

Executive Summary

The Office of the Higher Education Commission has conducted a survey on current status of international students studying in public and private higher education institutions in Thailand since 2002. The survey report has been published and disseminated annually.

For this edition, the data reveals a picture of international student enrollment in Thai higher education institutions featuring several aspects of gender, nationality, level of study, field of study, and funding source. The data has been displayed in form of tables and figures and also there is a comparison with the data from the previous years. A complete set of tables in this report is the essential resource for those concerned with the movement of international students in Thai higher education institutions.

For the year 2013, Thailand hosted 18,814 international students in 105 higher education institutions. The top sending countries, i.e. China (6,663), Myanmar (1,610) and Lao PDR (1,372) comprised more than 51.26% of total international enrollment. Regionally, the international student enrollment was particularly large from Asia (16,100).

In 2013, Assumption University had the largest number of international students (2,912), followed by Mahidol University (1,328) and Maha Chulalongkorn University (1,187).

Business Administration has remained the most popular field of study over the past few years. There were up to 2,564 international students enrolling in this program whereas International Business and Thai Language programs drew 814 and 750 international students respectively.

In terms of funding, 12,979 international students were self-funded whereas 3,083 and 1,064 students were granted funding by Thai and overseas organizations respectively.
