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SECTION: SCHOOL



19 Jul [Study International] The most well-rounded international schools in Asia. From classrooms to the White House, the ability to evaluate one's own thinking has always been top priority. LINK



20 Jul [Gulf News] Kuwait: 900 schools ready to begin in-person classes in September. Final decision on whether to allow 100% in-person classes will be taken next month. <u>LINK</u>



20 Jul [Channel News Asia] Schools to suspend in-person CCAs, no group activities for PE classes as part of tighter COVID-19 measures. SINGAPORE: All in-person co-curricular activities (CCAs) will be suspended from Jul 22, said the Ministry of Education (MOE) on Tuesday (Jul 20)... LINK



20 Jul [The Philadelphia Citizen]: 6 Ways to move education forward. Discussions around American education often overflow with statistics. But an avalanche of numbers threatens to bury the education system's most important component—students—and distract from the long-term, human outcomes that matter most to their lives. LINK



21 Jul [KQED]: Everyone Should Wear A Mask In Schools, Vaccinated Or Not, U.S. Pediatricians Say. The American Academy of Pediatrics released updated guidance for schools Monday, recommending that all students over 2 years old, along with staff, wear masks, regardless of whether they have been vaccinated against COVID-19. <u>LINK</u>



23 Jul [U Know] Youth Return to Campus for UK STEM Experiences Camps. LEXINGTON, Ky. (July 23, 2021) — Students in second grade through high school were back on the University of Kentucky campus this summer for in-person STEM Experiences camps. LINK



23 Jul [Nikkei Asia] China bars for-profit tutoring in core school subjects: document. Policy move triggers sell-off in US-listed New Oriental and TAL Education Group. LINK



23 Jul [The Astana Times] EU, UNDP Announce Call for Academic Grants for Afghan Women to Study in Central Asia. NUR-SULTAN – "A new and unfamiliar experience that turned into an exciting and wonderful time." That's how Muzhgan Sadat from Bamyan province in Afghanistan recalled her study experience in Kazakhstan. LINK



24 Jul [The Borneo Post] Education Ministry reviews more efficient approach to teacher transfer issue – minister. KUALA LUMPUR (July 24): The Ministry of Education (MOE) is currently in the final phase of reviewing a more efficient and comprehensive approach regarding the country's teacher transfer policy. LINK



24 Jul [BBC News] Daily testing can keep pupils in school, study suggests. Daily rapid testing of school pupils who are close contacts of a Covid case did not lead to more virus spread than sending them home, a study has found. LINK



25 Jul [Times of India] Rajasthan govt to decide on starting regular classes in higher education institutes in 15 days. It also said the approval to start classes in educational institutions related to elementary and secondary education will be taken from the central government before reopening the institutions closed due to the coronavirus-induced lockdown. LINK

SECTION: SPECIAL EDUCATION



24 Jul [BBC News] Covid-19: Children with special educational needs 'forgotten' during pandemic. That is according to a report from the National Children's Bureau (NCB) in Northern Ireland. LINK

SECTION: TEACHER TRAINING



21 Jul [Schools Week] Teacher training provider to shut after 'inadequate' Ofsted rating. An academy trust will close its teacher training provision after it was rated 'inadequate' under Ofsted's new ITE inspection framework. LINK



24 Jul [Union Leader] Licensing exams trip up teacher candidates, and failure pushes many out of the field, report shows. Dozens of would-be educators abandon their goals of teaching children after failing their first attempts on licensing exams, according to a new report that shows wide differences in how well different teacher-training programs prepare their candidates for the tests. LINK

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SECTION: TVET



22 Jul [KT Press] TVET: Gov't Moves To Add Value To Vocational Skills Training. The Prime Minister, Dr. Édouard Ngirente, says the government has finalized plans to upgrade and add value to Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET), which is considered a key pillar for socio-economic development. LINK



23 Jul [The New Times] TVET schools to offer agro-vet, nursing courses. The government is set to introduce agronomy, veterinary and nursing courses in Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) as part of the plans to bridge the skills gap. LINK



25 Jul [The Edge Markets] Penang committed to ensure sustainability of SMEs, business community. GEORGE TOWN (July 25): While the speeding up of mass testing and vaccination remain Penang's utmost priority, it is also committed to ensuring the sustainability of the business community amid the crisis, especially small and medium enterprises (SMEs). LINK

SECTION: HIGHER EDUCATION



20 Jul [Times of India] Decision soon on reopening of colleges and universities: Higher education minister. BHUBA-NESWAR: With the state government deciding to reopen schools for classes X and XII from July 26, the higher education department and the skill development and technical education department are going to take a decision soon on reopening of degree colleges and universities. LINK



21 Jul [Times Higher Education] THE to unveil new Arab University Rankings at region-focused forum. University Rankings Forum to highlight Arab world's contributions to the sector through bespoke methodology. LINK



22 Jul [The Star] Noraini: Higher Education Ministry staff should use social media wisely. "This is important to ensure that the government secrets are always kept. Use the right channels to express your views and opinions," said the Higher Education Minister. LINK



23 Jul [The Guardian] Vaccinate all UK university students by September, says union. UCU urges government to prevent universities being 'incubators for Covid-19 all over again'. LINK



23 Jul [CNBC] UK college offers medical students \$13,700 in cash to defer their degree. The U.K.'s University of Exeter is offering students who want to study medicine a £10,000 (\$13,735) bursary and free first-year accommodation to defer their place, due to increased demand to study at the medical school. LINK



24 Jul [University World News] Understanding context is key to advancing student success. In June 2021 we published an article in the Special COVID-19 issue of the Journal of Student Affairs in Africa based on our research with student affairs practitioners about the impact of the pandemic... LINK



24 Jul [Al-Fanar Media] Morocco's First Online University TV Channel Offers Training Opportunities. AGADIR—As universities in the Arab region halted face-to-face classes during the Covid-19 pandemic, Ibn Zohr University, in southern Morocco, was not satisfied with just switching to online applications to communicate with students. LINK



24 Jul [University World News]: Long way to go for parity for women in HE leadership. The latest International Brief for Higher Education Leaders from the American Council on Education (ACE) and the Center for International Higher Education (CIHE), titled *Women's Representation in Higher Education Leadership Around the World*, reveals the "unfinished" business that is achieving gender equality at institutional, national and international levels. <u>LINK</u>

SECTION: EXAMINATION



23 Jul [DNA India] NTA NEET 2021 entrance exam: BIG decision by Education Ministry. The medical entrance NEET 2021 will be conducted on September 12, 2021. Earlier the exam was scheduled on April 1. LINK



25 Jul [Times Now news] At least we conducted exams. CBSE is passing everyone without exams: Chhattisgarh Minister on 12th Results. Chattisgarh Education Minister Presai Singh Tekam recently said that at least the board conducted examinations this year, unlike CBSE. LINK

SECTION: EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY



20 Jul [Education Week]: Accelerating Learning: Tech Advice to Make It Happen. Schools around the country have a big task ahead of them: Making sure that students are ready to dive into the next grade, after a school year in which instruction for many kids was spotty, at best. <u>LINK</u>



24 Jul [Khaleej Times] India: How immersive technology is making online classes livelier. Physics professor and inventor Abdul Basit Saboowala shares his views on immersive technology and his inventions. <u>LINK</u>