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Canadian Education Expo Comes To Chile

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Canada is one of several countries tempting Chileans with educational opportunities. The Association of Canadian Community Colleges, the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada, and the Canadian Bureau for International Education have come together to create the Canada-Chile symposium, to promote Canadian education and strengthen exchange between the two countries.

The symposium starts Friday and will visit three Chilean cities: Santiago, Valparaiso and Valdivia. Twelve Canadian universities and seven other colleges and institutions will be represented.

Two memorandums of understanding will also be signed – one between the Universidad Tecnologica de Chile and the Association of Canadian Community Colleges, and the other between the Board of Rectors of Chile and the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada.

The Canadian Bureau for International Education says that the signing of these memorandums means a step towards internationalisation for Canadian education. It has already given hundreds of Chilean students the opportunity to study in the country, it says, as well as scholarships. Canadians, on the other hand, have also been given the chance to experience Chilean culture for themselves. The hope is that these new agreements will further facilitate

these exchanges.

Many Chileans are looking outwards in terms of education, with an international educational expo taking place last month in the Hotel Intercontinental and advertisements for opportunities overseas constantly on display in Santiago's metro system.

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