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Press Release

HSBC supports the British Council's Education UK Exhibition!

HSBC, with its **U Start! Student Service**, sponsored British Council's Education UK Exhibition, which took place in Thessaloniki on March 11th and in Athens on March 14th – 15th, thus recognizing the event's importance in broadening the educational horizons of both students and professionals.

The exhibition has been established as the most opportune occasion for all those who wish to study in the United Kingdom to get to know up close a number of significant British educational institutions.

Visitors had the opportunity to talk personally with representatives of universities, colleges, and higher education institutions, and get responses to any queries they had regarding their studies. This year's event featured 64 universities.

The driving force behind the support for the event was the **U Start! Service** by **HSBC**, an **innovative** and **complete** program which includes banking services and solutions tailored to students studying in Britain. The U Start! Service offers a **Deposit Account/ATM Card** with **unlimited free of charge withdrawals** from more than 3,000 ATMs within the HSBC network in Britain, a pre-approved VISA credit card, **Internet Banking**, the option to obtain a student loan if desired, **free travel insurance**, **medical insurance** with a preferential premium, and numerous other services and solutions necessary for a student.

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