

# EDUCATION

## Updates

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### ASIA & PACIFIC

**China, Oct 17: Online education maintains momentum in China [China Daily].** Online education is continuing to see huge growth in China, with the market predicted to hit 267 billion yuan (\$38.6 billion) by the end of 2018, up 27.3 percent year-on-year, said an industry report released on Monday. [LINK](#)

**India, Oct 22: Vice President Calls For Reservation Of Seats For The Poor In Private Institutions [NDTV].** The Vice President pointed out that public sector alone cannot provide quality higher education for all and the private sector must pitch in. [LINK](#)

**Indonesia, Oct 23: Bali to explore educational cooperation with Malaysia [Antara News].** The provincial government of Bali and the government of Malaysia seek to expand cooperation in education to assist school and university students from both areas. [LINK](#)

**Indonesia, Oct 22: Indonesia Pins Hopes on Private Sector for Airport Development [AIN Online].** In an urgent bid to address over-capacity and modernize existing infrastructure, the Indonesian government has turned to the private sector to fund a series of airport projects across the sprawling archipelago. [LINK](#)

**Malaysia, Oct 23: Budget 2019: What Malaysians want for healthcare, education [MalayMail].** Ahead of the government's tabling of Budget 2019, groups have come out to express their views on what should be spent on healthcare and education. [LINK](#)

**Malaysia, Oct 22: No need to revamp our higher education system [Free Malaysia].** Many may be horrified by the title of this piece. But think about it; there is no need to revamp our higher education system, because there is a system already in place. [LINK](#)

**Malaysia, Oct 18: Malaysian education sector to benefit from cooperation with Finland [NST].** Finland is ready to help Malaysia strengthen its education system by deploying experts from their education sector. [LINK](#)

**Pakistan, Oct 23: Education top Priority of Government [PakobServer].** Federal Minister for Education and Professional Training Mr. Shafqat Mahmood held a meeting with Ms. Ellen Van Kalmthout, Chief Education UNICEF Pakistan and Mr. Edward Davis, Senior Education Adviser DFID, today in Islamabad. [LINK](#)

**Japan, Oct 22: A.I robots may lend hand in Japan's English classes [Japan Today].** Schools in Japan are exploring ways to take advantage of robots equipped with artificial intelligence in the teaching of English...[LINK](#)

**Vietnam, Oct 21: Vietnamese high-schooler redesigns history textbooks for greater luster [Tuoitre].** A student in Ho Chi Minh City has created his own versions of history textbooks in order to make them

more interesting to him at a time when history can easily become boring to many Vietnamese students. [LINK](#)

**Vietnam, Oct 21: Vietnam's program connects college students' startup ideas with investors [Tuoitre].** The most outstanding startup projects from the CiC Startup Idea 2018 competition have presented their ideas in the Finding Investors CiC 2018 program. [LINK](#)

**Vietnam, Oct 21: Vietnamese teacher committed to giving disabled children healthy future [Tuoitre].** A Vietnamese teacher has run classes for children with disabilities and various disorders for over a decade in the hope of helping them realize their dreams... [LINK](#)

**Singapore, Oct 21: Shape new educational narrative for children [ST].** Studies have proven that most of our creativity and learning are developed during our childhood. [LINK](#)

**Singapore, Oct 20: 66 schools to get new principals next year [Strait Times].** The four newly merged junior colleges (JCs) will see their new principals appointed in December as part of the annual reshuffle exercise of the Ministry of Education (MOE). [LINK](#)

**Singapore, Oct 18: A chat in the school canteen... with the minister [ST].** Some students from Northland Secondary School having a meal with Education Minister Ong Ye Kung yesterday in their school canteen. [LINK](#)

**Singapore, Oct 18: Population Matters: Reducing inequality with early childhood development [ST].** A family's language and economic circumstances affect early childhood development. A study aims to tease out just how. [LINK](#)

**Singapore, Oct 17: Singapore Institute of Technology alumni to receive \$2,000 worth of credits for courses [ST].** Alumni from the Singapore Institute of Technology (SIT) will each receive \$2,000 worth of credits which they can use to take courses at the university. [LINK](#)

### AFRICA & MIDDLE EAST

**Bahrain, Oct 22: Bahraini education unionist Jalila al Salman given EI's Mary Hatwood Futrell Award (EI).** Education International's Executive Board has named Jalila al Salman, a lifelong teacher and trade unionist who has dedicated her life to education...[LINK](#)

**Iran, Oct 17: Solidarity with trade union leaders arrested after teachers' strike (EI).** Education International is deeply concerned by local reports indicating that Iranian public authorities responded to a nationwide strike of teachers and education support personnel... [LINK](#)

**South Africa, Oct 22 Bullied Pupil sent to school with bodyguard [News24].** A 16-year-old Grade 10 student at Grey School in Bloemfontein, South Africa attends school with a bodyguard to protect himself from bullied. [LINK](#)

