

# Education UK July exhibition 2016 REPORT

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Bangkok, Thailand

## Introduction

Thailand is one of the top ten non-EU countries sending students to the UK for higher education. (HESA) and is one of the biggest markets in East Asia for ELT. The Education UK July exhibition in July 2016 was attended by 2,300 prospective students and parents, 88% of the visitors said it was a high-quality event and 84% of them said the event delivered met their expectation.

This report is aimed to give an overview on visitors' profiles to the exhibition, how successful it is, and some key learning points. In addition to providing key statistics and information for exhibitors, the report will be useful for institutions which are considering attending the exhibition next year and for the British Council to do a self–assessment and to find the best ways to improve the next exhibition.

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# **Highlights**

There were -

45 BOOTHS, 2,700 PARENTS\* & STUDENTS and 3 partners

attending the exhibition

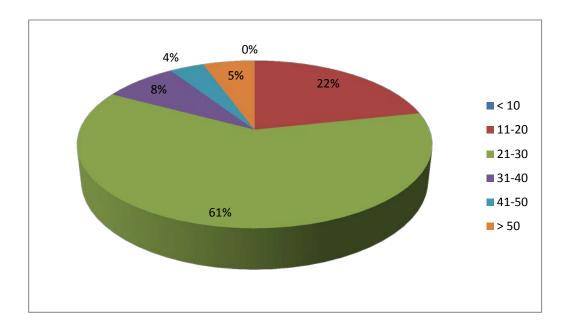
The peak time with the highest number of visitors is from 2 PM- 4 PM

\*The figure is from the automatic counting machine being set up at the entrance of the July exhibition area.

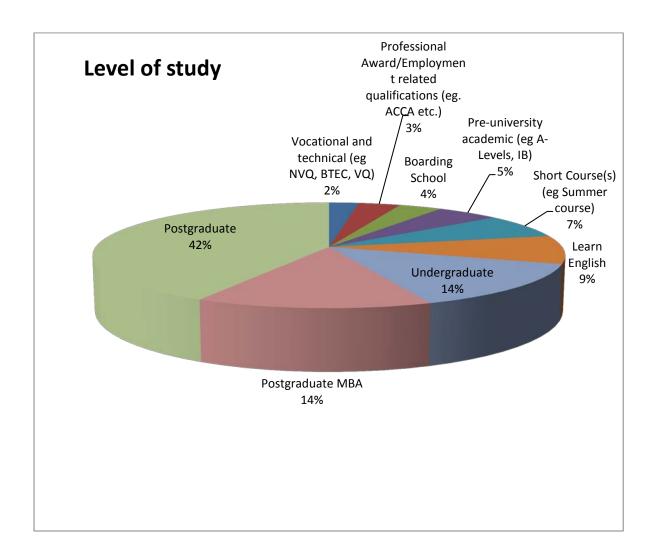
#### Visitors' profile

There are 979 visitors completing the registration forms provided at the registration areas. 591 people completed the paper forms at the fair and 388 of them completed the on-line registration form.

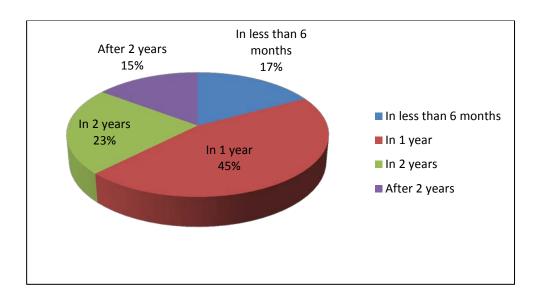
From the 979 registrants, majority of visitors were 21 - 30 years old.



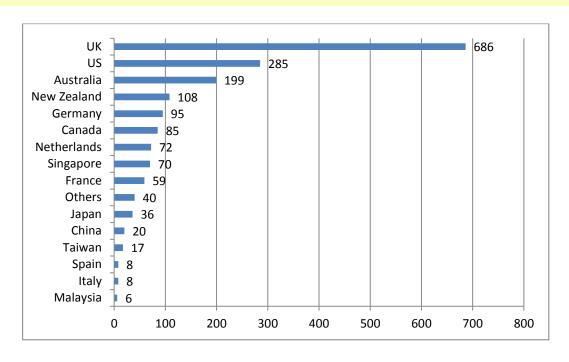
Majority of visitors <u>were looking for Master's degree</u>. A lot of them were also looking for <u>undergraduate courses</u> or <u>short courses</u>.



