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Announcement

Latest updates on the ICT in Education website

News

**UNESCO workshop to train teachers in SchoolNet telecollaboration activities**
UNESCO will convene a five-day workshop in Chiang Mai, Thailand from 12 to 16 December 2005 with the aim of enhancing teachers’ understanding of telecollaboration and enabling them to coordinate UNESCO SchoolNet online activities. [http://www.unescobkk.org/index.php?id=3782; http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=19565](http://www.unescobkk.org/index.php?id=3782; http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=19565)

**Malaysian minister discusses the challenges faced in bringing ICT to all schools**
At a recent conference, the Malaysia Deputy Director-General of Education highlighted the challenges that need to be overcome in order to bring new technologies to all schools in the country. [http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=19570](http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=19570)

**Viet Nam establishes an ICT in Education strategy**
Viet Nam has announced plans to raise levels of ICT in education and e-government so as to be competitive with other members of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN). [http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=19575](http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=19575)

**Podcasting service offers potential benefits for education**
A recently launched site that lets people find, listen to, organize and rate “podcasts” is opening new possibilities in the field of education. [http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=19580](http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=19580)

**Philippines Government launches ICT training facility for farmers**
The Philippines Department of Science and Technology (DOST) has announced the launch of an Internet-enabled training facility for farmers and entrepreneurs. [http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=19585](http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=19585)

Programmes & Projects

**Bringing information and education to underserved communities through radio**
An organization entitled Equal Access is using radio technology to provide information and education to remote and marginalized communities around the world. [http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=19590](http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=19590)

**Providing non-formal education through ICT-equipped Village Resource Centres**
The “Village Resource Centre” project aims to achieve digital connectivity for villages through setting up interactive Very Small Aperture Terminal (VSAT) based networks in resource centres. [http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=19599](http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=19599)
Resources

**The potential of e-games as a teaching-learning tool**
This article discusses the pros and cons of ICT-based games as a tool for teaching and learning. [http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=19608](http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=19608)

**Study finds open source more cost-effective for schools**
The results of a study conducted by the British Educational, Communications and Technology Agency indicate that open source may be a more cost effective choice for schools and is generally more reliable. [http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=19616](http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=19616)

**Copy rights and wrongs: information for educators**
While the Internet can be a useful resource for educators it can also lead to confusion regarding intellectual property (IP) and privacy rights. This website provides information on IP law as it pertains to the use of material on the Internet, and some useful links. [http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=19624](http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=19624)

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