Webinar: UNESCO learning cities respond to COVID-19

What happened and What we done in Beijing and Wuhan?

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1. COVID-19: Current situation in China, Beijing & Wuhan

Data: National Health Commission of the People's Republic of China, 00:00-24:00, March 18th, 2020 [http://en.nhc.gov.cn/2020-03/19/c_77945.htm](http://en.nhc.gov.cn/2020-03/19/c_77945.htm)

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<th>MARCH 18th (0:00-24:00)</th>
<th>Total Confirmed Cases</th>
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<td>China (Mainland)</td>
<td>80,928</td>
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- National Health Commission:
  - Patients confirmed to be infected will receive subsidies from the central and local governments for medical expenditures;
  - Medical workers will be subsidized;
  - those who become infected on duty will be compensated

- The central government:
  - Help local governments to purchase medical equipment and testing kits;

- The Ministry of Finance:
  - Earmarked a total of 5.4 billion yuan;
  - Support local governments across the country to prevent and control the epidemic;

- The National Development and Reform Commission:
  - Invested 300 million yuan;
  - Support the construction of a new hospital in Wuhan, Hubei.

2. Action Plan in China: Education Sector

• China:
  a. Postpones start of 2020 spring semester (higher education and K12);
  b. Require education authorities to organize expert teams to provide mental health services to people affected by COVID-19;
  c. MOE has launched the *Disrupted classes, Undisrupted Learning* initiative, providing flexible online learning to over 270 million students from their homes.
  d. Open University of China provides free services to support *Home Study Initiative*;
  e. MOE opens online learning platform, National Online Cloud Classroom (www.eduyun.cn), to facilitate home study, including epidemic prevention education, moral education, course learning, life safety education, mental health education, family education, classic readings, studying and learning, audiovisual education, and digital textbooks.;
  f. MOE issues guidance for protection and support of teachers;
  g. Supporting entry into the job market for university graduates;

2. Action Plan in China: Education Sector

• **Wuhan, Hubei:**
  • The People’s Education Press pledged: provide Hubei students and teachers with free-of-charge three-month digital resources (e.g. e-textbooks) and application services;
  • The National Center for Educational Technology: delivered 6,808 state-of-the-art online courses through its national resource platform to education institutions in Hubei.
2. Action Plan in China: Education Sector

• Beijing Municipal Education Commission
  • K12 schools should not organize new courses in any form, or hold offline teaching activities and gathering activities;
  • College students should follow the principle of ‘not leaving home, not returning to university’, and take the online learning at home;
  • Parents and teachers should pay more attention to the home life of K12 students, like appropriate outdoor activities or at home.
3. Case in Beijing: ICT enhanced eLearning

- The role of parents changed:
  - class teachers at home;
  - sifting out the content suitable for children's learning from the massive online information;
  - helping children to make the homework correcting;
- Beijing Municipal Education Commission:
  - makes use of online space to continuously improve learning resources
- Beijing Digital School (https://www.bdschool.cn/): all disciplines, all levels
3. Case in Beijing: No-meeting Examination during COVID-19

- Beijing Education Examinations Authority;
- Online Adaptability test of college entrance examination, March, 3rd;
- Over 50,000 students took the online test at home;
- Teachers: online invigilator;
- Parents: home invigilator

4. Suggestion for other cities

• Parents and students are overanxious about the home study situation and re-start of school;

• Action from Beijing:
  • Suggestion about home study, inviting 16 supreme-grade principals of Beijing’s K12 school, publishing on WeChat Public Account;
  • Beijing TV produced series programs, inviting deputy director of Beijing Municipal Education Commission to answer the questions from parents, like:
    • What are the prevention and control measures after the re-start of school?
    • How student learn at home?
    • How can students keep up with their studies?

5. Our Work: Handbook on Facilitating Flexible Learning

- The Chinese experience in maintaining undisrupted learning in COVID-19:
  1. Understanding Flexible Learning during Educational Disruption;
  2. Applying Online Learning to Provide Flexible Education;
  3. Ensuring Reliable Network Infrastructure;
  4. Utilizing Friendly Learning Tools;
  5. Adopting Suitable Digital Learning Resources;
  6. Facilitating Effective Online Teaching and Learning;
  7. Providing Supports and Services for Teachers and Students
  8. Empowering the Collaboration between Governments, Enterprises, and Schools

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