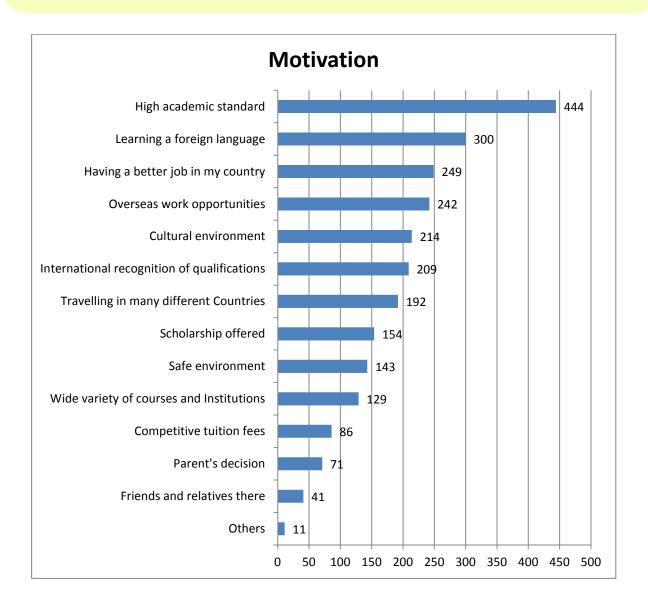
## 45% of visitors were considering studying abroad within 1 year



# The UK is the number one country of choice.

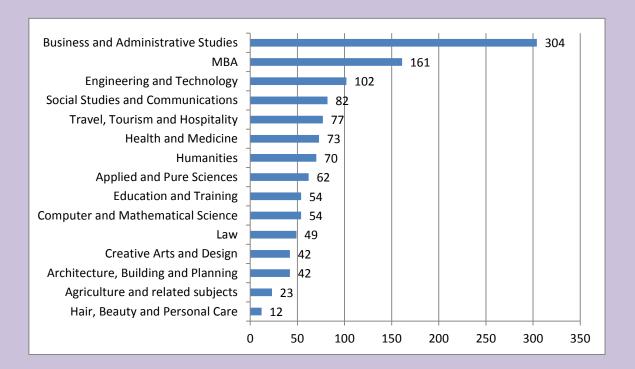


**High academic standard** is the number one motivation. Majority of the visitors said they expect studying abroad will give them a chance to study a foreign language, to experience different culture, and to earn an international recognition of qualifications.



#### Visitors' preferences

#### Subject preference



Business and Management related courses have always been the top subject areas of choice. Engineering and Technology, Social Studies and Communications, and Travel, Tourism and Hospitality are also popular among Thai students.

# Marketing

We spent more than

## **THB 1.6 million Baht**

on promotion

Outdoor & Indoor Out of Home Media: advertising on SQ1 LED screens, Cylinder LED, Directory Screen, and Street LED at key streets in Central Bangkok from 26 June – 9 Jul 2016. The media was located in the middle of Siam Square, the largest and most popular shopping area in Bangkok and received an eye ball from traffic average 6,800,000/day and an eye ball in the shopping mall at average 500,000/day.

### **Advertising on SQ1 LED screens**



### Cylinder LED, Directory Screen



Street LED (25 Screens), received an eye ball from traffic average 4,500,000/day.



Media on BTS Sky trains: LED platform displays on BTS stations, which was an outdoor digital LED screen located in the middle of Siam Square, one of the busiest station and other 25 stations across Bangkok. There are 1,200,000 passengers per a day to use a BTS sky train.





