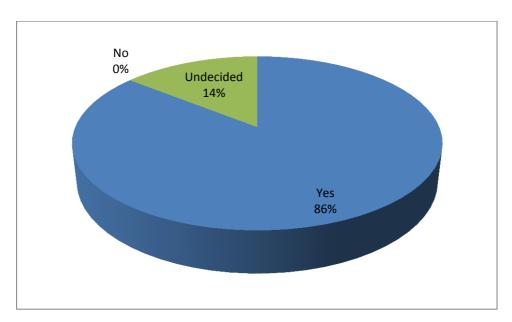
82% of the exhibitors said the event met their expectation



86% of the exhibitors said it was a high-quality event



86% of exhibitors said they would join the event again next year



Future steps

There are several areas that both British Council and the UK institutions can work on to improve the overall arrangement and outcomes of the exhibition. The main findings and recommended next steps are outlined below:

British Council

- We will improve our communications by providing timely information and regular updates
- We will discuss with the venue provider to ensure better logistic support
- We will discuss with the venue provider for a more convenient area for lunch and refreshments for exhibitors.
- We will consider expanding the duration of the event
- We will review room capacity to accommodate seminar attendance as this activity is becoming more popular

UK institutions

- More information on study options for A-Level/Foundation/UG
- To provide clearer USP of the college in particular the pathways options
- To bring testimonials from former successful Thai students

Appendix: List of exhibitors

No.	Institution
1.	Adcote School For Girls
2.	Astrum Colleges
3.	Bellerbys College
4.	The Bournemouth And Poole College
5.	Cambridge Education Group
6.	Cambridge Tutors College
7.	Cardiff Sixth Form College
8.	City Of Sunderland College
9.	Ealing, Hammersmith & West London College
10.	Ef Education First
11.	Exeter College
12.	Guildford College Of Further & Higher Education
13.	Highbury College Portsmouth
14.	King William'S College
15.	Kingston College
16.	Moira House Girls School
17.	Moreton Hall School
18.	Oswestry School
19.	Queen Ethelburga'S Boarding School
20.	Rossall School
21.	The Royal Wolverhampton School
22.	Rydal Penrhos School
23.	St Christopher School
24.	St Edmund'S College
25.	St Micheal'S School
26.	Strathallan School

Business partner

1. Kasikorn Bank