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## **SECTION: EDUCATION SYSTEM**



**29 Sep [The Star] Global trend in TVET: 12th Malaysia Plan will cultivate more talents.** The government's focus in improving the national education system in the next five years is welcomed. LINK



**1** Oct [Devdiscourse] Changes in education system necessary to develop it as per global standards: Pradhan. We need to implement necessary changes to develop our education system as per global standards and needs, Pradhan said. <u>LINK</u>

## **SECTION: SCHOOL**



**30 Sep [Medical Press] Asia Pacific promotes health at reopened schools.** Asia Pacific countries, including India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Maldives and Indonesia, have resolved to turn schools, now reopening after COVID-19 restrictions, into "health-promoting schools." <u>LINK</u>

**30** Sep [The Star] MOE educational institutions in Selangor, Melaka, KL, Putrajaya will still reopen on Oct 4. The MOE said in a statement on Thursday (Sept 30) that if a state transitions to the next phase, the operations of educational institutions under the MOE according to the new phase will only be implemented two weeks after the date of transition. LINK



2 Oct [Arab News] Thousands of girls married off during pandemic now absent as schools reopen in Bangladesh.

DHAKA: When 16-year-old Borsha recently went to her local police station with a desperate plea for help to get out of a forced marriage, her biggest wish was to get back to school. LINK

## **SECTION: INCLUSIVE EDUCATION**



**26 Sep [CEN] Shaping a more inclusive and responsive STEM education system.** As students and educators continue to grapple with the COVID-19 pandemic and call for investment in infrastructure for teaching and learning, American Chemical Society members have an opportunity to help shape the future of the science education ecosystem. **LINK** 

**27 Sep [Greater Kashmir] Inclusive Education: Issues and Challenges.** Inclusive education is a rights-based approach to educating children and includes those who are subject to exclusionary pressures. **LINK** 

#### SECTION: EARLY CHILDHOOD

1 Oct [Relief Web] Five things you need to know this week about global education (October 1, 2021). Theirworld's early child-hood education campaign is spotlighted in a new World's To-do List - and Education Cannot Wait receives \$138m from donors to provide schooling in emergencies. LINK

#### **SECTION: DISTANCE LEARNING**

**27** Sep [Helsinki Times] Finland secretly organised distance learning for Finnish children in al-Hol camp. According to several sources, Finland's Ministry of Foreign Affairs organised a distance learning programme for Finnish children being held in Syria's al-Hol camp without the knowledge of Kurdish authorities. LINK



29 Sep [PR Newswires] NetDragon Signs MOU with Ghana's Ministry of Education to Implement Country-wide Blended Learning System. This is to secure a long-term relationship for investment in a broad range of solutions and services designed to achieve the objectives and goals of the MoE and ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and the promotion of lifelong learning opportunities for all people in Ghana. LINK

**30** Sep [Straits Times] S'pore unis move more classes online to reduce spread of Covid-19 as cases continue to rise. The National University of Singapore (NUS) said online lessons are encouraged, while face-to-face classes will continue within national safe management guidelines, while Nanyang Technological University (NTU) has sent out a circular to notify its students that classes would mostly shift online from Monday (Sept 27) until Oct 22. <u>LINK</u>

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## **SECTION: HIGHER EDUCATION**



27 Sep [Open Access Gov] Digital Transformation in Higher Education. The pace of change in Higher Education in recent years has been considerable and is set to continue for years to come. LINK



29 Sep [Free Malaysia Today] Bring Malaysia's higher education system up to speed, says Syed Saddiq. KUALA LUM-PUR: Malaysia's higher education system needs a revamp as its students are taking too long to complete their courses, said Syed Saddiq Syed Abdul Rahman (Independent-Muar). <u>LINK</u>

30 Sep [Free Malaysia Today] Post-Covid-19 higher education master plan needed, says Maszlee. KUALA LUMPUR: The country needs a master plan to revamp the higher education sector after the Covid-19 pandemic, says Maszlee Malik (Independent-Simpang Renggam). LINK



1 Oct [Arab Times] Ministry of Higher Education probes compliant of Kuwaiti females in Egypt. KUWAIT CITY, Sept 30:
Kuwaiti Minister of Higher Education Dr. Mohammad Al-Fares instructed forming a fact-finding committee to probe the complaint of Kuwaiti ladies in Egypt about a video that went viral on social media. LINK



1 Oct [Arab News] Charities team up to offer tech scholarships to young British Muslims. LONDON: A coalition of organizations from across the technology, education and charity sectors has come together to provide technology scholarships for young British Muslims that will open the doors to lucrative careers that can withstand societal change. LINK

# **SECTION: DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY**



30 Sep [Phnom Penh Post] Teacher's Day celebration of digital revolution in education. The Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport and other stakeholders will celebrate Teachers' Day on October 5 under the theme Teachers Play an Important Role in Education in All Circumstances. LINK



1 Oct [Phys Org] The pandemic is a golden opportunity for Papua to step up its game in education technology. Papua, Indonesia's easternmost island and one of its most rural provinces, is significantly behind in education—both in terms of students' learning achievements and digital infrastructure. LINK



1 Oct [Jamaica News] Jamaican students to benefit from literacy app developed in Finland. Having started its rollout in a few schools in August of this year, with great success, other schools within Jamaica's wider early childhood education system will now have access to the Graphogame literacy app. LINK



1 Oct [Council of Europe] EduTalks@Council of Europe: Discover the pedagogical potential of video games for developing digital citizenship. Children, teenagers and young people live in a world profoundly influenced by technology and digital media. LINK



2 Oct [Business World] "Artificial Intelligence And The Modern Education". Manoj Balachandran, Head CSR IBM India & South Asia, and Biswajit Saha, Director of CBSE, discusses the impact of artificial intelligence in the education sector, the collaboration between CBSE and IBM to integrate artificial intelligence in schools, and its future outcomes. LINK

## **SECTION: TEACHER**



30 Sep [Helsinki Time] OAJ: Over 50% of Finnish teachers have considered career change. OVER A HALF of Finnish teachers have mulled over a career change during the coronavirus epidemic, finds a survey conducted by the Trade Union of Education (OAJ). LINK



1 Oct [Manila Times] Filipino teachers among winners of Asia Pacific teacher exchange contest. THREE Filipino public school teachers and alumni of the Korea-Philippines Teacher Exchange Program (KPTEP) were recognized in the recently concluded Asia Pacific Teacher Exchange for Global Education Best Practices Award. LINK



1 Oct [The Star] INTERACTIVE: STEM teachers on the decline. PETALING JAYA: Malaysia has four times more arts and language teachers compared to science educators which may hamper efforts to produce IR.4.0 talents in line with rising industry demand. <u>LINK</u>



1 Oct [Arab News] Malaysia to penalize, possibly sack unvaccinated teachers as schools reopen. KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysian teachers who refuse coronavirus disease (COVID-19) vaccinations will face disciplinary action and possibly the sack, the government announced on Thursday. LINK