Announcement

News on ICT in Education

Highlight

**New Publication: Using ICT to Develop Literacy**
This new UNESCO publication, Using ICT to Develop Literacy, published with the support of Japanese Funds-in-Trust, explains ways in which ICT can be utilized in efforts to improve literacy education and bring literacy to all. [http://www.unescobkk.org/index.php?id=4348](http://www.unescobkk.org/index.php?id=4348)

News

**UNESCO workshop in Nepal supports access to information in local languages**
As part of its activities in providing training in the use of local language ICT interfaces, UNESCO recently convened a two-day workshop in Nepal on the application of Nepalinux, an open source operating system in Nepali language. [http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=28890](http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=28890)

**Thai internet network to aid education**
The Thai Ministry of Information and Communications Technology has set up a high-speed Internet network with the aim of supporting the education sector and enhancing the abilities of Thai researchers and university students. [http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=28895](http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=28895)

**Leadership forum discusses transformative effect of ICT on education**
On 19 June 2006 the Korea Ministry of Education and Human Resources Development and Intel Asia inaugurated a four-day Asia Education Leadership Forum to discuss how ICT can enhance education and raise national competitiveness. [http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=28901](http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=28901)

**Workshop trains Vietnamese teachers in e-learning skills**
From 13 to 16 June 2006 the Viet Nam Development Gateway Sustainable Development Centre convened a workshop to train teachers in e-learning skills. [http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=28906](http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=28906)

**Call for Nominations: Development Gateway Awards**
The Development Gateway Foundation is calling for nominations for the third annual Development Gateway Award. In 2006 the theme is “ICT for the Empowerment of Youth”. [http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=28911](http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=28911)

Programmes

**Cost-effective solutions: ICT rooms on trolleys**
Providing sufficient ICT resources to meet user demand puts pressure on most schools and colleges, many of which are hindered by a lack of space and limited budget. “Mobile” ICT classrooms can offer a solution. [http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=28917](http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=28917)
**Gyandoot: enhancing access to information and opportunities for youth**
The Gyandoot project facilitates access to government web portals with the aim of broadening access to information and encouraging the participation of local citizens in community affairs and governance. [http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=28925](http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=28925)

**Developing a rugged computer for use in rural areas**
A dust-resistant, low-power-demand personal computer called a "Community PC" has been developed by Intel Corp in India with the aim of meeting the needs of rural communities. [http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=28933](http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=28933)

**Resources**

**FREE Educational Technology Resources**
The Federal Resources for Educational Excellence (FREE) website contains a wide variety of educational resources for teachers. This article by TechLearning highlights several useful resources. [http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=28940](http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=28940)

**SimSchool – simulated classrooms for trainee-teachers**
These papers examine "SimSchool", a computer program developed by the United States Department of Education which provides pre-service teachers with a "virtual practicum" to develop their teaching skills prior to teaching in real classrooms. [http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=28951](http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=28951)

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