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November 2017: New Zealand ranked second in the world, in the **Legatum Institute's** 'Prosperity Index' (well ahead of Australia, Canada, USA and UK). The 'Nine Pillars' of the index are: Economic Quality, the Business Environment, Governance, Personal Freedom, Social Capital, Safety & Security, Education, Health, and the Natural Environment.

September 2017: New Zealand ranked sixth best country in the world to live (well ahead of Australia, Canada, USA and UK), in the 'Expatriate Insider' survey conducted each year by **InterNations**, a network of 2.8m ex-pats, based in Munich. The survey aims to capture the views of millions of executives, skilled workers, students, and retirees who live outside the country where they grew up.

August 2017: Auckland ranked eighth best city in the world to live, in the global liveability survey by the **Economist Intelligence Unit**. The survey ranks cities on five factors – stability, healthcare, culture and environment, education, and infrastructure.

March 2017: Auckland ranked third best city in the world for overall quality of living – for the fourth time running (**Mercer Quality of Living Survey 2017**). The survey ranks cities on factors such as culture and environment, political stability, safety, infrastructure, access to public services, and ease of travel and communication. (Note: Vienna was first, and Zurich was second).

January 2017: In their 2017 Index of Economic Freedom, the **Heritage Foundation** ranks New Zealand the third most economically free country in the world (behind Hong Kong and Singapore). "New Zealand's strong commitment to economic freedom has resulted in a policy framework that encourages impressive economic resilience. Openness to global trade and investment are firmly institutionalised".

January 2017: New Zealand is ranked joint first in the world on the 2016 Corruption Perceptions Index issued by **Transparency International**. New Zealand shares the top spot with Denmark. Canada lies in 9th spot, United Kingdom is 10th, Australia is 13th.

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Dear students, agents, teaching staff, and other interested parties

Welcome to our students from India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and the Philippines.

Applications are now being accepted for our Diploma in Business Management (Health Services specialisation) intake, due to commence in March 2018.

Welcome, one and all!



Duncan Balmer
Chief Executive Officer
New Zealand Academic and Learning Institute



Our 2017 graduation ceremony.