

EDUCATION

Updates

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ASIA & PACIFIC

Australia, Nov 20: How political correctness is changing education, according to Abbott, Jones and Donnelly [SMH]. That was the consensus of a former prime minister, a former curriculum reviewer and a radio broadcaster. The "cultural left" is using the notion of political correctness to control how students think about everything from post-colonial theory to maths and science... [LINK](#)

Australia, Nov 19: What Australian children want for World Children's [UNICEF]. SYDNEY, 19 November 2018 - Around Australia, children say that education, both in school and beyond the classroom is the best way to equip them for the futures they want. For World Children's Day tomorrow (20 November), UNICEF Australia will release the results of research with students about how they experience our education system... [LINK](#)

China, Nov 20: AI Education in China Starts Young [Caixin Global]. Former Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping said at a Shanghai technology expo in 1984: "The popularization of computer (knowledge) should start with children." Decades later, China is taking his advice. [LINK](#)

Japan, Nov 20: As foreign labor system evolves, education has to play catch-up [Japan Times]. Japanese-language education is becoming more important for children of foreign residents in Japan at a time when the government is planning to introduce a new visa system to increase the number of foreign workers. [LINK](#)

Japan, Nov 20: Support group highlights pressure to leave no food uneaten at school lunch [Japan Times]. The Tokyo-based group, whose name translates to the Japan association to help people overcome their fear of eating with other people, says teachers should not force students to eat every last bite. [LINK](#)

Malaysia, Nov 18: Sporting pathway to success [The Star]. STUDENTS have various interests and talents, so to mould these skills and hone their potentials, the Education Ministry has provided them several educational pathways. The Malaysia Sports School or Sekolah Sukan Malaysia (SSM) was established to support a sporting culture... [LINK](#)

Malaysia, Nov 17: Education Ministry denies leak in SPM exam papers [The Star]. The Education Ministry on Saturday (Nov 17) dismissed news about a leak in the Bahasa Melayu,

Mathematics and Chinese Language papers of the ongoing Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM) examination. [LINK](#)

Malaysia, Nov 16: Time to teach good values [The Star]. More time will be allocated towards instilling good values in students in school time-tables. Education Minister Dr Maszlee Malik said Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad pointed out the lack of civics education when he saw... [LINK](#)

Malaysia, Nov 16: Nurul Izzah calls for TVET commission [The Star]. The TVET task force headed by Nurul Izzah Anwar has suggested that a special commission to coordinate the Technical and Vocational Education Training (TVET) implementation be set up. [LINK](#)

Singapore, Nov 15: Employers rank NUS grads No. 10 in global poll [Strait Times]. Graduates from the National University of Singapore (NUS) are among the most employable in the world, a global survey of recruiters published today has confirmed. [LINK](#)

Thailand, Nov 21: Schooling offers bright future for migrants [The Nation]. FREE EDUCATION and a crash-course on basic Thai can be a life-changer for migrant and stateless children. From a construction site to classroom, 22-year-old Aung Chan says education has given him "another world". [LINK](#)

Thailand, Nov 16: International programmes proliferate at universities [University World News]. Falling birth rates are forcing Thailand's universities to internationalise to produce the 'innovative' graduates that will spur on the country's progress in a competitive world. [LINK](#)

MIDDLE EAST

United Arab Emirates, Nov 16: Dubai bucks global trend as international students soar [Arabian Business]. The number of students at Dubai International Academic City (DIAC), the largest community dedicated to higher education in the Middle East, has witnessed a surge in 2018/2019. [LINK](#)

Iraq, Nov 19: Wealth gaps affecting school children in Iraq [Jordan Times]. BAGHDAD — Economic inequality is massively affecting whether students in war-ravaged Iraq finish school, the United Nations children's agency warned on Monday, urging the fledgling government in Baghdad to spend more on education. [LINK](#)

EUROPE

Finland, Nov 20: CONVERSATIONS IN EDUCATION: Highlights of Finland's successful educational practices [Delco News]. Finland offers a comprehensive educational program that includes fully funded daycare, one year of preschool for 6-year-olds, nine years of compulsory comprehensive school from age 7 to 16 and post-compulsory school (high school) where students choose an academic or vocational track. [LINK](#)

