Welcome to MLE e-Newsletter!

This issue of MLE e-Newsletter would like to celebrate International Mother Language Day (IMLD), which falls on 21 February. To celebrate the day, many advocacy activities and articles have been published in the Asia Pacific region.

Using the slogan “Books for Mother tongue education”, IMLD 2013 aims to remind key stakeholders in education that in order to support mother tongue education, it is essential to support the production of books in local languages.

MLE in the News

- "The Taiwanese Linguist Who Hopes Aboriginal Tongue Won't Fall Silent" - Bangkok Post; 13 January 2013

- "Lost indigenous language revived in Australia" - BBC; 22 January 2013

- "Encourage use of mother tongue" - New Straits Times; 13 February 2013

- “The Day for all languages: 21 February" - UNESCO Bangkok; 18 February 2013
"Celebration of International Mother Language Day, 21 February 2013" - UNESCO Phnom Penh; 20 February 2013

"Celebrating our linguistic diversity" - Bangkok Post; 20 February 2013

"The loss of a tongue is a social, cultural, and even spiritual problem" - UNESCO Santiago office; 20 February 2013

"Vox Pop: What are your favorite books in your mother tongues?" - UNESCO Bangkok; 20 February 2013

"Books for Mother tongue education" - UNRIC; 21 February 2013

"Mother tongue education and books. Celebrating International Mother Language Day" - UNESCO Kathmandu office; 21 February 2013

"Viet Nam celebrates International Mother Language Day" - UN Viet Nam; 21 February 2013

"Breathing life into a dying language" - Los Angeles Times; 24 February 2013

"Mother tongue encouraged" - The Fiji Times Online; 24 February 2013

"Use of mother tongue is part of culture: Chief Secretary Paudel" - The Himalayan; 24 February 2013

"Lobbying for English in Indonesia denies children mother-tongue education" - The Guardian; 26 February 2013

"Protection of minority language is a human rights obligation, UN exper says" - UN News Centre; 12 March 2013

"DepEd to evaluate mother tongue teaching method" - Sun.Star; 17 March 2013

"English usage versus the mother tongue" - New Era; 18 March 2013

"Tongue-tied on language policy" - Mail & Guardian; 22 March 2013

Global Thematic Consultation on Education

- Summary Report of the E-Discussion on Indigenous Peoples and Inequality
- Synthesis Report on the Global Thematic Consultation on Addressing Inequalities
- Education in the Post - 2015 Agenda - Summary of Outcomes, Dakar, Senegal; 18-19 March 2013

Regional Thematic Consultation in the Asia-Pacific

- Outcomes and Recommendations from Regional Thematic Consultation in the Asia-Pacific, Bangkok, Thailand; 28 February - 1 March 2013

Resources
· The Asia-Pacific End of Decade Notes on Education for All: Goal 6 - Quality Education by UNESCO Bangkok

· Education Today 2013: The OECD Perspective by OECD

· Equity and Quality in Education: Supporting Disadvantaged Students and Schools by OECD

· From Access to Equality: Empowering Girls and Women through Literacy and Secondary Education by UNESCO

· Indigenous Children's Education as Linguistic Genocide and a Crime Against Humanity? A Global View by Tove Skutnabb-Kangas and Robert Dunbar

· Inter-Ethnic Dynamics in Asia: Considering the Other through ethnonyms, territories and rituals by Christian Culas and François Robinne

· Internal Migration in India Initiative: For a Better Inclusion of Internal Migrants in India - Policy Brief by UNESCO and UNICE

· Language and Language Teaching by Vidya Bhawan Society

· Linguistic human rights as a source of policy guidelines: A Critical Assessment by François Grin

· The Power of Culture for Development by UNESCO

· Promoting Holistic Learning and Development in Early Years: An Analysis of Quality in Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) from the Asia-Pacific Region by ARNEC


· UNESCO Guidebook on Textbook Research and Textbook Revision by UNESCO

· Why Language Matters for the Millennium Development Goals (Brochure) by SIL LEAD Asia and Asia MLE WG

Past & Upcoming Events
2013

- International Mother Language Day; 21 February 2013
- Asia Multilingual Education working Group, Thailand; 28 March 2013
- Abstract Submission Deadline for 4th International Language and Education Conference: Multilingual Education for ALL in Asia and the Pacific - Policies, Practices and Processes; 30 April 2013
- Asia Multilingual Education Working Group, Thailand; 2 June 2013
- 9th International Symposium on Bilingualism, Singapore; 18 - 21 June 2013

- 4th International Language and Education Conference: Multilingual Education for ALL in Asia and the Pacific - Policies, Practices and Processes, Thailand; 6 - 8 November 2013

We Need Your Help!

2012 Regional MLE Mapping data is now available!

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