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**Announcement**

News on ICT in Education

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**News & Events**

**ICT in Education Vacancy**
The UNESCO ICT in Education Unit is currently seeking to fill the temporary position of "Chief, ICT in Education Unit". [http://www.unescobkk.org/education/ict/job](http://www.unescobkk.org/education/ict/job)

**Meeting to launch new UNESCO ICT teacher training project**
From 16 to 18 May 2006, UNESCO will convene the "Consultative Meeting and Launch of the Next Generation of Teachers Project" in Bangkok, Thailand. The Meeting will introduce the Project to the participants and will discuss the current situation in Teacher Education Institutes in the countries participating in the project. [http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=20648](http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=20648)

**Regional conference facilitates sharing of knowledge on digital learning**
On 26 April, the "Asia Egov, Digital Learning and Telecentre Forum 2006" conference was inaugurated in Bangkok, Thailand. The aim of the Conference is to provide a common platform for policy makers and experts in the Asia-Pacific region to share their experiences and establish strategies for the future. [http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=20653](http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=20653)

**Six Asia-Pacific finalists vie for Stockholm Challenge education trophy**
Six ICT projects from the Asia-Pacific region are among the finalists in the "Education" section of the Stockholm Challenge 2006. [http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=20658](http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=20658)

**New community telecentres established in Nepal schools**
Four new community telecentres have been established recently in schools in Palpa district, Nepal, with the aim of increasing access to ICT at the village level and to ensure that students can benefit from distance education programmes. [http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=20663](http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=20663)

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**Programmes**

**Sharing teaching and learning materials globally via the Cyberschoolbus**
The United Nations Global Teaching and Learning project produces exceptional materials and activities for teaching school students of all levels, and for training teachers. These materials are disseminated worldwide via the Cyberschoolbus website. [http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=20668](http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=20668)

**Giri Pragna: using ICT to bring better education to minority groups**
Giri Pragna is an initiative which aims to utilize ICT to improve the education and employment prospects for minority ethnic groups in the remote areas of Khammam district, India. [http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=20676](http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=20676)
Resources

**Directory of ICT resources for teaching and learning**
This publication describes the content on the UNESCO SchoolNet CD-ROM – a set of ICT-based resources for teaching and learning of secondary school level science, mathematics and language subjects. [http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=20684](http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=20684)

**Information centre for online educators**
This website, the Centre for Online Educators, is an interactive information portal specifically designed for educators who are engaged in online teaching. [http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=20692](http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=20692)

**Are students ready for a technology rich world?**
This report, “Are Students Ready for a Technology-Rich World?: What PISA Studies Tell Us” considers the attitudes of school students to ICT and how they use them. [http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=20700](http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=20700)

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- Add your favourite articles, policy papers, websites, etc. to our Information Resources Database ([http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2/search.asp?id=3](http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2/search.asp?id=3)).

- Highlight outstanding projects in our Projects and Programmes Database ([http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2/search.asp?id=5](http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2/search.asp?id=5)).

- Let your peers know about the very latest information through our: News and Events Database ([http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2/search.asp?id=4](http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2/search.asp?id=4)).

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