

EDUCATION

Updates

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SOUTH EAST ASIA

Indonesia, 12 Jun: ASEAN, India strengthen cooperation [ASEAN Secretariat News]. ASEAN and India reaffirmed their commitment to further strengthen and deepen their cooperation at the 20th ASEAN-India Joint Cooperation Committee Meeting held via video conference yesterday. [LINK](#)

Myanmar, 12 Jun: Teacher appointments delayed by COVID-19: Myanmar govt [Myanmar Post]. The government said the COVID-19 outbreak has delayed the appointment of new teachers, and those who have passed basic teacher training. [LINK](#)

Singapore, 12 Jun: Polys, ITE, universities to offer courses to boost graduates' employability [Straits Times]. Graduates from the Institute of Technical Education (ITE), polytechnics and universities will soon be able to apply for new courses that offer additional professional certificates. [LINK](#)

Myanmar, 11 Jun: Myanmar education ministry allows private schools to add classrooms, buildings [Myanmar Post]. The Ministry of Education will allow private schools to add classrooms so they can comply with the government's guidelines on social distancing to prevent the spread of COVID-19. [LINK](#)

Malaysia, 10 Jun: Malaysia's higher education on right track, says ministry [The Star]. PETALING JAYA: This is the country's best achievement so far in the Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Rankings 2021, says the Higher Education Ministry. [LINK](#)

Malaysia, 10 Jun: Malaysian schools to reopen in phases starting Jun 24 [Channel News Asia]. KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysian schools will reopen in phases, starting on Jun 24 for those taking their leaving examinations, said Education Minister Mohd Radzi Md Jidin on Wednesday (Jun 10). [LINK](#)

Malaysia, 10 Jun: Special needs TVET students' return [News Straits Times]. Preparations are underway to welcome polytechnic and community college special needs students back on campus after face-to-face studies were abruptly disrupted more than two months ago by the move to control the Covid-19 contagion. [LINK](#)

Indonesia, 08 Jun: Nadiem Makarim, Minister of Education and Culture: Interview [Oxford Business Group]. How might the Covid-19 pandemic impact the development of Indonesia's education system? Nadiem Makarim: It is quite possible for Indonesians to work, study and pray from home while we tackle Covid-19. [LINK](#)

Philippines, 08 Jun: No students in school without virus vaccine, Philippines says [Jakarta Post]. Tens of millions of children in the Philippines will not be allowed back to school until a coronavirus vaccine is available, officials announced Monday, saying they may have to broadcast lessons on TV. [LINK](#)

Singapore, 07 Jun: 4 students and 1 school employee contract COVID-19; all had 'low viral loads': MOE [Channel News Asia]. Four students and one non-teaching staff member have tested positive for COVID-19, as part of the Ministry of Health's (MOH) extended surveillance testing. [LINK](#)

Indonesia, 05 Jun: SHARE Policy Dialogue 11 Webinar Series "Looking Ahead to an ASEAN Higher Education Space" [SHARE EU ASEAN News]. The SHARE Programme is pleased to host our first ever Policy Dialogue webinar series between 10 - 25 June 2020. [LINK](#)

ASIA AND PACIFIC

India, 13 Jun: 'Radio classes' helping students complete syllabus in Jammu-Kashmir amid lockdown [Hindustan Times]. The local station of All India Radio -- AIR Bhadarwah, which covers almost the entire Doda district, is airing one-and-a-half hours of educational content daily since May 29 on frequency 101 MHz. [LINK](#)

China, 11 Jun: In post-lockdown China, student mental health in focus amid reported jump in suicides [Channel News Asia] SHANGHAI: Some Chinese students returning to school after lockdown are grappling with familial conflict while others are stressing over how coronavirus disruptions have affected their academic performance, teachers and school counsellors say. [LINK](#)

India, 10 Jun: India: education only for the rich and privileged [Marxist]. Years of cuts and austerity in the education sector have hit poor and middle-class families in India, depriving their children of basic education. The COVID-19 situation has only worsened the situation. [LINK](#)

ASIA AND PACIFIC (CONT'D)

