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Announcement

News on ICT in Education

News & Events

**Tonga harnesses ICT for community education and poverty alleviation**
The Tonga Broadcasting Corporation has completed a series of radio and television community education programmes on poverty and possible solutions in Tonga.
http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=35824

**ADB loan to bring ICT into Mongolia’s education system and boost quality**
The Asian Development Bank has made a US$13 million loan to Mongolia with the aim of supporting the improvement of the quality and relevance of education.
http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=35836

**India conference to appraise progress in utilizing ICT to enhance education**
From 23 to 25 August 2006, the Centre for Science, Development and Media Studies will convene a three-day conference, “Digital Learning India 2006”, to discuss how ICT is being used in India to improve the quality of education.
http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=35841

**Brunei teachers participate in ICT training workshop**
On 17 July 2006, the South East Asian Ministers of Education Organization Regional Centre for Vocational and Technical Education in Brunei Darussalam convened a workshop to train teachers in the use of new classroom technologies.
http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=35831

**ThinkQuest: Educational website competition for students**
The international ThinkQuest competition is designed to encourage students to work in teams, coached by teachers, to create innovative educational websites by exploring and using the vast resources of the Internet. Enrolment for ThinkQuest International 2007 has opened since 15 August 2006. http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=35847

**Innovative development awards competition now accepting entries**
The Global Development Network is currently accepting applications for the 2006 Global Development Awards and Medals Competition.
http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=35851

Programmes

**Grameen Phone: ICT-equipped community information centres**
With the aim of providing internet access and other communications and education services to people in rural areas of Bangladesh, Grameen Phone has begun a project to set up Community Information Centres.
http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=35858
Beyond the School: ICT for Heritage Education
The Centre for Modern Education has introduced a heritage education project in UK schools titled "Beyond the School" which uses digital technology to enhance teaching and learning about heritage. http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=35866

Resources

Internet resources for trainers
"Learning and Teaching Scotland" has made a large collection of training materials available online, including classroom exercises which cover various aspects of ICT use in the community and in education. http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=35876

How ICT can benefit education and training in the Asia-Pacific region
This Asian Development Bank publication, “Information and Communication Technologies in Education and Training in Asia and the Pacific”, discusses how ICT can be utilized in education as a means to stimulate and foster sustainable development in the Asia-Pacific region. http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=35884

A resource publication for policy-makers: Adapting technology for school improvement

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