## TV adverts on, Ruang Lao Chao Nee and Ruang Lao Sao Artit Thailand's highest ranking news programmes

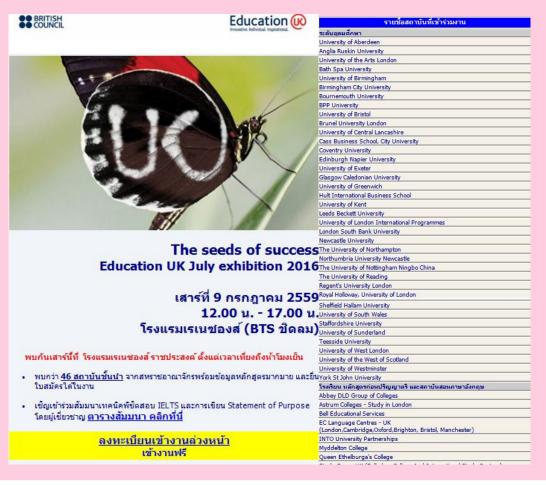




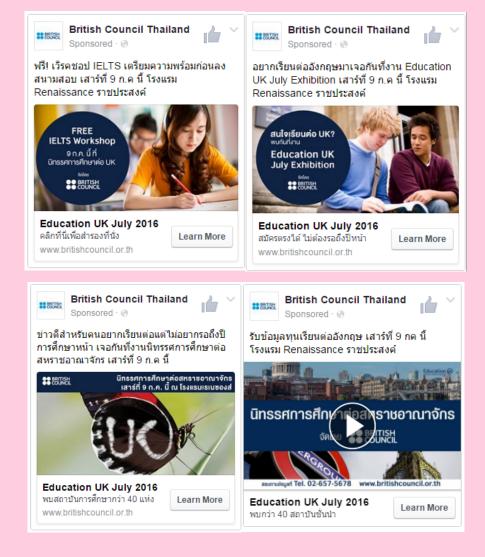
# Advertising on Krungthep Turakij newspaper, Thailand's number one business daily newspaper

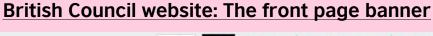


# British Council e-news: The e-news was sent to 87,189 students and parents in our contact



# On-line: We place online ads on Facebook.com from 24 June – 8 July 2016 and received 322,703 views







### **British Council website: The event calendar page**



### A big display board inside the British Council Siam Square

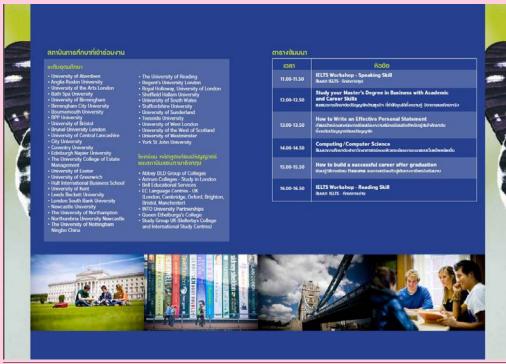


### Glass Wall wrap outside the British Council Siam Square

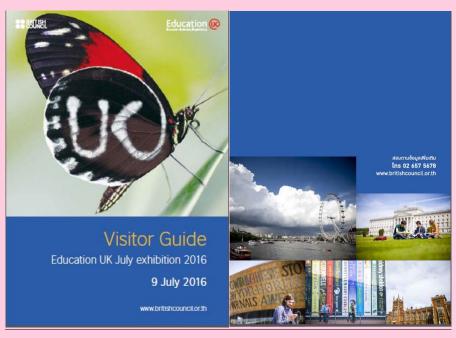


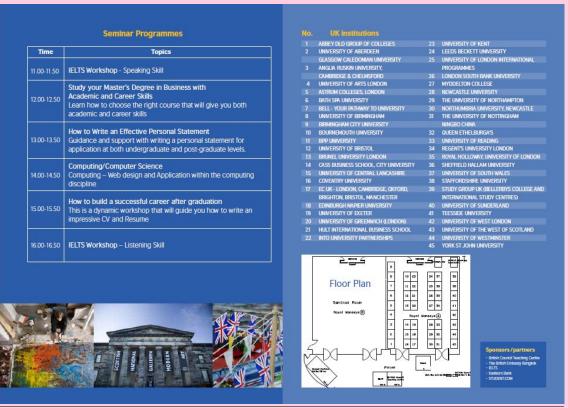
# Leaflet were disseminated to more than 3,000 students and parents in our contact and available at all British Council Thailand offices





