

EDUCATION

Updates

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ASIA & PACIFIC

Malaysia, July 15. LIMKOKWING University of Creative Technology will work with the Anderson School Old Boys Association (Asoba) to develop sports and academics in Malaysia. The collaboration was announced during the association's visit to the university's campus in Cyberjaya. It was led by former chief secretary to the government Tun Ahmad Sarji Abdul Hamid and Asoba president Datuk Seri Abdul Azim Mohd Zabidi. The collaboration will put a spotlight on the importance of sports in society, which Ahmad Sarji explained as one of the strongest suits of Anderson School (SMK Anderson), in particular hockey. [LINK](#)

Malaysia, July 15. HFMD cases in Penang continue to rise. The number of hand, foot and mouth disease (HFMD) cases in Penang State remained on an upward trend, with more cases being reported as of yesterday, 15th July 2018. According to the Penang Health Department, 1,832 cases were recorded in the state as of Sunday, 15th July 2018. This represented a 71.2% increase compared to 1,070 cases recorded during the same period last year. The department said four new HFMD clusters were recorded on Friday and Saturday, bringing the current total to 80. A total of 23 premises, including primary schools, nurseries and kindergartens remained shut. Meanwhile, the Director of Health Pulau Pinang, Dr Wan Mansor Hamzah said 'Sekolah Jenis Kebangsaan Cina' (SJKC) Phor Tay was recently ordered to close due to the disease. Few days ago, 'Sekolah Jenis Kebangsaan Cina' (SJKC) Shih Chung dan 'Sekolah Antarabangsa' Tenby were ordered to closed due to the epidemic. [LINK](#)

Korea, July 16. Korea Rises As Education Destination For Brazilians [The Korea Times]. Brazilians are finding Korea to be one of Asia's most attractive destinations to pursue an overseas education. "It is important to bring competent foreign students to Korea. It will also help resolve issues concerning the decreasing student population here. We will strive to attract as many students as possible during our presentation scheduled for August," said Kim So-yeon, the center's director. [LINK](#)

Jakarta, July 17. Australia Says Will Support Indonesia in Addressing Regional Disparity [Jakarta Globe]. Speaking at the 2018 Indonesia Development Forum (IDF) in Jakarta on Tuesday (10/07), the ambassador, Gary Quinlan, said his country is committed to supporting Indonesia's economic growth and efforts to tackle inequality. Drawing from Australia's experience in dealing with regional disparity, Quinlan touched on connectivity, competitiveness and human capital as issues that must be effectively addressed to resolve the main problem at hand. [LINK](#)

AFRICA & MIDDLE-EAST

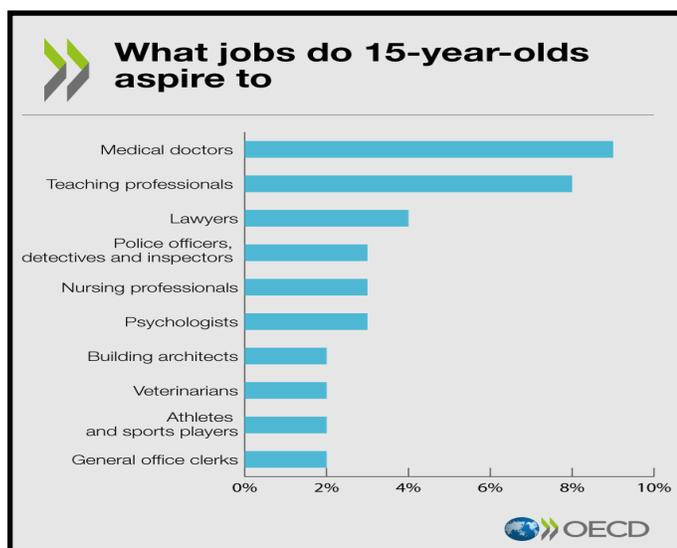
Bahrain, July 17. More schools to accept autistic pupils [GDNOnline]. As part of Bahrain Education Ministry's Effort to integrate special needs students in regular school, more government school will start accepting autistic children for the 2018-2019 academic year. Since the launch of the programme during the 2017-2018 academic year, 94 students have been integrated in 14 schools. Once the programme is fully implemented, a total of 81 schools will be accepting children with special needs. Bahrain's successful efforts in the field of integration of people with special needs contributed to its entry into the list of countries that are distinguished internationally in providing education for all, and ranked first in the Arab world for several years. [LINK](#)

