

EDUCATION

Updates

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ASIA & PACIFIC

China, Nov 02: A series of firsts – How YCIS helps shape international education in Shanghai [Shine]. This year marks the 25th anniversary celebration of Yew Chung International School of Shanghai (YCIS Shanghai) — a landmark achievement for both the school and the city. [LINK](#)

India, Nov 05: Infosys InStep Recognized as the Best Overall Internship Program Globally by Vault [NDTV]. InStep, a global internship program by Infosys has been ranked number 1 in the best overall internship category by Vault.com's latest survey on Top Internships for 2019. [LINK](#)

India, Nov 05: DU Professor Writes To PM On "Violation" Of Quota Norms In Teachers' Appointment In Central Varsities [NDTV]. A Delhi University professor has written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi accusing various central universities of violating various reservation norms in appointing Dalit teachers and requested him to look into the matter. [LINK](#)

India, Nov 04: Delhi Schools Preparing Students For Worsening Air Pollution [NDTV]. Shifting the morning assembly of students indoors, mandating them to wear masks during outdoor activities and distributing gooseberries are among the measures taken by schools in Delhi and adjoining areas to deal with the alarming level of air pollution. [LINK](#)

India, Nov 03: Teachers Must Have A Discerning Eye: President Ram Nath Kovind At 'Gyan Kumbh' [NDTV]. President Ram Nath Kovind said on Saturday that teachers can play a pivotal role in bringing about a qualitative change in higher education by discerning the special abilities of students and bringing out the best in them. Inaugurating. [LINK](#)

Japan, Nov 05: PM hopes Japanese universities will open branches in Malaysia [NST]. Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad today expressed hope to see Japanese universities having their branches in Malaysia to enable Malaysian students to not only be exposed to Japan's education system, but also to learn its culture. [LINK](#)

Malaysia, Nov 03: Education ministry forms special committee to implement initiatives [Free Malaysia Today]. The education ministry has set up an implementation committee to look into the details of the initiatives outlined in Budget 2019, Education Minister Maszlee Malik said. [LINK](#)

Malaysia, Nov 03: MOE welcomes engagement from all agencies to pursue STEM education [Malay Mail]. The Education Ministry welcomes constant engagement from all agencies in providing more options for teachers to carry out activities in the school-based assessment for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education. [LINK](#)

Singapore, Nov 03: SkillsFuture initiatives to improve adult education training [Strait Times]. New SkillsFuture initiatives to raise the quality of adult education training will soon be rolled out. Senior Minis-

ter of State for Trade and Industry Chee Hong Tat yesterday announced that starting next year... [LINK](#)

Singapore Nov 03: ITE to offer 10 new work-learn diplomas [Strait Times]. There will be more avenues for Institute of Technical Education (ITE) graduates to pursue diplomas that will allow them to work and study at the same time. The institution will be offering 10 new Work-Learn Technical Diplomas (WLTD) from April next year, with places for about 350 trainees. [LINK](#)

Singapore, Nov 02: Streaming still has role in school [Strait Times]. Streaming still has a place in Singapore's education system, but there is a need to change the negative perceptions that students and society have of students from slower streams. [LINK](#)

Singapore, Nov 01: NUS, NTU move up global university rankings [Strait Times]. The National University of Singapore (NUS) and Nanyang Technological University (NTU) have risen up the ranks in the fifth US News & World Report's Best Global Universities Rankings. [LINK](#)

Thailand, Nov 05: Thai English proficiency drops [Bangkok Post]. Thailand has dropped 11 spots in the proficiency rankings for non-native English speaking countries. The kingdom is now ranked 64th among the 88 listed countries and territories in the EF English Proficiency Index 2018. [LINK](#)

Thailand, Nov 05: Move to set up educational institutes that can develop manpower for EEC [Thai Visa]. THAILAND'S higher-education sector is shifting gears towards the future – setting sights on new engines of growth as well as the much-vaunted Eastern Economic Corridor (EEC). The government has identified 10 industries as key drivers for the country's growth. [LINK](#)

Thailand, Nov 06: Education Minister instructs OVEC to meet international standard by three months [Thai Visa]. The Education Minister, Dr. Teerakiat Jareonsettasin, has instructed the Office of Vocational Education Commission (OVEC) to meet the international standards by three months. On Monday, Dr. Teerakiat chaired a meeting to deliver policies and guidelines for steering the national vocational education development to OVEC officials. [LINK](#)

Vietnam, Nov 05: Vietnamese-Cambodian children in Phnom Penh start new school year [Vietnam Plus]. Phnom Penh (VNA) – Children of Vietnamese Cambodians studying at the Khmer-Vietnam Tan Tien friendship primary school in Phnom Penh began their 2018-2019 school year on November 5. [LINK](#)

Vietnam, Nov 06: The forgotten children of Việt Nam [Vietnam News]. HCM CITY – For almost 30 years the Christina Noble Children's Foundation has been helping abandoned and disadvantaged youngsters across the country. Now they need your help. [LINK](#)

Vietnam, Nov 02: Law proposes higher teacher standards [Vietnam News]. HÀ NỘI — More than 107,000 pre-school teachers, accounting for nearly 34 per cent of pre-school teachers nationwide, will be considered below standard and need to receive more training if the amended Law on Education takes effect next year. [LINK](#)

EUROPE

Finland, Oct 31: Everything you should know about Montessori schools in Helsinki [Helsinki Times]. Montessori schools are institutions that subscribe to the “Montessori method” of education, a progressive approach to children’s learning that has been in use for over a century. [LINK](#)