### Visitor Guide were disseminated to visitors during the event



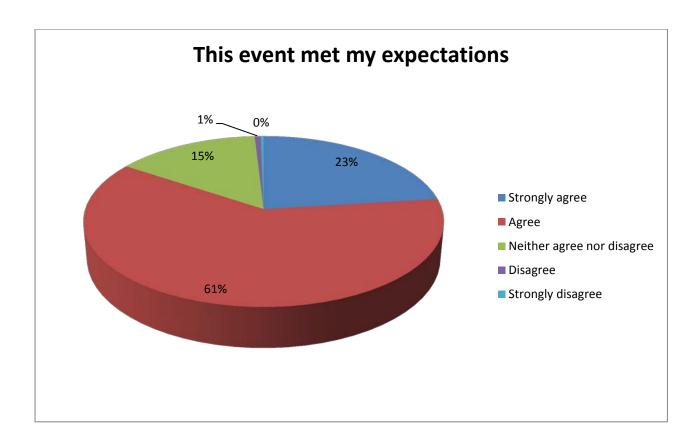


# Visitors' feedback

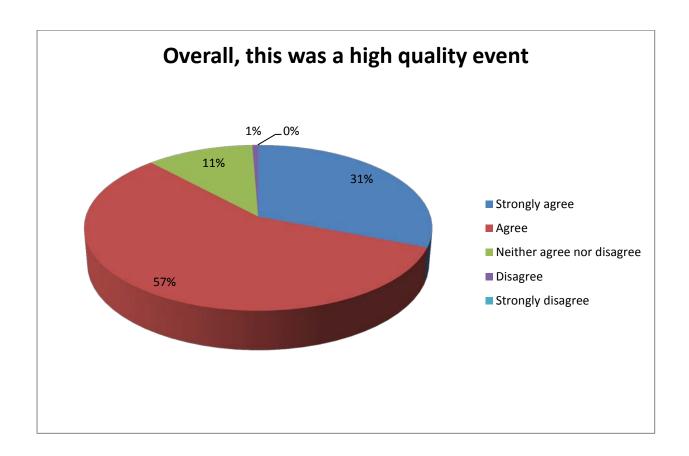
#### Methodology

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.

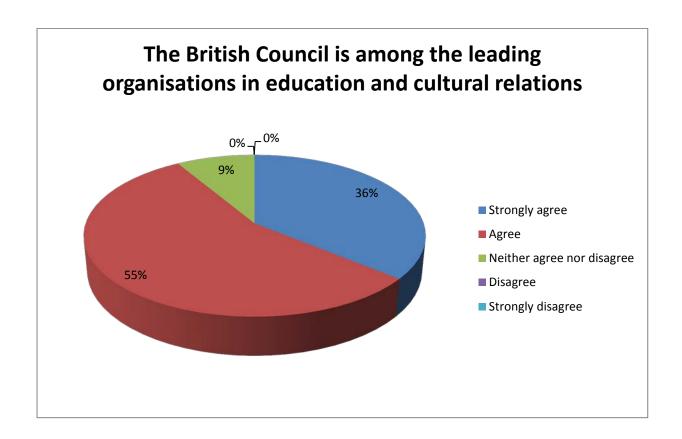
**84% of visitors** agreed that the event was delivered accordingly to their expectation



