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SECTION: EDUCATION SYSTEM



16 Mar [Arab News] UK school drops lawsuit over Muslim girl's 'too long' skirt. LONDON: A UK school that threatened a lawsuit over a Muslim schoolgirl whose skirt was "too long" has backed down from taking legal action and apologized, The Guardian reported on Tuesday. <u>LINK</u>

SECTION: SCHOOLS



16 Mar [All Africa] Zimbabwe: Schools Reopen Under Strict Health Regulations. Examination classes went smoothly back to school yesterday with teachers and pupils following the World Health Organisation (WHO) quidelines. LINK



19 Mar [News Straits Times] Covid-19: 2 Sibu schools closed. SIBU: Two primary schools here were closed from today due to the spread of Covid-19 in two zones in the district. LINK



20 Mar [Fingal Independent] Preschools open their doors again. Play and Learn Preschool in Swords reopened its doors last week to a swarm of excited young boys and girls delighted to return to a sense of normality after a reluctant pandemic hibernation. LINK

SECTION: SPECIAL EDUCATION



17 Mar [[The Straits Times] Singapore study to look at dyslexic yet gifted pre-schoolers. SINGAPORE - Global statistics show that about 10 per cent of the population has dyslexia of varying degrees. <u>LINK</u>



19 Mar [The Straits Times] New York school's 'inclusive language guide' fuels debate on cancel culture in the US. New York (AFP) - A principal at a private Manhattan school is defending his institution's "inclusive language guide" after it gained media attention as part of a larger debate on political correctness and so-called cancel culture in the United States. LINK



20 Mar [News Day] Education Ministry training teachers for special-needs children. THE Education Ministry continues to do what it can to equip teachers and other stakeholders with the ability to deal with students' educational challenges, including those faced by special-needs children, during the covid19 pandemic. LINK

SECTION: TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL



18 Mar [University World News] TVET and the challenges of cooperative training. Technical and vocational education and training or TVET is designed to be delivered through work-based learning, often referred to as 'cooperative training'. LINK



19 Mar [News Straits Times] Edu Ministry to improve agricultural programmes at Kolej Vokasional. TELUK INTAN: The Education Ministry is giving special emphasis on improving the agricultural programmes at Kolej Vokasional (KV) as student participation is still low nationwide. LINK



20 Mar [University World News] Swimming in the shoals of academic racism in US STEM. The numbers are stunning. Eighty-eight percent of United States science and engineering professionals are white or Asian. <u>LINK</u>

SECTION: CURRICULUM



21 Mar [] Laos education ministry monitoring closely country's new curriculum. VIENTIANE, March 21 (Vientiane Times/ANN): Education authorities are monitoring school to assess the progress in implementing the new improved primary curriculum in 21 target districts over eight weeks. LINK

SECTION: TEACHER



16 Mar [[The Straits Times] Gaming, video editing among methods Malay teachers use to get students to enjoy language class. SINGAPORE - Malay language teachers Nazarudin Abdul Bakar and Syaiful Bahari Abdul Latif at Bedok View Secondary School have incorporated gaming elements in their lessons to encourage their students to read more Malay content. LINK

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SECTION: UNIVERSITY



15 Mar [News Straits Times] 'Emulate Sarawak in helping students settle study loan'. KUALA LUMPUR: The initiative taken by the Sarawak government to help students from the state to repay their loans with the National Higher Education Fund Corporation (PTPTN) should be emulated by other state governments. LINK



15 Mar [News Straits Times] Yang di-Pertuan Agong Scholarship programme offering 12 spots for Master's, PhD programmes. KUALA LUMPUR: The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Scholarship programme (BYDPA) is offering 12 scholarships for students interested in pursuing Masters and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) programmes for the 2021 session. LINK



18 Mar [THE] Universities are going to 'listen to students', but which ones? Profound change is in the offing for higher education, but history suggests non-Western students' voices will not be heard, says Farish A. Noor.



18 Mar [University World News] Military invades campuses, student leaders tortured. Myanmar's military regime has invaded and seized control of many universities and public hospitals across the country and arrested hundreds of students and teachers in a violent crackdown that has led to over 200 deaths and has involved student leaders being tortured. LINK



18 Mar [University World News] Young researcher salaries top those in US, UK, Australia. Post-doctoral researchers at top Chinese universities, particularly researchers who have returned from abroad, are being offered higher and higher salaries to churn out papers for publication in academic journals to improve a university's international ranking. **LINK**



18 Mar [University World News] Escalating student debt deepens universities' funding crisis. Spiralling student debt that has reached almost ZAR14 billion (about US\$948 million), a government that is financially crippled and political battles within the ruling African National Congress (ANC) have been affecting a growing higher education financing crisis that has already contributed to a difficult start to the 2021 academic year in South Africa. LINK



19 Mar [Channel News Asia] A university education that provides the best of both worlds. At the Singapore campus of James Cook University, Ms Elsie Hui enjoyed both holistic and academic support, while gaining the education she needed for a fulfilling career in psychology after graduation. LINK



19 Mar: Trouble-hit Greek universities wary of campus police plan. ATHENS" A new special police force for fighting violence at Greek universities has sparked uproar and a fierce debate in a country where police entering campuses is a highly sensitive issue. LINK



19 Mar [News Straits Times] MoHE satisfied with level of return-to-campus SOP compliance. BATU PAHAT: The Higher Education Ministry (MoHE) is satisfied with the level of compliance of the standard operating procedure (SOP) among students who have begun returning to campus since early this month. LINK



20 Mar [News Straits Times] Health academicians, students must tackle Covid-19 in innovative way. KUALA LUMPUR: Academics and health sciences students must strive to support, promote, and expand existing innovative efforts to tackle the Covid-19 crisis by using creative problem-solving techniques. LINK

SECTION: TECHNOLOGY



16 Mar [The Straits Times] Singapore first to roll out Intel's free AI course for non-techies. SINGAPORE - Singapore is the first country in the world to roll out a course developed by Intel to demystify artificial intelligence (AI) for the man in the street. LINK



17 Mar [University World News] Africa's youth could pioneer digitally driven growth. A digital education implementation policy, which forms part of the African Union Commission's Digital Transformation Strategy (DTS), is aimed at overhauling the face of education on the continent using digital technology, said Sarah Anyang Agbor, the commissioner for human resources, science and technology. LINK



19 Mar [EdTechnology] COVID-accelerated edtech boom boosted by global government initiatives. While the last 12 months have thrust a wealth of challenges and anxieties on citizens all over the globe, there's no denying that COVID-19 has been a monumental boon for digital. LINK



21 Mar [Analytic Insight] ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE WILL BECOME A PART OF THE INDIAN SCHOOL CURRICU-LUM. Artificial Intelligence is going to be introduced as a contemporary subject in the Indian curriculum, as recommended by The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. LINK



19 Mar [News Straits Times] Mitsubishi Motors donates cash, laptops. KUALA LUMPUR: Mitsubishi Motors Malaysia (MMM) donated RM35,000 to the First International Soccer Academy Malaysia (FISA), and laptops to Pertubuhan Kebajikan Yesuwin Mahligai Selangor (PKYMS) and Arthritis Foundation Malaysia (AFM). LINK