Malta, Nov 05: Teach Maltese to foreigners' children - Education Minister [Times of Malta]. Evarist Bartolo defends contentious 'Maltese as a foreign language' plans. Foreign-born children being raised in Malta must learn Maltese, Education Minister insisted in Parliament on Monday. The Education Minister said this was part of the reason that the government was keen to introduce Maltese as a foreign language as a subject in schools. [LINK](#)

New Zealand, Oct 31: Mike King returning to Whanganui to visit schools with mental health message [NZ Herald]. Youth mental health advocate Mike King says too much emphasis is placed on education for young people. The former comedian began advocating for mental health 10 years ago and for the past five years, he has been visiting schools educating students about their mental health. [LINK](#)

New Zealand, Nov 01: Poverty still affecting children’s education [NZ Scoop]. Poverty in this country is still one of the primary reasons that children are not thriving in schools and centers. Today, the Child Poverty Reduction Bill was read for the second time in Parliament. [LINK](#)

New Zealand, Nov 02: AUT union staff reject latest pay offer, withhold student marks another two weeks [NZ Herald]. Auckland University of Technology students are suffering “undue stress and anxiety” as striking staff withhold their final marks in the middle of the exam period. [LINK](#)

New Zealand, Nov 02: NZEI and Ministry head to Employment Relations Authority over teacher negotiations [NZ SCOOP]. Primary teachers’ union New Zealand Educational Institute (NZEI) Te Riu Roa and the Ministry of Education are set to begin facilitation on Monday, 5 November at 10.30am, in an attempt to make progress on collective agreement negotiations for primary teachers and principals. [LINK](#)

New Zealand, Nov 05: High schools’ classes to close early as teacher pay talks ‘go down to the wire’ [NZ Herald]. High-school teachers say they are expecting a new pay offer from the Government tomorrow, as their primary-school colleagues continue mediation over their own pay claim. [LINK](#)

United Kingdom, Nov 01: ‘Hologram’ lecturers to teach students at Imperial College London [BBC]. University classes are set to be given a futuristic spin by letting lecturers appear as hologram-like apparitions beamed in from afar. Imperial College London will show off the technology at a special event later on Thursday before deploying it more widely. [LINK](#)

United Kingdom, Nov 05: 'Audit culture' causing staff burnout in schools, report finds [Guardian]. The Department for Education has pledged to ease pressures on teachers in England, after it accepted the recommendations of a new report that said an “audit culture” in schools was causing anxiety and staff burnout without improving results. [LINK](#)

United Kingdom, Nov 05: Too many students left with debts for ‘too little payback’ [BBC]. Too many graduates in England are not getting good outcomes from their degree courses, MPs are warning. Nearly half of recent graduates were not working in graduate roles in 2017, the Commons education committee says. [LINK](#)

AFRICA & MIDDLE EAST

Israel Nov 04: Education Minister Dubiously Uses Private Law Firm to Advance West Bank University's Status [Haaretz]. Education Minister Naftali Bennett has used a private law firm to provide an opinion on a government matter, a move that appears to breach the attorney general’s guidelines. Instructions published a few years ago say that in unusual cases where outside legal advice is used, the ministry’s legal team must provide supervision. [LINK](#)

Jamaica, Nov 02: Education Ministry Seeking Chase Funding for Brain Builder Centres [Jamaica Info Service]. The Ministry of Education, Youth and Information is seeking support through the Culture, Health, Arts, Sports and Education Fund (CHASE) to finance aspects of the Brain Builder centres, which will be operated across the island. [LINK](#)

Jordan, Nov 01: Jordanian education and tourism ministers resign over Dead Sea disaster [Arab News]. AMMAN: Jordan’s tourism and education ministers resigned Thursday in response to flash floods near the Dead Sea that killed 21 people- mostly children. The government has come under increasing pressure for the disaster last Thursday after it emerged that a school trip had gone ahead despite warnings of bad weather. [LINK](#)

South Africa, Nov 05: The Education Market in South Africa 2018 - Poor School Management and Corruption [Business Wire]. This report profiles 51 school groups, universities and other educational institutions. It includes information on numbers of teachers and learners in the country, and reports on significant events which have influenced the sector including the effects of government’s announcement of free tertiary education and disruption caused by student protests. [LINK](#)

Syria, Nov 05: Syrian Youth: Still Seeking Education [Al-Fanar Media]. This article is part of a package on the theme of scholarships for Syrian refugees. A separate article documents the fading donor interest in scholarships for refugees and a “fact file” lists the major scholarship programs for refugees. [LINK](#)

Uganda, Nov 05: Youth unemployment gap: Call for a collective response [New Vision]. Most countries where youth unemployment is kept low have invested in high quality education and early childhood development. An interesting analysis in one of the dailies of October 31, 2018 about the social and economic pitfalls in Uganda that has made young people unrestful, unemployed and generally distrustful. [LINK](#)

United Arab Emirates, Oct 30: Dubai ruler crowns Arab Reading Challenge champion [Arabian Business]. Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, on Tuesday crowned Maryam Amjoun, a student from Morocco, as champion of the third edition of the Arab Reading Challenge. [LINK](#)

UNESCO

31 October 2018 - Winners of the 2018 Youth Citizen Entrepreneurship Competition [UNESCO]. Hundreds of young aspiring entrepreneurs from all over the world joined the 2018 Youth Citizen Entrepreneurship Competition with their creative and innovative ideas and projects to improve their communities and the lives of many people. [LINK](#)