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Announcement

News on ICT in Education

News & Events

Policy makers to share experiences at Pacific forum on ICT use in education
UNESCO, in cooperation with infoDev, will convene a Forum and Capacity Building Workshop in Fiji, from 25 to 30 September 2006, to introduce the ICT in Education “Policy Makers’ Toolkit” and to support the sharing of knowledge among policy makers from the Pacific region. http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=44792

Philippines to develop a strategy for use of open source software in education
The Commission on Information and Communications Technology recently presented a draft of a programme that seeks to assist teachers and students to utilize open source software, with the aim of enhancing educational quality in the Philippines. http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=44787

Inaugural Young Scholar Awards open for applications
Applications are now being accepted for the Young Scholar Awards, a programme which recognizes and honours young Asia-based experts who are capable of contributing to ICT policy and regulatory reform in the region. http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=44782

ICT in Basic Education Congress discusses need for better decision making
The Second National ICT in Basic Education Congress of the Philippines, held from 6 to 7 September, promoted more strategic and systematic decision-making and planning regarding the use of ICT in the basic education system. http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=44777

Malaysian Minister calls for upgrading of tertiary ICT-training
According to the Ministry of Human Affairs unemployed graduates of ICT-training courses are jobless because what they had learned has become obsolete and training institutes are not adequately equipped to teach the ICT skills employers demand. http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=44771

Programmes

Overcoming problems faced by one-computer classrooms
The "Technology Tools for Teaching and Training” project produces and distributes software that can enable group-learning activities using one computer for an entire class. http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=44798
Resources

**e-Primer on Free and Open Source Software in Education**
This primer aims to help teachers and other decision makers understand the potential use of Free/Open Source Software (FOSS) in educational settings.
http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=44809

**Obstacles to educational uses of copyrighted material in the digital age**
This paper reports on a study by the Berkman Center for Internet and Society which examined whether educational uses of digital information are hampered by the restrictions of copyright. http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=44817

**Opening Pandora's box: ICT and distance education in Asia**
This brief article discusses the potential benefits that ICT can bring in terms of enhancing distance education in Asia, and introduces the "PANdora project", which aims to develop a model for distance education that can be used in various Asian countries and beyond.
http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=44825

**Key issues in implementing broadband Internet in the classroom**
This Oxford Internet Institute forum discussion paper reports on the outcome of a study into classroom uses of broadband-connected Internet.
http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=44833

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