Season's Greetings!

Asia Multilingual Education Working Group (MLE WG) is pleased to invite all our readers to celebrate together the end of another successful year of promoting MLE in education. It would have been impossible without the support from every single one of you!

Asia MLE WG would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support, inspiration and participation. Wishing you all the best this holiday season and year ahead.

MLE in the News

- **Bangladesh: Ethnic minorities face higher school drop-out risk** – IRIN Asia; 4 November 2011
- **Donors need multilingual understanding** – Guardian Weekly; 9 November 2011
Thailand ‘off target’ with language teaching plans – Guardian Weekly; 9 November 2011

Why schools are failing our children – Philippine Daily Inquirer; 19 November 2011

Mother language education – The Express Tribune; 28 November 2011

On the mysteries of early learning – Mail & Guardian Online; 28 November 2011

Mr. Lee Kuan Yew launches fund to boost bilingualism – The Straits Times; 29 November 2011

DepEd issues guidelines for mother tongue teaching – Philippine Daily Inquirer; 2 December 2011

Osh officials consider shutting Uzbek-language schools - Central Asia Newswire; 8 December 2011


National language policy – Ceylon Daily News; 14 December 2011

Vietnam boosts education for ethnic minority children - Thanh Nien Daily; 21 December 2011

Resources

- Expanding Educational Opportunity in Linguistically Diverse Societies. Prepare for the Center for Applied Linguistics (CAL) by Dutcher, N.

- Home language and education in the developing world. (Background paper prepared for the EFA Global Monitoring Report 2009, Overcoming Inequality: Why Governance Matters) by UNESCO

- Language of Instruction and Quality of Learning in Tanzania and Ghana: The impact of language of instruction, teacher training and textbooks on quality of learning in Africa by EdQual

- Optimising Learning, Education and Publishing in Africa: The Language Factor by UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning (UIL) and the Association for the Development of Education in Africa (ADEA)

- Our Mother Tongues: Discover America’s First Languages

- Planning Mother Tongue Based Education Programs in Minority Language Communities by Susan Malone

Past & Upcoming Events
2012

- Asia Multilingual Education Working Group Meeting, Thailand; Early February 2012

- 2nd Philippine Conference-Workshop on Mother Tongue-based Multilingual Education EFA and MTBMLE 2015 and Beyond, Philippines; 16 - 18 February 2012

- International Mother Language Day, Worldwide; 21 February 2012

- Workshop on bridging between languages in mother tongue-based multilingual education programs, Thailand; 19 - 30 March 2012

- Sustaining a Global Society: Languages of the Wider World, The UK; 29-30 March 2012

- CESA 2012-Education at the dawn of the new decade: When the Quality and Sustainability Movements Converge, Thailand; 8 - 11 July 2012

We Need Your Help!

Currently, MLE WG is conducting a MLE Mapping Exercise in the Asia-Pacific region to document key issues, actors and activities shaping the context for ethnolinguistic communities. Please fill out the linked MLE Mapping questionnaire and return to MLE WG Secretariat.

>>Download MLE Mapping Exercise Questionnaire

Websites:
- UNESCO Bangkok MLE eNewsletter webpage
- http://www.unescobkk.org/education/multilingual-education/

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