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Announcement

News on ICT in Education

News & Events

Forum on ICT capacity building convened in Republic of Korea
On 5 and 6 March, the UN Asian and Pacific Training Centre for Information and Communication Technology for Development held an Asia-Pacific regional forum on ICT capacity building in Incheon, Republic of Korea.
http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=195624

UNESCO launches new website for sharing training resources
UNESCO has launched an online platform to share training and capacity-building resources. The resources include training materials for learning to use computers and software, learning literacy skills, environmental education, and much more.
http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=195619

Malaysia to host inaugural Smart School conference
From 16 to 18 April, Malaysia will convene the first ever Smart School International Conference. The Conference aims to provide policy makers and education experts with a forum where ideas and experiences can be presented and discussed.
http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=195614

Call for entries: Essays about the role of ICT in building a peaceful world
UNESCO and the Goi Peace Foundation are inviting young people from around the world to enter the International Essay Contest for Young People. Open to everyone under 26 years of age, this year's theme is “The role of media and information and communication technologies in building a peaceful world”.
http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=195608

Programmes

Fieldworks: ICT tools for enabling Education for All
In recent years more emphasis has been placed on ensuring that children have the opportunity to learn in their mother tongue. Recognizing the need for linguistic research in minority languages, SIL International has developed a suite of software tools to assist language research teams to manage language and cultural data.
http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=195714
Resources

Do computers contribute to enhancing learning in schools?
This report, by Her Majesty’s Inspectorate of Education, Scotland, indicates that while ICT are being increasingly used in schools, their full potential is not yet being tapped.
http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=195661

Online network of open teaching materials
This website, OER Commons, is a free network of open teaching materials created with and for educators, students, and learners.
http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=195672

Examples of successful use of ICT in education
This publication provides examples of how ICT can be used to promote development, including examples of how ICT are being used in schools and other educational settings.
http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=195681

Using ICT in distance-learning
This paper reports on a study into the use of technology-based learning resources by distance learners and concludes that such resources can provide significant advantages in distance education.
http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=195690

Low-Cost Computing Devices and Initiatives
Infodev has recently released an updated inventory of known projects and programmes aimed at introducing affordable ICT devices in developing countries, many targeting the education sector.
http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=195698

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