Finland, Nov 20: Ceiling collapses in four-year-old southern Finland school [UUTISE]. A ceiling in the Harjurinne School, built new in 2014, reportedly collapsed in the southern coastal city of Loviisa. Nobody was at the school at the time of the incident, which occurred some time between Monday evening and Tuesday morning, and no one was injured. [LINK](#)

Finland, Nov 20: What's the secret to Finnish school success? [Swiss Info] At a Swiss event, a top Finnish education official explains why the country's schools are so good - and what the Finns could learn from Switzerland. [LINK](#)

Germany, Nov 20: Government of Germany announces 15 million euros pledge for Education Cannot Wait [Relief]. The Government of Germany announced today a substantial 15 million euros (US\$ 17 million) pledge for Education Cannot Wait, a new global fund dedicated to respond rapidly and provide sustainable quality education to millions of children and youth living in crisis worldwide. [LINK](#)

Netherlands, Nov 20: Nearly 1 in 5 adults in education or training [CBS]. The Dutch government supports 'lifelong learning', enabling adults - whether in work or not - to acquire sufficient skills and knowledge to be or remain active in the labour market for the long term. [LINK](#)

New Zealand, Nov 19: A new 10-year early learning strategic plan aims to shake-up New Zealand's early-learning sector [NZ Herald]. Increasing teacher salaries and conditions, more adults for every baby and toddler, and moving towards 100 per cent qualified teachers are at the centre of the Government's plan for early learning. [LINK](#)

New Zealand, Nov 17: Two degrees, no job prospects: Why Gen Z Kiwis are worried about work [Stuff NZ]. Stacey Mulholland has just finished her final exams of a conjoint degree. She's tech savvy, young, bright and keen to work in marketing. But scrolling through online ads for entry level jobs is a daunting prospect for the 23-year-old. [LINK](#)

New Zealand, Nov 16: Primary and secondary teachers unite in campaign for better pay [NZ Herald]. Primary and second-

ary education unions will join forces in their campaign for better pay and conditions for teachers if their wishes are not met. [LINK](#)

United Kingdom, Nov 16 - Two-year degree plan to cut cost of tuition fees [BBC]. Students in England are being promised the option of "accelerated" two-year degree courses, saving 20% on tuition fees compared with a three-year course. [LINK](#)

United Kingdom, Nov 16: University given £1m bailout from watchdog [BBC]. A UK university had to be given an emergency loan of almost £1m by the higher education watchdog to stay afloat this autumn. It's been discovered that the Office for Students provided the bailout when the university faced the prospect of running out of cash and being unable to pay its bills. [LINK](#)

Wales, Nov 21: 'Compulsory' mental health education call to tackle suicide in Wales [BBC]. Mental health education should be compulsory in schools in Wales to tackle the number of suicides among men, according to Samaritans Cymru. [LINK](#)

UNITED STATES

United States of America, Nov 20: U.S. Department of Education Builds on Efforts to Improve Services for Students, Increase Effectiveness and Fairness of Office for Civil Rights Investigations [U.S. Dept of Education]. "Our top priority in the Office for Civil Rights is ensuring all students have equal access to education free from discrimination," said Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights Kenneth L. Marcus. [LINK](#)

United States of America, Nov 13: International student enrollment falls [US News]. The number of new international students enrolling for the first time at an American college fell by more than 6 percent in fall 2017. According to a report by the State Department and the Institute of International Education...[LINK](#)

OECD

Nov 19: What's the best way to teach science [OECD]. Education experts have spent the last 50 years debating over a seemingly simple question: what's the best way to teach science? On one side of the divide are those who support self-guided, enquiry-based approaches, under which students direct their own learning. [LINK](#)

UNESCO

Nov 16: A new era for teacher management in Uganda [UNESCO]. The Ministry of Education and Sports (MOES) has been grappling with the challenge of managing teachers' data for years. Up until now, three different departments and Ministries carry out the teacher records management manually. [LINK](#)