Announcement

News on ICT in Education

News & Events

**UNESCO and ten Asian ministries sign agreement on ICT in teacher education**
On Tuesday 16 May, UNESCO and representatives from the Education Ministries of ten countries in the Asian region signed a Memorandum of Agreement regarding the implementation of the Next Generation of Teachers project.
http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=21145

**Malaysia plans to place more emphasis on Education and ICT**
Malaysia’s latest five-year development plan, the Ninth Malaysia Plan (9MP) emphasizes the need to develop the country’s human resources and recognizes the potential role of ICT in improving education and training.
http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=21150

**Philippines course assists educators to integrate ICT into education**
30 school teachers, principals and administrators in the Philippines have been introduced to ICT and trained in how to integrate it into teaching and learning through a five-day seminar.
http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=21155

**Teachers and curriculum experts sought to review material**
The United Nations Cyberschoolbus programme is looking for teachers and curriculum supervisors to review content on their website and to try out activities and lessons that they are creating for teachers and students around the world.
http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=21160

**ADB grant to support innovative use of ICT in education**
The ADB has announced a US$1 million technical assistance grant to support the use of innovative ICT in education in developing countries.
http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=21165

**New scholarship programme to develop leadership in the Asia-Pacific region**
The Australian Government overseas aid programme has introduced a new scholarship programme, called Australian Leadership Awards (ALA), which aims to develop leadership within the Asia Pacific region.
http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=21170

Programmes

**Government programme to enhance student and teacher performance**
Recognizing the potential of ICT to transform, enhance, enable and amplify teaching and learning, the Government of the State of the Northern Territory in Australia established the Learning and Technology in Schools programme.
http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=21175
Bridging the gap in access to ICT

Bridges.org is a non-profit corporation with a mission to promote the effective use of ICT in the developing world for purposes such as better healthcare, education and self-sustaining economic development. http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=21184

Resources

Changing minds with computers
This publication, Changing Minds, examines whether education, and science education in particular, can be transformed by the computer so that children can learn more, learn more easily at an earlier age, and learn with pleasure and commitment. http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=21192

Why can’t the digital revolution get through the school door?
This article examines some of the reasons schools have not yet been transformed by technology and suggests some steps that educators can take to harness the full potential of ICT in their schools. http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=21206

Comparison study of software in public computer labs
This report, Comparison study of free/open source and proprietary software in an African context, provides information and advice to people who want to make sound software choices for public computer labs in Africa and beyond. http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=21214

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