
Brazil Offers Courses on Leadership to Young Students

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Brazil's Unindus, the corporate university of the Federation of Industries of the State of Paraná (FIEP), in partnership with the University of Experience (UEXP), should be admitting students for the Foccus Program up to March 10. The course should begin on March 15.

Guided to youths, the program develops human and entrepreneurial competencies, aligned with practical activities and interaction with leaders and specialists in several areas of knowledge.

"It is an interactive course that permits the exchange of experience between participants. Apart from being turned to youths and talents, providing opportunities for the formation of future leaders for the country," pointed out Eduardo Dechechi, the Program manager at Unindus.

The course focuses on the training of leaders. According to Mariah Miyuki Endo, the executive director at UEXP, the course brings to the youths themes like entrepreneurship and leadership.

"Youths today should not wait five, seven or ten years to learn essential things to guarantee excellence in management of the future," explained Mariah Miyuki.

The program includes six meetings, at the Unindus headquarters, at Cietep. Further information may be obtained through telephone number (+55 41) 2106-6884.

Technical Schools

Brazil has started the implementation of more than 150 technical schools. The country should also open in the coming months the inauguration of 25 other schools, already under construction.

From 1909 to 2002, only 140 technical schools were built in the country. In contrast, in the last five years, 39 new units were established. The schools to be inaugurated in 2008 will offer, at first, five intermediate-level technical courses. Each will have capacity for 1,200 students.

The aim of the Brazilian government is to have 354 new technical schools and 500,000 slots by 2010.

"The difficulty faced by companies in hiring trained and skilled workforce is a challenge that is being addressed by the federal government with heavy investment in technical education," said Eliezer Pacheco, secretary for professional and technological education at the Ministry of Education.

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