

EDUCATION

Updates

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SOUTH EAST ASIA

Cambodia, Apr 9 : Cambodia postpones annual exams over COVID-19 [China.org.cn]. Cambodia's Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports has decided to postpone secondary and high school exams in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Khmer Times reported on Thursday. [LINK](#)

Indonesia, Apr 11 : COVID-19: TVRI to air educational program to help students learn from home [Jakarta Post]. Public television broadcaster TVRI will air a full-day educational program called Belajar dari Rumah (Study from Home) for three months to help students who are required to study from home as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. [LINK](#)

Indonesia, Apr 9 : Education Ministry Teams Up with TVRI to Deliver Distance Learning [Jakarta Globe]. The Education and Culture Ministry released the "Learning from Home" program to support the distance learning process. The ministry collaborated with state-owned broadcaster TVRI to run the education program during the Covid-19 pandemic. [LINK](#)

Indonesia, Apr 5 : This App Helps Schools in Online Exams Amid Pandemic [Jakarta Globe]. Major School exams are transitioning into the cloud to contain the Covid-19 contagion, following weeks of students abandoning classes to follow the government call. [LINK](#)

Malaysia, Apr 11 : PM says schools to stay closed, home-based learning to be utilised during MCO [Malay Mail]. The government will postpone reopening schools until the situation is safer and the Covid-19 outbreak is under control, said Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin today. [LINK](#)

Malaysia, Apr 11 : Matriculation Programme exams cancelled in light of extended MCO [Star]. The Semester 2 Matriculation Programme Examinations (PSPM) has been cancelled in light of the extended movement control order (MCO). [LINK](#)

Malaysia, Apr 10 : Astro offers learning content for students during MCO [Star]. To ensure that students are keeping up with their studies during the movement control order (MCO), Astro will be introducing a new show titled, Kuiz Pantas TTV, on Astro Tutor TV (Ch 601 to 603). [LINK](#)

Malaysia, Apr 7 : Leading schools through the Covid-19 crisis [Malay Mail]. Throughout history, leadership during difficult times and moments of crisis has been admired and respected. Situations where leaders thrive in instances where others would fail, or at best merely survive, have been chronicled time and again. [LINK](#)

Singapore, Apr 10 : No more Zoom for home learning after hacking incident [Straits Times]. All teachers will stop using video conferencing platform Zoom for their home-based teaching, after hackers hijacked the streaming of a lesson to show obscene pictures to some students. [LINK](#)

Singapore, Apr 8 : Parents struggle to juggle working from home and supervising kids' home-based learning amid Covid-19 crisis [Straits Times]. Supervising their children's learning from home while working from home is a struggle for many parents as Singapore starts full home-based learning on Wednesday (April 8) to help stem the spread of Covid-19. [LINK](#)

Singapore, Apr 8 : MOE lends 3,300 devices to students who need them for home-based learning amid Covid-19 pandemic [Straits Times]. The Ministry of Education (MOE) has provided about 3,300 devices such as tablets and laptops, and more than 200 dongles for Internet access, to students who require them for home-based learning. [LINK](#)

Singapore, Apr 6 : Almost all continuing education and training classes to go online [Straits Times]. Almost all continuing education and training classes will take place virtually from tomorrow, in line with the heightened safe distancing measures that the Government announced last Friday. [LINK](#)

Thailand, Apr 10 : School holidays cancelled after term delay [Bangkok Post]. Primary school Two school breaks in October and in April next year will be scrapped due to Covid-19 disruption, according to the Education Ministry. [LINK](#)

EUROPE

Russia, Apr 10 : 'Keeping a Student's Attention Online Is Harder Than in the Classroom' [HSE University] After a week off, HSE students returned to their online classes this week. [LINK](#)

United Kingdom, Apr 11 : 'We stand together': how students are helping NHS during coronavirus crisis [Guardian]. From university and school closures to A-level cancellations, young people have been deeply affected by the coronavirus pandemic. [LINK](#)

United Kingdom, Apr 10 : 'Recruitment is on hold': the students graduating into the Covid-19 recession [Guardian]. Businesses are scaling back graduate recruitment, leading to fears of a 'lost generation' with limited options. [LINK](#)

EUROPE (CONT.)

