

# EDUCATION

## Updates

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### ASIA & THE PACIFIC

**Australia, Sep 4: Update - Plan to bring back international students to Australia awaiting PM's approval [Study International].** Australia's pilot programme to bring in 300 international students to South Australia is reportedly days away from being finalised this week. In a statement to SBS Punjabi, a state government spokesperson said they are waiting for the federal government's approval of the proposal. [LINK](#)

**Australia, Sep 2: UA calls for hardship fund for int'l students [The PIE News].** Universities Australia has called for a hardship fund for international students among the key recommendations outlined in its pre-budget submission to government. [LINK](#)

**Cambodia, Sep 3: High school exams set for December 21 [Phnom Penh Post].** The Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport has set December 21 to convene the Higher Secondary Diploma examinations for the 2019-2020 school year. [LINK](#)

**Cambodia, Sep 3: Thai princess extends aid to Cambodian education [Phnom Penh Post].** Thailand's Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn has decided to renew her educational assistance to two technology institutes in Kampong Thom and Kampong Speu provinces for another five years. [LINK](#)

**China, Sep 4: More Chinese universities climb up world university rankings [Study International].** Chinese universities are continuing their ascent to the top, closing in on, and in some areas overtaking, the US in terms of research. [LINK](#)

**China, Sep 2: Wuhan, Ground Zero for coronavirus epidemic, re-opens all schools [Study International].** Students in face masks returned to class Tuesday in Wuhan, the central Chinese city where the coronavirus first emerged last year, as the city opened schools and kindergartens for the first time in seven months. [LINK](#)

**Indonesia, Sep 4: Education Minister proposes Rp 1.49 trillion budget for school digitalization programs [Jakarta Post]** The Education and Culture Ministry is proposing a budget of Rp 1.49 trillion (US\$100 million) for school digitalization programs in a bid to reduce technological discrepancies by improving digital access to education. [LINK](#)

**Japan, Sep 3: RECSIE & Digitary partner on HE network [The PIE News].** The Research Consortium for Sustainable International Education has partnered with the global edtech firm, Digitary as the solution provider for a nationwide network for official documents open to all higher education institutions in Japan. [LINK](#)

**Japan, Sep 3: Mental health of Japanese kids nearly worst among rich nations, UNICEF says [Japan Times]** Japanese children were rated as second-worst in mental well-being among 38 developed and emerging countries due to poor life satisfaction and suicides, a UNICEF report said Thursday. [LINK](#)

**Korea, Sep 3: Supreme Court annuls decision to delegalise union [Education International].** The decision to delegalise the Korean Teachers and Education Workers Union (KTU) has been annulled by the Supreme Court of Korea. [LINK](#)

**New Zealand, Sep 2: Are international students in New Zealand at risk of losing their visas? [Study International].** New Zealand student visa holders are at risk of losing their status as the country's borders remain shut to almost all foreigners and applications for student visas are temporarily suspended. [LINK](#)

**Philippines, Sep 4: Labor education to be included in higher education curriculum [Manila Bulletin]** The Senate is set to start plenary discussions on the measure that would require the inclusion of labor education in the curriculum higher education curriculum to enhance awareness on workers rights. [LINK](#)

**Philippines, Sep 4: CHED and Globe forge partnership to deliver educational materials online [Manila Bulletin]** Students and faculty members who are Globe and Touch Mobile subscribers can now get free access to PHL CHED CONNECT as the telco firm partnered with the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) to support the government's commitment to shift to flexible learning. [LINK](#)

**Philippines, Sep 2: Academics take judicial action to halt threats and harassment [Education International].** Filipino academics, supported by the Alliance of Concerned Teachers (ACT) and a large education coalition, made a stand against the Duterte regime's attacks on academic freedom and democracy. [LINK](#)

## **EUROPE & THE UK**

**Ireland, Sep 3: No more international students for English language schools in Ireland? [Study International].** English language schools in Ireland are no longer allowed to recruit international students until 2021. [LINK](#)