Nepal, 10 Jun: Secondary Education Examination not to be held this year [The Kathmandu Post]. Ending the long-drawn uncertainty over the Secondary Education Examination, the government on Wednesday decided to cancel the test for this year and issue certificates based on the internal evaluation conducted by respective schools. [LINK](#)

China, 09 Jun: China's Ministry of Education issues warning to students in Australia [Global Times]. China's education authority issued an alert on Tuesday to Chinese students who are about to study, or prepare to return to Australia for their studies, after the country has seen a spike in racial discrimination against Chinese people amid the COVID-19 pandemic. [LINK](#)

EUROPE

United Kingdom, 12 Jun: Act now to minimise the damage to education [The Guardian]. Primary school governor Sarah Sheils urges the education secretary to ensure schools have the resources to support children and their families. [LINK](#)

Cyprus, 11 Jun: Report says Cyprus has most higher education graduates per capita in the EU [New Europe]. With 58.2% of people aged 30-34 having higher education qualifications, Cyprus has surpassed the 40% target set by the EU, followed by Lithuania, with 57.6%, Luxembourg with 56.5% and Ireland, 55.5%. [LINK](#)

United Kingdom, 11 Jun: Coronavirus: Education is top priority, says Lord McConnell [BBC News]. The former first minister said action was needed before the summer. Education must be given the same priority as health and the economy after Covid, a former first minister has said. [LINK](#)

Ireland, 10 Jun: McHugh to give 'green light' for expanded July special education programme [RTE]. The Minister for Education has said he expects to give the green light this Friday to a summer programme for children with special educational needs, which will be reliant on the "volunteerism" and "goodwill" of teachers and SNAs. [LINK](#)

United Kingdom, 10 Jun: Ofsted chief calls for a more can-do approach to primaries reopening [The Guardian]. The chief inspector of schools, Amanda Spielman, has expressed her disappointment that primary schools will not be reopening before the summer, amid continuing concern about the government's failure to prioritise children's education in the coronavirus crisis. [LINK](#)

United Kingdom, 09 Jun: Not all primary schools in England will reopen fully this term, says Williamson [The Guardian]. Primary schools in England will not have to take any more pupils before the end of the summer term but the government will work to get children of all ages back to class by September, Gavin Williamson, the education secretary, has said. [LINK](#)

Greece, 09 Jun: Athens city center closed as teachers protest education bill [Ekathimerini]. Greek teachers took to the streets on Tuesday to protest an education reform bill that is being debated in Parliament, causing traffic jams on key thoroughfares in downtown Athens. [LINK](#)

Belgium, 05 Jun: Graduate tracking gives insight into improving European education [Europa Education and Training News]. The European Commission has published two reports that highlight the benefits of an EU-wide graduate tracking system in preparing European education for tomorrow's challenges. [LINK](#)

AFRICAS AND MIDDLE EAST

Morocco, 12 Jun: Ministries of Health, Education Unite to Meet Medical Students' Demands [Morocco World News]. Rabat – Morocco's Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education have agreed to continue their coordinated efforts to improve training conditions for medical school students. [LINK](#)

Central African Republic, 08 Jun: What will higher education in Africa look like after COVID-19? [The World Economic]. As of 8 June, Africa has recorded more than 88,000 confirmed cases of COVID-19. [LINK](#)

Tunisia, 09 Jun: Will the Coronavirus Pandemic Help Reform Arab Higher Education? [Al-Fanar Media]. The crash transition to online education has sped up some reforms Arab educators have sought for years, and now they see the potential for long-lasting change. [LINK](#)

Egypt, 08 Jun: MARJ3, a Platform Linking Youth and Education, Takes a New Path After Covid-19 [Al-Fanar Media]. Since 2016, an organization called MARJ3 has been helping students find news on scholarships and educational opportunities both inside and outside the Arab region. [LINK](#)

Jordan, 08 Jun: South Korea grants KUC JD3m to support technical education [Jordan Times]. AMMAN — The Government of South Korea has offered Karak University College (KUC) a JD3 million grant to support technical education, President of KUC Hisham Dmour announced on Monday. [LINK](#)

AMERICAS

Alberta, 13 Jun: Alberta set to launch review of post-secondary education [Edmonton Journal]. The Alberta government is beginning a review of the post-secondary education system in the coming months, with a final report scheduled for late 2020. [LINK](#)

