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Announcement

News on ICT in Education

Highlight

Are you using ICT in innovative ways to enhance learning?
Teachers, non-formal educators and education administrators in the Asia-Pacific region who are using ICT in innovative ways to enhance education are eligible to enter the UNESCO Innovative Practices Awards. The deadline for entries has been extended to 30 November.
http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=418386

News & Events

Training course for ‘ICT in Education leaders’ to be held in Republic of Korea
From 12 to 16 November 2007, KERIS, in co-operation with UNESCO and World Bank, will convene a training course in Seoul to assist policy makers to improve planning and implementation of ICT in Education policy.
http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=418391

Philippines conference identifies factors for optimizing ICT use in education
In October, the Asian Development Bank convened a conference in Manila with the goal of increasing understanding of the factors relevant for optimizing ICT for education.
http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=418397

Thai conference discusses potential of open source software for education in Asia
On 7 and 8 November, the “Asia Open Source Software Conference and Showcase 2007”, held in Bangkok, examined the potential of open source software to contribute to education and e-government in Asia.
http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=418402

Indonesian symposium to seek recommendations for use of ICT in open, distance and e-learning
The International Symposium on Open, Distance and E-learning 2007, to be held in Bali from 13 to 15 November 2007, will provide a forum for discussion of the use of ICT for open, distance and e-learning.
http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=418408

Open-Educational-Resources organizations win UNESCO prize for the use of ICT in education
Claroline and Curriki have won the 2007 UNESCO “King Hamad Bin Isa Al-Khalifa Prize for the Use of ICT in Education”.
http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=418413

Indian state set to promote Internet-based learning and information sharing
The Government of Delhi State in India has announced plans to emphasize optimal use of information and help create “a knowledge network.”
http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=418419

Educational software CD-ROM: call for tenders
UNESCO is seeking tenders from individuals or organizations to: update and improve the CD-ROM and Directory titled “ICT Resources for Teaching and Learning of Science Mathematics and Language”.
http://www.unescobkk.org/index.php?id=3871
Programmes

**Ashwini: providing connectivity in rural areas to facilitate e-learning**
The Ashwini project is providing connectivity in rural areas using a broadband wireless network, thereby supporting provision of e-learning and other services in remote areas of India. [http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=418424](http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=418424)

**On-line community promotes discussion on ICT competencies for teachers**
This project aims to create and sustain an on-line environment for exchange of information on the topic of ICT competencies and teacher training. [http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=418435](http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=418435)

Resources

**ICT policy for education: A tale of two countries**
This article discusses the importance of policy, in terms of enabling countries to advantage of new technologies and to harness their benefits for education and other purposes. [http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=418443](http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=418443)

**The benefits of open source software for learning centres**
This briefing document explores the benefits of using free and open source software applications in tele-centres and community learning centres. [http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=418452](http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=418452)

**Report on the status of ICT use in education in the Pacific region**
A recent report produced by the Pacific eLearning Observatory provides a comprehensive overview of ICT use in education in countries in the South Pacific region. [http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=418463](http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=418463)

**User-created content: implications for policy**
This study describes the rapid growth of web-based user-created content and its increasing role in worldwide communication, and draws out implications for policy. [http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=418471](http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=418471)

**The future of education in Nepal**
This brief article discusses Nepal’s key education needs and issues, and considers how ICT can help towards improving education in the country. [http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=418480](http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=418480)

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