South Africa, July 16. Kenya Education Ministry Forms Team to Assess New Curriculum [Inside Education]. The Ministry of Education Kenya has set up a special team to advise on where junior secondary school, which is part of the new curriculum to be rolled out next year, will be placed. This includes the assessment of infrastructure in school, recruitment and deployment of teachers. Under the new curriculum, a learner will be required to take the 12 core subjects which includes English, Mathematics, Integrated Science, Health Education, Pre-vocetchnical Education, Social Studies, Religious Education, Business Studies, and Physical Education at junior secondary. [LINK](#)

ARICA & MIDDLE EAST (CONT'D)

UAE, July 14. University to launch new course to support UAE's space ambitions [Arabian Business]. A new Space Science Track will be introduced at the United Arab Emirates University's Physics Department in September. The track, which will be made available for undergraduates in the Physics Department, has been created in response to the new UAE's initiative to be a pioneer in Space Science. The course can be taken as a Minor and is open to all undergraduate students at the university, where it is aimed to increase the number of students that have interest and ideas about space science and the future direction of the UAE. [LINK](#)

OECD



OECD, July 06. [OECD Education and Skills]. Based on 2015 PISA data, it shows that today's teenagers aren't very imaginative when it comes to their expected working life. Almost one in ten wants to be a medical doctor; one in three cited one of just ten jobs. The way in which young people think about jobs and careers, the study shows, are highly shaped by parental influence, social background and sense of identity. Analysis shows that disadvantaged students are significantly less likely to want to work as professionals than their more advantaged peers. This means that the parents' wealth and advantages play a major factor in shaping students' ambitions. [LINK](#)

OECD, July 16. The Economic Value of Higher Education [OECD Education and Skills]. This month's Education Indicators in Focus brief investigates the earnings advantage that tertiary-education workers have over their upper-secondary peers, and how earnings advantage has evolved over generations. On average across OECD countries, the earn-

ings premium associated with higher education for 55-64 years olds, 70% is twice that of younger adults, at just 35%. However, although educational attainment increased similarly across both age groups in the past decade, the earnings advantage of young adults with a tertiary degree declined or remained stable, whereas the older generation benefited from a higher premium in many countries. [LINK](#)

SEAMEO

SEAMEO BIOTROP, July 13. BIOTROP Signs MOU with IBTE. BIOTROP and the Institute Brunei Technical Education (IBTE) formalized their collaboration on 22 May 2018. For the next three years, both institutions agreed to promote cooperation through developing and implementing collaborative research and training activities, exchanging staff and academic materials, and conducting student internships with special focus on agricultural technology and entrepreneurship. The MOU was signed by BIOTROP Director Dr Irdika Mansur and IBTE Chief Executive Director Dr Chin Wei Keh. [LINK](#)

UNESCO

UNESCO, July 13. SDG 4 Data at your fingertips with new tools from the UIS [UNESCO]. Where can you find the latest data to monitor Sustainable Development Goal 4 (SDG 4)? How are the indicators produced and how can they be interpreted and used? Go straight to the source with a series of new products developed by the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS). As the custodian UN agency for SDG 4 data, the UIS not only has the mandate to produce the global monitoring indicators but also to help stakeholders – from countries and donors to civil society groups and technical partners - use the findings to get all children in school and learning by 2030. [LINK](#)

ISESCO

Brunei Darussalam, July 13. ISESCO Eyeing Research Collaboration with UTB. Looking to forge research collaboration on renewable energy, Director-General of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO) Dr Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri yesterday invited Universiti Teknologi Brunei (UTB) to become a member of the Federation of the Universities of the Islamic World (FUIW). Dr Abdulaziz extended this invitation during his visit to UTB to explore potential collaboration opportunities in academic and research fields. [LINK](#)