
Acronyms

AAT	Academic Aptitude Test (Hong Kong)
AIOU	Asian International Open University
BAA	Basic Academic Attainments
BEI	British Education Index
BISP	Boxer Indemnity Scholarship Programme
BNU	Beijing Normal University
CASTIC	China Adolescents Science and Technology Innovation Contest
CBE	competence-based education
CCE	climate change education
CCP	Chinese Communist Party
CDI	Curriculum Development Institute (Hong Kong)
CFCRS	Chinese–Foreign Cooperation in Running Schools
CGSS	China General Social Survey
CHIPS	Chinese Household Income Project Survey
CHNS	China Health and Nutrition Survey
City U	City University (Macao)
CLF	Curriculum Learning Field
CNKI	China National Knowledge Internet
CPC	Communist Party of China
CRPD	Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
CSC	China Scholarship Council
CSR	corporate social responsibility
DACUM	Developing a Curriculum
DSE	Diploma of Secondary Education (Hong Kong)
DSEJ	Direcção dos Serviços de Educação e Juventude / Education and Youth Affairs Bureau (Macao)
DSS	Direct Subsidy Scheme (Hong Kong)
EB	Education Bureau (Hong Kong)
EE	environmental education
EEI	Environmental Educators' Initiative
EM	ethnic minority
EMI	effective maintenance of inequality
ESD	education to promote sustainable development
ESE	ethnic solidarity education
EU	European Union

FON	Friends of Nature
FTEP	Free Teacher Education Policy
GAES	Gabinete de Apoio ao Ensino Superior / Tertiary Education Services Office (Macao)
GDP	gross domestic product
GER	gross enrolment rate
GNP	gross national product
GONGOs	government-organized non-governmental organizations
GUSM	Government–University–School Model
HEI	higher education institution
HESA	Higher Education Statistics Agency
HKCEE	Hong Kong Certificate of Education Examination
HKEAA	Hong Kong Examination and Assessment Authority
HSEE	High School Entrance Examination
ICT	information and communication technology
IELTS	International English Language Testing System
IFAW	International Fund for Animal Welfare
IFT	Institute for Tourism Studies (Macao)
INGO	international non-governmental organization
IMF	International Monetary Fund
IPM	Macao Polytechnic Institute
ITP	integrated theory and practice
JAEM	Joint Admissions Examination for Macao
KMT	Kuomintang (Nationalist Party)
KOMET	Kompetenzmessung (‘Competence Measurement’)
MEP	Ministry of Environmental Protection
MII	Macao Inter-University Institute
MIM	Macao Institute of Management
MMC	Macao Millennium College
MMI	maximally maintained inequality
MoE	Ministry of Education
MoF	Ministry of Finance
MoHRSS	Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security
MOOCs	massive open online courses
MOP	Pataca de Macau/ Macau pataca (Macao currency)
MUST	Macao University of Science and Technology
NCEE	National College Entrance Examination
NGO	non-governmental organization
NSTET	National Standards of Teacher Education and Training
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
OLE	Other Learning Experiences (Hong Kong)
OUC	Open University of China

PE	physical education
PISA	Programme for International Student Assessment
PLA	People's Liberation Army
PRC	People's Republic of China
QEF	Quality Education Fund (Hong Kong)
QS	Quacquarely Symonds (Universities Ranking for Asia)
R&D	research and development
RMB	renminbi (Chinese currency)
RHS	Rural Household Survey
RHS	regular high school
RMS	regular middle school
SAR	Special Administrative Region
SCT	small class teaching
SES	socio-economic status
SJM	Sociedade de Jorge de Macau
SMEs	small and medium-sized enterprises
SSEE	Secondary School Entrance Examination (Hong Kong)
STEC	Standards of Teacher Education Curriculum
STEM	science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (education)
STPEPS	Standards of Teaching Profession for Early Childhood, Primary and Secondary School Teachers
STPP	Special Teaching Position Plan
TAR	Tibetan Autonomous Region
TNC	The Nature Conservancy
TPP	theory and practice in parallel
TSP	theory in the service of practice
TVET	technical vocational education and training
TWSA	Territory-wide System Assessment (Hong Kong)
TYP	Ten Year Plan (Macao)
UCPC	University Communist Party Committee
UEA	University of East Asia
UGSM	University–Government–School Model
UHS	Urban Household Survey
UM	University of Macao
UN	United Nations
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNICEF	United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund
USA	United States of America
USSR	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics

VTC	Vocational Training Council (Hong Kong)
VTHS	vocational technical high school
VUCA	volatile, uncertain, complex and ambiguous
WWF	World Wide Fund for Nature
XUAR	Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region