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Announcement

News on ICT in Education

News & Events

**Government leaders forum discusses ICT in education issues**
At the recent Microsoft Government Leaders Forum, held in Delhi, leaders assembled to discuss the opportunities and challenges presented by ICT and the need to formulate successful policies and strategies in the areas of education, governance and knowledge societies.
http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=19755

**Equipping remote schools in Bhutan with ICT**
In December the Bhutan Department of Information Technology began distributing 300 computers to 100 remote primary and lower secondary schools around the country with the goal of enabling schools to introduce computers to their students and train them basic computing skills.
http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=19760

**Conference discusses ICT-related Initiatives in Open and Distance Learning in Mongolia**
Participants at a recent conference in Mongolia discussed various open and distance learning (ODL) initiatives and drew attention to the need to assess and coordinate the many ICT-related ODL initiatives in the country.
http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=19765

**Training teachers to use ICT innovatively**
At the “Second Innovative Teachers’ Conference” convened recently by Microsoft in the Republic of Korea, teachers were asked to look to the corporate sector for innovative ideas and make changes in their teaching methodology so as to use ICT more effectively to enhance learning.
http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=19770

**Philippines ICT training centre inaugurated**
Last month a US$4.3 million (240 million peso) information and communications technologies training centre was opened at the Quezon City Polytechnic University, Philippines. The centre will offer a variety of courses including computer programming and network administration.
http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=19775

**Survey to evaluate access to ICT for persons with disabilities**
The Japanese Society for Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities is conducting a survey about access to information and communication technologies for persons with disabilities. Please assist them in collecting information by filling in their questionnaire.
http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=19780
Programmes & Projects

Sri Lanka voucher programme aims to bridge the digital divide
The “Nana Sala Dahasak” (1000 Nana Salas) project, initiated by the Sri Lanka Information and Communication Technology Agency (ICTA), aims to address the “affordability gap” that prevents widespread access to ICT in Sri Lanka.
http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=19785

Satellite technology transforming engineering education in India
EDUSAT, an educational satellite launched by the Indian Space Research Organization, is redefining technical education in Karnataka state in India by enabling every engineering student to learn from subject experts and bringing uniformity to technical education in the state.
http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=19794

Resources

Harnessing the potential of ICT for education
http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=19803

Teachers' guide to online collaboration
This online resource, “Teachers' Guide to International Collaboration on the Internet”, is a key tool for educators who would like to internationalize their classrooms and enable their students to learn about the world beyond their own countries.
http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=19810

Best practices in radio and television public service broadcasting
This publication, Public service broadcasting: A Best Practice Sourcebook, produced by UNESCO, provides information on core concepts of Public Service Broadcasting to media professionals, decision makers, students and general public.
http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=19817

Answering the computer-software questions that educators ask
Are you one of the many teachers increasingly turning to the internet for information and graphics for your lesson-plans? Or perhaps you are a school administrator, increasingly using computers for your work? Like many others, you may be struggling to understand the new technology, and at the same time wondering how your school or learning centre can afford to keep up-to-date. Never fear, the Computer Guy is here. In this article he answers 16 commonly-asked questions, providing detailed advice about the software that educators need and how to find it, free, on the internet.
http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=19825

Professional development: questions and changing teaching practice
This article describes the stages which a teacher will go through in making changes to adopt new technologies in the classroom. Identifying what stage a teacher is at is useful in determining how to assist in guiding them in their efforts to use ICT to enhance their teaching.
http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=19833
**A sourcebook on access and applications: models of use and case studies**

This publication provides an overview of ICT-access issues, including: how community learning centres affect access to ICT, and the impact of ICT on access to government services. The sourcebook also examines how access issues are being addressed in a variety of contexts and situations. [http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=19840](http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=19840)

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