Local unis’ overseas student programmes set to resume

NUS students will be first to travel starting next month; they will be covered by uni’s insurance policy given the risks involved.
For all students aged 18 and above, parental acknowledgement will be required.
Both universities require students to be vaccinated, provide travel insurance coverage, and will work with all students travelling overseas to be able to use the International SOS global assistance programme.
But institutes of higher learning remain cautious, emphasising that these programmes are subject to health and border control measures.
A Singapore University of Social Sciences spokesman said the school is still in talks to restart programmes in June next year. He attributed this to many partner universities in the Asia-Pacific remaining cautious on student mobility programmes.
Similarly, a Nanyang Technological University spokesman said the university is looking to resume overseas programmes in January next year while it monitors the global situation.
Meanwhile, universities will continue virtual overseas programmes for their students.

About 1,600 NUS students have signed up for student exchange programmes. TNP FILE PHOTO

At NUS, about 1,600 students have signed up for student exchange programmes and the university has also started accepting applications from international students from overseas.
Meanwhile, students at SMU can apply to more than 80 per cent of partner universities in 45 countries. These include Tsinghua University, the University of Melbourne and the University of Copenhagen.

An SMU spokesman said students aged below 18 will need to obtain parental consent before they are allowed to embark on an overseas programme or visit, in line with guidance from MOE.