

Better job prospects

ALMOST all university graduates aim to secure good, decent-paying jobs. So it follows that the career prospects linked to a university's name is a crucial factor in their choice of where to study.

Friends working in multinational corporations say employers here still place a premium on those educated in brand-name overseas universities, such as those attended by the nation's top scholars – Yale, Princeton and Stanford.

If I had the academic and financial means to study at any of them, I would have definitely chosen to.

After all, given a choice between two people who differ only in the source of their degree scrolls, I am sure employers would pick the Ivy League candidate.

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