## **AFRICA & MIDDLE EAST (CONT'D)**

**UAE, Oct 22: Dubai universities drop exams to focus on 'the real world' [National].** Students will be tested through projects where they will have to think critically, ending the need to memorise. [LINK](#)

**Uganda, Oct 21: Exam malpractices are the termites destroying our education system [Daily Monitor].** The education sector is under increasing pressure to prove its relevancy, provide value and meet the needs of students, and employers, among others. [LINK](#)

**Zimbabwe, Oct 21: Teachers Demand Wages Increase and Paid in US Dollars [All Africa].** Mr Takavafira Zhou, the President of the Progressive Teachers Union of Zimbabwe (PTUZ) echoed the demands by the Zimbabwe Teachers Association for the government for an increase in the salary of teachers and paid in foreign currency. [LINK](#)

## **EUROPE**

**Finland, Oct 22: Why was the teaching prestige lost? [Observatory].** Being an educator has become less valued by the population, the reasons are in detriment and the facts...[LINK](#)

**Finland, Oct 18: SC leaders visit Finland to study education system [Greenville].** Twenty-three education leaders and stakeholders from South Carolina left the state for Finland on Saturday to study what's been regarded as one of the best education systems in the world. [LINK](#)

**New Zealand, Oct 22: New Zealand chooses Google Chromebooks over Microsoft Windows 10 for education [Beta].** For education in particular, many schools find Chromebooks safer and easier to manage. Not to mention, they can be quite cost effective too. [LINK](#)

**Poland, Oct 22: 2018 China Higher Education Exhibition held in Poland to encourage Polish students to study in China [Xin Hua Net].** The 2018 China Higher Education Exhibition has been held here with the main aim of comprehensively introducing Chinese universities and encouraging Polish students to study in China. [LINK](#)

**United Kingdom, Oct 22: Secondary school bans talking in the corridors to keep children calm [Guardian].** A secondary school has banned pupils from talking between lessons, threatening detention to children who break the rule. [LINK](#)

**United Kingdom, Oct 22: Universities found guilty of grade inflation will be penalised in rankings under Government plans [Telegraph].** Sam Gyimah, the Universities Minister, will today announce that the latest pilot of Government's university ranking system will include specific criteria... [LINK](#)

**United Kingdom, Oct 22: Spending plans must not ignore children, government told [BBC].** More than 120 children's organisations have united to urge the government to stop "ignoring children" and to put them at the heart of spending plans. [LINK](#)

**United Kingdom, Oct 20: Summer camps falling out of favour amid rise of 'helicopter parenting', charity boss says [Telegraph].** Mothers and fathers "mollycoddle" their children, and have a "false fear"

about what will happen if they spend even short periods of time away from home, according to the founder of the Summer Camps Trust . [LINK](#)

**United Kingdom, Oct 18: Music is becoming 'preserve of the privileged few' as state schools abandon the subject in droves [Telegraph].** The discipline now faces an "existential crisis" as it increasingly drops off the syllabus, according to Lord Black of Brentwood. [LINK](#)

**United Kingdom, Oct 18: Focus on slavery is putting black children off history, teachers warned [Telegraph].** The history of British black and minority ethnic (BME) communities are "often absent" from the classroom, the report said. [LINK](#)

**United Kingdom, Oct 17: Schools that kick out unruly pupils to boost league table position face crack down, Education Secretary warns [Telegraph].** Damian Hinds has warned that he is prepared to change the law in order to crack down on schools with high numbers of unfair expulsions. [LINK](#)

## **GLOBAL**

**Oct 19: EI announces winner of education prize (EI).** The Education International Executive Board, meeting in Brussels, announced that Curtis Riep is the winner of the Albert Shanker Education Award. [LINK](#)

**Oct 22: Renewed commitment and funding of activities to eradicate child labour (EI).** Education International (EI) and the Foundation of EI's affiliate in Germany the Gewerkschaft Erziehung und Wissenschaft have signed a partnership agreement... [LINK](#)

## **ISESCO**

**Morocco, Oct 19: Expert Meeting in the field of Performance Measurement Mechanism for the Universities of the Islamic World at ISESCO headquarters [ISESCO].** The Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO) and the Federation of the Universities of the Islamic World (FUIW) hold an expert meeting ...[LINK](#)

**Morocco, Oct 18: Sudanese Ambassador to Rabat visits ISESCO [ISESCO].** The Director General of ISESCO, Dr Abdulaziz Othman Altwajri, today afternoon in his office, received the new Ambassador of the Republic of the Sudan to the Kingdom of Morocco. [LINK](#)

## **OECD**

**Oct 17: Why social and emotional skills matter more than ever [OECD].** The rapid pace at which technology is developing today offers both new opportunities for society to evolve, and new challenges to overcome. [LINK](#)

## **UNESCO**

**Oct 12: International Day of the Girl: equipping girls with skills and confidence in the Digital Age [UNESCO].** On the occasion of the International Day of the Girl Child, UNESCO, together with the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) co-organized a panel discussion... [LINK](#)