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Deputy PM Yoo Participates in 2021 G20 Education Ministers' Meeting		
◆ The Korean government shared its policies to support schools to return to normal in the aftermath of COVID-19, and to build back better for the future of education.		

□ HE Yoo Eun-hae, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education of the Republic of Korea, virtually attended the *G20 Education Ministers' Meeting** at 5:30 p.m. on June 22 (Tue), 2021 (10:30 a.m. in Italy) in Sejong, Korea.

○ Under the Italian Presidency, this year's meeting of G20 education ministers was held both in-person in Catania and virtually around the world, in a hybrid manner.

○ At the meeting, the ministers discussed how to overcome educational

poverty and promote continuity and resilience in learning by providing blended learning, which combines both online and in-person education.

The Main Points of Deputy PM Yoo's Speech at G20 Ministers' Meeting:

- ① The Korean Ministry of Education's policies to support schools to return to normal and to address learning loss and disparities, while promoting stronger educational safety nets focusing on disinfection, learning and childcare
- ② The revision of the national curriculum for future education, establishment of the K-EDU platform, and the Green Smart Future School project for school space innovation
- ③ Proposal for an international study on mid- to long-term impact of COVID-19, and promotion of international cooperation for a better future together

□ Deputy PM Yoo shared how Korea preemptively provided both online and in-person schooling to ensure continuity of learning in the face of the pandemic. She also explained that all 12th grade students, teachers, and school staff will complete their full vaccination by the end of August as schools prepare to return to normal by allowing all students to physically attend school in the second semester.

○ In particular, she emphasized that Korea will not stop at returning its schools to the way they were prior to the pandemic, but will further assist students to fully recover from the losses they have suffered educationally, psychologically, emotionally, and socially.

○ To this end, she added, the Ministry is pursuing a comprehensive plan for educational recovery under the three guiding principles of "timeliness, comprehensiveness, and accountability," while revising the national curriculum to focus on student growth. It will also establish the K-EDU integrated platform, and initiate the Green Smart Future School project to prepare for its successful transition to future education.

□ Deputy PM Yoo concluded her speech by proposing to launch an international study on the mid- to long-term impact of COVID-19 on education by collaborating with the G20 and international organizations, and expressed her hopes for ushering into a better future of education in cooperation with the G20 member states.