# 88% of visitors said it was a high-quality event



# 91% of visitors agreed that British Council Thailand was a Leading Organisation.



#### Suggestions from visitors

#### Suggestions for upcoming exhibitions

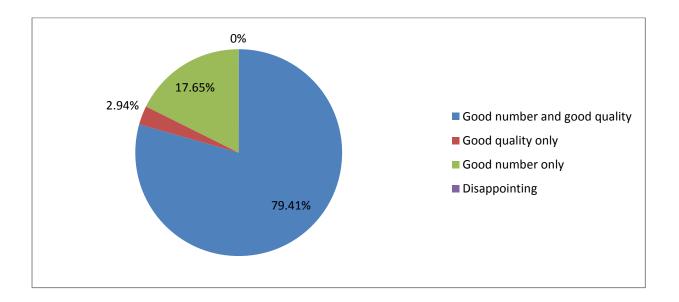
- The exhibition hall was too small
- To have more universities joining the event
- To have more universities in medical and science study
- Bigger venue is preferable, also it should be held on multiple dates / Great selection
   of universities, but should have more information about postgraduate degrees
- It was a great exhibition because there were several universities here that provided me good information about studying abroad.
- To provide more tables and chairs
- The event was beneficial in acquiring info on studying abroad. I could gather a lot of information
- More information about primary schools would be great
- To have more staff and translators in the booth
- To have more time for seminar
- More signage at registration point
- Need more information about the scholarship
- Good hotel choice, it was convenient and easy to access. But the venue was a bit too small, and having more staff to provide information would have been better/excellent.
- Ensure that sufficient amount of drinking water be prepared for all attendants.
- Air-condition was too cold
- IELTS workshop on speaking skill and listening skill should be held together

## Feedbacks from exhibitors

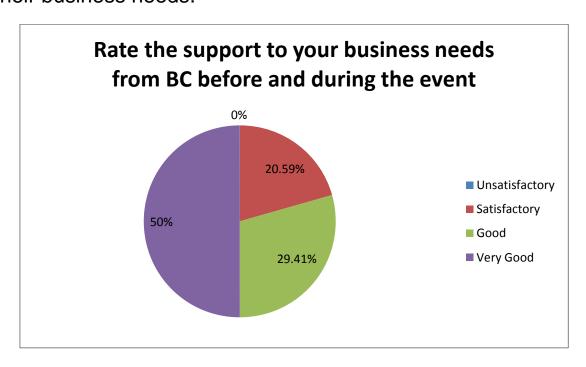
#### Methodology

We distributed a printed survey to exhibitors during the exhibition. The questions were designed to gather quantitative statistics as well as qualitative remarks on exhibitor's satisfaction to our exhibition. This will help to inform our market intelligence, improve our service, and planning for the next exhibition.

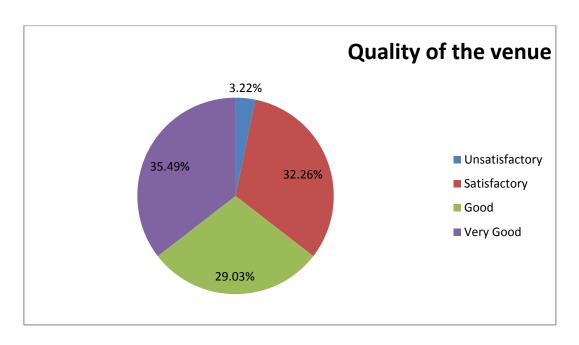
Approximately 80% of exhibitors said it was good number and good quality of visitors.



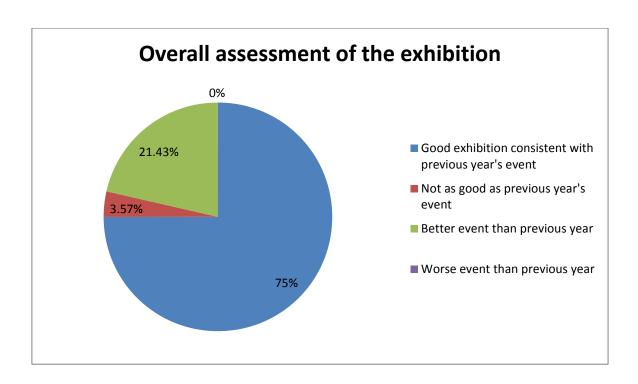
100% of exhibitors were satisfied with British Council support to their business needs.



