Equity in Excellence

Experiences of East Asian High-Performing Education Systems

- Consolidates policies and practices relating to educational equity in East Asian high-achieving systems
- Contextualises East Asian education systems’ excellence within their pursuit of equity
- Contributes East Asian perspectives to the international literature on educational equity
- Facilitates a comparative and cross-referencing platform between East Asian education systems

This book offers a comprehensive picture of high-performing East Asian education systems, beyond their outstanding achievements in International assessments, such as PISA and TIMSS. Situating “excellence” within discussions of “equity”, it contextualises the conceptions and pursuits of equity amid the development of education systems, policy and curricula in selected East Asian societies. While parallels could be observed across the systems, including high-stakes assessment culture, increasing credentialism and high investment of family educational resources, there are also divergences in approaches and outcomes relating to equity policies and practices. In light of the challenges presented by low fertility rates, ageing populations, migration, and the economic demands of the 21st century, the book addresses these systems' attempts to cater to further diversified student populations and maintain equity in excellence. As the international community relentlessly seeks to enhance equity in education, there is much these East Asian education systems can share. This book has appeal internationally to researchers, policymakers, educators, and anyone interested in East Asian education and equity.

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