United Kingdom, Apr 9 : Education union launches dedicated site to support parents and carers in home-schooling [Educational International]. The National Education Union in the United Kingdom has launched a website specifically addressing issues linked to the COVID-19 pandemic that parents and guardians of students may have. [LINK](#)

United Kingdom, Apr 8 : UK school unleashes smartphones to seek virus treatment [AA]. Imperial College London seeks potential new treatments using artificial intelligence, say project leaders. [LINK](#)

United Kingdom, Apr 7 : When the Covid-19 crisis finally ends, schools must never return to normal [Guardian]. From goodness knows where, in the last few weeks school and college leaders have pulled out all the stops. [LINK](#)

ASIA PACIFIC

Australia, Apr 9 : Govt warns it will strip funding from independent schools if they refuse to open after school holidays [News AU]. The Education Minister Dan Tehan has warned independent schools must reopen for term two or risk having their funding cut by the federal government. [LINK](#)

Australia, Apr 8 : FEE-FREE TAFE: An opportunity to upskill in isolation [News AU]. Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education Geoff Lee says Tafe NSW is offering free courses to provide an opportunity for people to "upskill while in isolation". [LINK](#)

Australia, Apr 8 : Education sector to use 'a variety of approaches' during the COVID-19 lockdown [News AU]. It's important for schools to remain open during the coronavirus pandemic because children "get a better education" when they receive face-to-face tuition, according to Education Minister Dan Tehan. [LINK](#)

Hong Kong, Apr 10 : Hong Kong government and schools in talks over Zoom security concerns after hackers invade online classes to spread explicit material [Star]. Hong Kong education officials are in discussions with schools over their use of video-conferencing app Zoom after security concerns were raised about personal data leaks and the hacking of online classes and posting of explicit material. [LINK](#)

Hong Kong, Apr 9 : Hong Kong education chief 'confident' Diploma of Secondary Education will go ahead as planned [Japan Times]. At Hong Kong's education secretary said on Thursday he remained confident the university entrance exams would go ahead as planned in two weeks, as a poll revealed more than 70 per cent of candidates opposed cancelling them altogether. [LINK](#)

Japan, Apr 8 : Schoolyards to stay open in Japan emergency so kids can ease stress [Japan Times]. The government has decided to allow school playgrounds to be open during the emergency school shutdown amid the coronavirus epidemic, so children can ease stress built up from having to stay at home, it was

learned Tuesday. [LINK](#)

Japan, Apr 7 : Over half of students in Japan positive about taking lectures online [Japan Times]. As many institutions delay the start of classes amid the coronavirus epidemic, a majority of university and post-graduate students in Japan are willing to participate in interactive online lectures, a recent survey showed. [LINK](#)

Republic of Korea, Apr 9 : South Korea students begin online learning in late start to academic year; Covid-19 cases lowest in 7 weeks [Straits Times]. Tens of thousands of teenagers logged on for remote learning on Thursday (April 9) as the much-delayed new academic year in South Korea began in phases, while the number of new coronavirus cases dropped to the lowest in seven weeks. [LINK](#)

AFRICA & MIDDLE EAST

Syria, Apr 10 : In war-torn Syria, digital learning battles power cuts [Star]. Staring into a smartphone camera in an empty classroom in rebel-held northwest Syria, geography teacher Danielle Dbeis addresses students confined at home away from the novel coronavirus. [LINK](#)

UAE, Apr 8 : Coronavirus: Dubai Cares launches 'Education Uninterrupted' [Gulf News]. Dubai Cares launched 'Education Uninterrupted' on Tuesday, a nationwide fundraising campaign to tackle the impact on education and schoolchildren in the UAE. [LINK](#)

AMERICAS

USA, Apr 8 : Top US health expert expects schools to reopen by fall [AA]. A top U.S. infectious disease expert has said that he expects the country will be in "good shape" to reopen schools by fall. [LINK](#)

EDUCATION ARTICLES

Apr 10 : Demand for video calling continues to surge [Star]. Microsoft Corp said on March 9 that video calling and educational usage of its Teams productivity software had risen in recent weeks as employees work remotely and some US schools cancel in-person classes for the rest of the academic year. [LINK](#)

Apr 9 : What the Covid-19 Pandemic will change in education depends on the thoughtfulness of education responses today [Education International]. The Pandemic that is ravaging the globe is likely to cause the most serious disruption to educational opportunity in at least a century. [LINK](#)

Apr 9 : New project on active learning and innovative learning spaces [European Schoolnet]. From Novigado is a new project with an objective to support schools and related stakeholders in the transition from a conventional and teacher-centred classroom into teaching practices that promote active learning with the support of innovative learning environments and use of relevant ICT. [LINK](#)