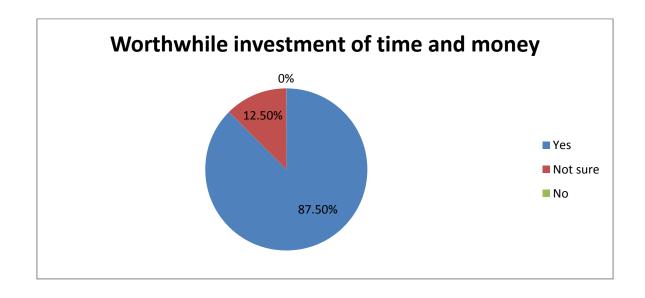
Almost 100% of exhibitors were satisfied with quality of the venue.



Almost 100% of exhibitors agreed that it was a good exhibition consistent or better event than previous year.



Almost 90% of exhibitors agreed that our event was a worthwhile investment of time and money.



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#### Recommendations and comments from the exhibitors

- The venue was rather small for this number of institutions
- Putting A-Level providers/High School in one area so visitors can easily find the booths
- Separating Universities & Colleges, Less advertising at Scholarships
- Excellent organisation as usual. Great food!
- Thanks to the team for hard work. Good event

# **Future steps**

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

- To review the seminar slots and other activities in the exhibition to see if the slots are adequate and meet the needs of visitors.
- To review the venue in terms of location and size of the exhibition hall
- To keep the promotional and marketing campaign the same to this year in order to keep attracting a good number and high quality visitors.

### **Appendix: List of exhibitors**

Number	Institution
1	ABBEY DLD GROUP OF COLLEGES
2	UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN
	GLASGOW CALEDONIAN UNIVERSITY
3	ANGLIA RUSKIN UNIVERSITY, CAMBRIDGE & CHELMSFORD
4	UNIVERSITY OF ARTS LONDON
5	ASTRUM COLLEGES, LONDON
6	BATH SPA UNIVERSITY
7	BELL - YOUR PATHWAY TO UNIVERSITY
8	UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM
9	BIRMINGHAM CITY UNIVERSITY
10	BOURNEMOUTH UNIVERSITY
11	BPP UNIVERSITY
12	UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL
13	BRUNEL UNIVERSITY LONDON
14	CASS BUSINESS SCHOOL, CITY UNIVERSITY
15	UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL LANCASHIRE
16	COVENTRY UNIVERSITY
17	EC UK - LONDON, CAMBRIDGE, OXFORD, BRIGHTON, BRISTOL, MANCHESTER
18	EDINBURGH NAPIER UNIVERSITY
19	UNIVERSITY OF EXETER
20	UNIVERSITY OF GREENWICH (LONDON)
21	HULT INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS SCHOOL
22	INTO UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIPS
23	UNIVERSITY OF KENT
24	LEEDS BECKETT UNIVERSITY

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25	UNIVERSITY OF LONDON INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMMES
26	LONDON SOUTH BANK UNIVERSITY
27	MYDDELTON COLLEGE
28	NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY
29	THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHAMPTON
30	NORTHUMBRIA UNIVERSITY, NEWCASTLE
31	THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTTINGHAM NINGBO CHINA
32	QUEEN ETHELBURGA'S
33	UNIVERSITY OF READING
34	REGENT'S UNIVERSITY LONDON
35	ROYAL HOLLOWAY, UNIVERSITY OF LONDON
36	SHEFFIELD HALLAM UNIVERSITY
37	UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH WALES
38	STAFFORDSHIRE UNIVERSITY
39	STUDY GROUP UK (BELLERBYS COLLEGE AND INTERNATIONAL STUDY CENTRES)
40	UNIVERSITY OF SUNDERLAND
41	TEESSIDE UNIVERSITY
42	UNIVERSITY OF WEST LONDON
43	UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST OF SCOTLAND
44	UNIVERISTY OF WESTMINSTER
45	YORK ST JOHN UNIVERSITY

### **Business partners**

- 1. Kasikorn Bank
- 2. Student.com
- 3. Chevening Scholarship, The British Embassy
- 4. UKVI, The British Embassy