**United Kingdom, Sep 4: Exclusive: Stop Ofsted for a year or more, say teachers [TES]** TES survey of 4.5K teachers finds 80% don't want school inspections to start for at least a year, and a fifth say stop them for good. [LINK](#)

**United Kingdom, Sep 1: International PhD students now eligible for UK Research and Innovation scholarships [Study International].** International students will be eligible for all postgraduate scholarships funded by UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) from the start of the 2021/22 academic year. [LINK](#)

## **AMERICAS**

**Canada, Sep 1: Can international students return to Canada for September 2020 intake? [Study International].** Will international students be able to return to Canada for the September 2020 intake? The answer veers on unlikely at the time of writing as the country has recently extended international travel restrictions on incoming foreign travellers until Sept. 30, 2020, reported CIC News. [LINK](#)

**Jamaica, Aug 31: Union research highlights crucial role of state and ICT in quality education during COVID-19 and beyond [Education International].** The important role of the state and access to information and communication technology in education were key results of research by the Jamaica Teachers' Association (JTA). [LINK](#)

**US, Sep 5: A College Degree Is the Ticket to Still Working From Home [Bloomberg]** Those with less education headed back to their workplaces as Covid lockdowns have been lifted. A college degree can make a big difference. [LINK](#)

**US, Sep 3: Fisk University: Extraordinary opportunities for business, tech and medical majors [Study International].** With a Fisk University degree, Myles Harris believes he's on his way to join the selective ranks of African Americans who serve as CFOs of major corporations. [LINK](#)

## **AFRICA & MIDDLE EAST**

**Morocco, Sep 3: Minister: 80% of Families in Morocco Chose In-Person Education [Morocco World News]** Rabat – 80% of Moroccan families have chosen in-person education over remote lessons for their children, Morocco's Minister of Education Saaid Amzazi revealed yesterday, September 2. [LINK](#)

**Uganda, Sep 3: Uganda to Reopen Medical Schools to Tap Interns as Virus Spreads [Bloomberg]** Uganda will reopen medical schools on Sept. 28, more than six months after they were closed along with other education institutions due to the coronavirus outbreak. [LINK](#)

## **EDUCATIONAL ARTICLES**

**Sep 4: UNESCO urges action to meet rampant \$200 billion annual funding gap for education in poorest countries due to COVID-19 [Inter Press Service].** New research by the Global Education Monitoring Report at UNESCO shows an increase in the annual funding gap for education in the poorest countries to as much as US\$200 billion a year. These findings are published in the new paper, Act Now: Reduce the impact of COVID-19 on the Cost of Achieving SDG4. [LINK](#)

**Sep 3: Innocenti Report Card 16 - Worlds of Influence Understanding What Shapes Child Well-being in Rich Countries [UNICEF]** A new look at children from the world's richest countries offers a mixed picture of their health, skills and happiness. For far too many, issues such as poverty, exclusion and pollution threaten their mental well-being, physical health and opportunities to develop skills. [LINK](#)

**Sep 3: Asian uni breaks top 20 in THE Rankings [The PIE News]** Times Higher Education has released its World University Rankings 2021, with Tsinghua University in Beijing becoming the first Asian institute to ever break the top 20. An additional 15 other Asian universities also made the top 100. [LINK](#)

**Sep 3: Operation Outbreak simulation teaches students how pandemics spread [Eurek Alert]** In 2015, a team of specialists in modeling disease outbreaks got together with educators to create Operation Outbreak, an educational platform and simulation intended to teach high school and college students the fundamentals of responses to pandemics. [LINK](#)

**Sep 1: Students and teachers returned to classrooms around the world, hopeful, excited — and wary. [New York Times].** From Wuhan to London to Tel Aviv and many places in between, students are returning to classrooms this week after months of staying home in an attempt to slow the spread of the coronavirus. [LINK](#)

**Sep 1: European pupils back to school amidst virus fears [Study International].** French pupils go back to school Tuesday as schools across Europe open their doors to greet returning pupils this month, nearly six months after the coronavirus outbreak forced them to close and despite rising infection rates across the continent. [LINK](#)