United States of America, 10 Jun: Advanced education is in peril due to the pandemic [The Hill]. As the U.S. economy slowly reopens during the COVID-19 pandemic, the stock market appeared optimistic, with chaos in economic infrastructure needing to heal as well. [LINK](#)

United States of America, 10 Jun: Sixth Circ. Declares Fundamental Right to Minimal Education, Then Vacates Decision [Law.com]. During the coronavirus public health emergency, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit issued a published decision in Gary B. v. Whitmer, recognizing a right to “basic minimum education.” [LINK](#)

United States of America, 10 Jun: Readout of the U.S. Department of Education's K-12 Educator Forum on Remote Learning Best Practices During the COVID-19 Pandemic [U.S. Department of Education]. WASHINGTON — U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos hosted the second in a series of forums with K-12 education leaders this week to discuss best practices for remote learning, including lessons learned during the COVID-19 pandemic. [LINK](#)

SEAMEO

SEAMEO, 11 Jun: SEAMEO Webinar Series on SEAMEO Response to Covid-19 Pandemic [SEAMEO News]. SEAMEO Secretariat has launched the SEAMEO Webinar Series to provide a platform for experts, education stakeholders and educators to discuss the response of member countries to the COVID-19 pandemic. [LINK](#)

UNESCO

UNESCO, 12 Jun: Youth Statement on investing in education and youth [UNESCO News]. Youth Representative to the SDG Education2030 Steering Committee, Victoria Ibiwoye, presented a joint Youth Statement on Investing in Education and Youth to the virtual meeting of the Steering Committee on 4 June 2020. [LINK](#)

UNESCO, 10 Jun: Learning in the COVID-19 era [UNESCO News]. Webinar series on Framework for Reopening Schools - As governments prepare to reopen schools, planning ahead is essential to ensure a smooth transition for students, teachers and families, taking into account the impact of prolonged closures on learning. [LINK](#)

UNESCO, 09 Jun: Global Education Steering Committee: how to make the case for safeguarding investment in education [UNESCO News]. With all economic forecasts in the red, the global community has to make a powerful case for education to be at the center of global recovery plans to build resilience for the future and prevent inequalities from further widening. [LINK](#)

UNESCO, 08 Jun: UN agencies empowering children and young people in the face of COVID-19 [UNESCO News]. Children and adolescents are less likely to get severe disease from COVID-19 according to the latest evidence, however severe cases and death can still occur. [LINK](#)

ICESCO

ICESCO, 13 Jun: ICESCO announces a new programme for skills and knowledge development in the field of Arabic language for non-Arabic speakers [ICESCO News]. As part of “ICESCO Digital Home,” ICESCO launches a new educational programme for knowledge and skills development, entitled “Zidni ‘Ilman” within the framework of the initiatives of ICESCO Center of Arabic Language for non-Arabic Speakers. [LINK](#)

ICESCO, 13 Jun: Contents of King Fahd National Library made available at ICESCO Digital Home [ICESCO News]. ICESCO and King Fahd National Library at the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia agreed to giving access to the digital contents of the Library within ICESCO Digital Home, as part of the Distance Culture Initiative. [LINK](#)

ICESCO, 11 Jun: ICESCO Webinar: Use of information technology and AI key to improving education quality [ICESCO News]. Participants in the educational webinar held by the ICESCO, under the theme “Technology in Service of the Continuity of the Educational Process” called for joint actions among the ICESCO Member States to develop inclusive institutionalization of distance learning in regulatory and legislative frameworks. [LINK](#)

ICESCO, 10 Jun: ICESCO Director-General reaffirms the importance of curricula development to fit schools of the future [ICESCO News]. Dr. Salim M. AlMalik, Director General of ICESCO, reaffirmed that the post-COVID-19 world requires us to anticipate the future of education and prepare for addressing the challenges of the upcoming period. [LINK](#)

ICESCO, 08 Jun: ICESCO holds a webinar to support the continuity of the educational process [ICESCO News]. The ICESCO will hold an educational webinar, next Wednesday 10 June 2020, under the theme “Technology in Service of the Continuity of the Educational Process”. [LINK](#)