

# Online Education Platforms in China

China has launched a smart learning platform covering all stages of education from primary school to universities to offer free digital learning resources to students.

The Smart Education of China platform ([www.smartedu.cn](http://www.smartedu.cn)), operated by the Ministry of Education, integrates platforms for primary and secondary school education, vocational education and higher education, and the platform for employment services for college graduates. All online courses are recorded by senior teachers at well-known schools and have been polished and improved multiple times. Online courses feature exercises and quizzes, and the students' classroom participation and progress in finishing the exercises can be recorded and used by teachers to improve teaching.

According to Wu Yan, director of the Department of Higher Education of Ministry of Education, online higher education started in China in 2013 with the introduction of massive open online courses. The country now has more than 52,500 such MOOCs and more than 370 million users, and the number of MOOCs and online learners is growing rapidly in China, so that all people, students or s, can have the opportunity to attend university online.

In 2020, the country encouraged universities to hold courses online in the wake of the COVID-19 epidemic and now all universities are capable of switching to online teaching whenever necessary.

