

EDUCATION

Updates

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ASIA & THE PACIFIC

Australia, Sep 10: 'Why on earth' are we making it harder for Australian youth to study and get a job [News.Com.Au]. Shadow Education Minister Tanya Plibersek says it is becoming harder for Australian youth, who are suffering as a result of the coronavirus, to do basic things like go to university and get a job. [LINK](#)

China, Sep 9: Chinese e-learning company iHuman files for U.S. IPO [Reuters] E-learning company iHuman Inc filed for a U.S. listing on Tuesday, joining a string of recent initial public offerings by Chinese firms even as tensions between Beijing and Washington escalate. [LINK](#)

China, Sep 8: More China TNE programs shifting towards fully in-country model [The PIE News]. A report from Beijing-based Venture Education has noted transnational education in China is shifting towards fully in-country programs as opposed to models that offer students one or two years abroad. [LINK](#)

India, Sep 10: India's new education policy is far-reaching [Gulf News]. Policy focuses on practical learning, acquiring skills and making India knowledge economy. [LINK](#)

Indonesia, Sep 12: Reaching out, resilience, key to tackling mental health problems during pandemic [Post] The COVID-19 pandemic has taken a toll on the mental health of many people, triggering new challenges while exacerbating existing issues, and experts agree that people's resilience, or the ability to adapt to their surroundings and rise up against adversity, is key to surviving the emotional epidemic. [LINK](#)

Indonesia, Sep 10: What you need to know about large-scale social restrictions in Jakarta [Jakarta Post] Jakarta Governor Anies Baswedan announced that he would reimpose large-scale social restrictions (PSBB) starting next week to limit people's movement in the capital in anticipation of a shortage of hospital beds. [LINK](#)

Singapore, Sep 10: Universities need to tear down subject silos [Straits Times]. The post-Covid-19 world requires universities to move from subject specialisation to interdisciplinary teaching and research [LINK](#)

Singapore, Sep 10: 10 teachers honoured for going beyond call of duty [Straits Times] Miss Tan Li Ling remembers trying to hold on to one of her pupils - even as he grabbed and pulled her hair - to stop him from hurting himself. [LINK](#)

Singapore, Sep 10: How Singapore University of Technology and Design produces bold game-changers [Study International]. Lionell Loh Jian An, a Singapore University of Technology and Design (SUTD) senior is heading to Menlo Park, the global headquarters of Facebook in San Francisco, US. [LINK](#)

Singapore, Sep 7: Singapore surges in popularity for business students [The PIE News] Singapore and Canada have surged in popularity as study destinations for international business students according to a new study, while the US has bounced back from a decline in popularity in previous years. [LINK](#)

EUROPE & THE UK

France, Sep 9: Europe first 100% virtual campus opens [The PIE News]. NEOMA Business School in France has become the first school in Europe to open a 100% digital campus, with the aim of mirroring the interactions and atmosphere of a real campus from a remote location. [LINK](#)

Germany, Sep 10: Germany: Call to standardise hygiene guidelines in schools [Education International]. Two education unions and a parents' council in Germany have called for an improved standardised approach to the management of COVID-19. [LINK](#)

Italy, Sep 10: Coronavirus: Bell rings on new virus-era reality at Italy schools [Straits Times]. Millions of Italian pupils head back to the classroom next week after six months at home, confronting a new reality of outdoor lessons, coronavirus "isolation rooms" and even a possible ban on singing. [LINK](#)

Netherlands, Sep 11: Studyportals announces tie-up with THE [The PIE News]. As the business of international student recruitment intensifies, Netherlands-based education search site Studyportals has announced a partnership with THE, the media platform keen to expand its services for its student-based traffic. [LINK](#)

Netherlands, Sep 7: Dutch government to invest 20 billion euros in economic growth fund [Reuters]. The Dutch government said on Monday it will invest 20 billion euros (\$23.6 billion) in education, infrastructure and research and development projects over five years to help strengthen its economy and better shield it from future recessions. [LINK](#)

Spain, Sep 7: As Spain coronavirus cases soar, school return comes too soon for some [Straits Times] With coronavirus cases surging as a new school year begins, many Spanish parents are refusing to send their children back to class despite the threat of sanctions. [LINK](#)

United Kingdom, Sep 11: Update - New UK student immigration routes to open early [Study International]. Planning to study in the UK soon? You'll be pleased to know that the government is opening the new UK student immigration routes early. [LINK](#)

United Kingdom, Sep 10: UK immigration routes that "treat all students equally" to open early [The PIE News] The UK government has announced that new routes for international students to apply for visas are to open in October, including a points-based immigration system which it claims will "open up the UK to the brightest and the best from around the world". [LINK](#)

AMERICAS

US, Sep 11: The Widening Education Gap May Tear the Economy Apart [Bloomberg] The Covid-19 pandemic will exacerbate the disparities in educational outcomes, much as the Great Recession did. [LINK](#)

AFRICA & MIDDLE EAST

Iraq, Sep 8: Safety and continuity at heart of KTU guidelines for new school year [Education International] The Kurdistan Teachers' Union (KTU) seeks continuity of education and improved terms and conditions for teachers and students in its proposals for the 2020-2021 academic year. [LINK](#)

Kenya, Sep 10: Chickens roost in Kenya's empty classrooms amid Covid-19 shutdown [Straits Times] Rows of spinach sprout in the sports field where the students of Roka Preparatory school once played football, and clucking chickens fluff their feathers in sawdust-covered classrooms where children once sweated over their exams. [LINK](#)

EDUCATIONAL ARTICLES

Sep 12: Robotics Takes On Greater Role In Remote Education [Bloomberg]. Henrik Christensen, UCSD director of contextual robotics, talks about using ro-

botics in the classroom. He appears on "Bloomberg Technology." [LINK](#)

Sep 11: International students and young professionals overcome COVID-19 fears to move abroad [Study International] International students are still keen to move abroad despite travel concerns during COVID-19, according to a new survey by Housing Anywhere. [LINK](#)

Sep 11: You can now access Oxford University Press textbooks for free online [Study International] Oxford University Press is providing free access to over 200 digital textbooks to aid teaching and learning at home during COVID-19. [LINK](#)

Sep 10: 84% of agents losing income because of Covid-19 – survey [The PIE News] The emergence of the Covid-19 pandemic has posed new and diverse challenges for education agents, with the majority (84.8%) experiencing a loss of income, a new survey by MSM has shown. [LINK](#)

Sep 10: We're In A Vast Education Experiment, Says McKinsey Education Expert [Study Bloomberg]. With Emma Dorn, Education Practice Manager at McKinsey & Company Inc., discusses the negative implications of remote learning, and how students, teachers, and educators can stay nimble in a pandemic. [LINK](#)

Sep 9: 5 things to look for on a college campus that benefit mental health [Study International]. Researchers have studied college students' mental health for decades. Even in the 1920s, it was clear that the many stresses of higher education – like academic demands, post-graduation plans and financial concerns – wear on students. [LINK](#)

Sep 9: International Day to Protect Education from Attack [Education International]. Today, we mark the first International Day to Protect Education from Attack to safeguard education in armed conflict. [LINK](#)

Sep 8: Skills lost due to Covid-19 school closures will hit output for generations: OECD [Straits Times]. Disruption to schooling stemming from the Covid-19 pandemic will cause a skill loss that could result in a 1.5 per cent drop in global economic output for the rest of this century, the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) has estimated. [LINK](#)

Sep 8: OECD Education at a Glance 2020; education for more resilient societies [Education International]. The Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) issued its annual Education at a Glance (EAG) report for 2020. [LINK](#)