The Australian International School Malaysia is organizing a talk on Third Culture Kids by renowned speaker Chris O’Shaughnessy on Tuesday (9.30am to 11.30am) at its premises at 22, Jalan Anggerik, Mines Resort City, Seri Kembangan, Selangor. The talk will help equip parents of cross-cultural children with the understanding of unique characteristics of such kids and provide methods for addressing challenges and cultivating benefits of the experience.

Email events@aism.edu.my or call 03-8543-0622 (Victoria) or 03-8543-0623 (Shammi) for details.

The Malaysian alumni of the University of Canterbury, New Zealand are offering two new scholarships available to Malaysian students planning to study at the University of Canterbury for the first time in 2013. Three NZ$10,000 (RM33,000) scholarships are available for students from within Malaysia, and five NZ$5,000 scholarships are available for Malaysian students planning to study at New Zealand high schools. Applications for both close on Oct 1. For details and links to more information and application forms, go to www.canterbury.ac.nz.

Exploring Leadership and Learning Theories in Asia (ELLTA) is organizing a conference themed Asian Perspectives on Transforming Societies Through Creativity, Innovation and Entrepreneurship from Dec 11-13, co-hosted by Universiti Utara Malaysia. For details, visit elta.org.

The Centre For Continuing Education and Professional Education of Tunoh Abdul Rahman College (TAR College) is conducting a Mandarin for Beginners course on Saturdays (9.30am-12.30pm) from Oct 6-Dec 8 at TAR College main campus, Jalan Genting Klang, Serapak. To register, call James (03-4145-0213 ex 587).

The Embassy of Japan has announced that the Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho: MEXT) Scholarship for the Young Leaders’ Programme (YLP) is open for application until Friday. Malaysian nationals who would like to pursue their master’s courses in Japan are invited to apply for the scholarships. During the term of the scholarship, a monthly allowance of approximately 242,000 yen (subject to change) will be given. Fees for the entrance examination, matriculation and tuition at the universities will be exempted. A round-trip airplane ticket is also provided. The course duration is one year from October 2012 to September 2013 (except for the Business Administration course). Courses will be conducted in English.

For details, contact the Japan Information Service, Embassy of Japan (03-2177-2600 ext 146). Scholarships in Critical Asian Studies at the University of British Columbia (UBD), Brunei’s national university is accepting applications for admission to its postgraduate programmes for the semester beginning August next year. Application deadline is Dec 30 for the semester beginning August next year. For further enquiries, email ofice.ias@ubd.edu.bn

Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD), Brunei’s national university, is accepting applications for admission to its postgraduate programmes in Asian Studies to start next year. Eligible applicants are invited to apply for the 10 postgraduate scholarships in Critical Asian Studies under the new Graduate Research Scholarship Programme. To be eligible, a candidate must be under the age of 40, enrolled full-time on a postgraduate course and demonstrate a good academic track record.

The scholarship includes a monthly allowance of RM4,500 (maximum period of three years); passage to Brunei Darussalam and back to home country; a one-time allowance of RM4,000 for field research; and tuition fee waiver. Application deadline is Dec 30 for the semester beginning August next year. For further enquiries, email ofice.ias@ubd.edu.bn.

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (Unesco) is supporting Airbus’ Fly Your Ideas challenge, a student contest which aims to inspire a new generation of engineers. The global contest has just opened its third season and challenges students worldwide to develop new ideas for a more sustainable aviation industry. It involves three rounds where five teams will be chosen as finalists in the summer of 2013, each with the chance to win a euro 30,000 (RM114,000) prize.

The international contest invites academic and independent scholars and researchers from around the world to meet and exchange the latest ideas and views in a forum encouraging respectful dialogue. For enquiries, email ace@ufoe.org.

Broadway Academy is hosting renowned vocal teacher Kate Sadler, who will be in Malaysia from Dec 4-8 to conduct a workshop and masterclass. Registration is now open. For details on the early bird promotion price and easy payment plan, email batsinfo@broadwayacademy.asia or call 03-642-2631.

Do you have an event to announce? Send details to: Bulletin, c/o Education desk, New Straits Times, 3Jalan Riong, 59100 Bangsar, Kuala Lumpur, email nstcurvel@gmail.com or fax 03-2055-750.