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Announcement

Latest updates on the ICT in Education website

News & Events

**UNESCO to Convene ICT in Education Toolkit Training Workshop**
On 5 September UNESCO, in cooperation with Japanese-Funds-In-Trust (JFIT), will inaugurate a 6-day ICT in Education Training Workshop in Chiang Mai, Thailand. The workshop will introduce the newly-developed policy-makers’ toolkit, which is designed to assist in improving decision-making with regard to the integration of ICT in education.

http://www.unescobkk.org/index.php?id=3563;
http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=19110

**Call for Participation: UNESCO Digital Arts Award 2005**
Young artists from around the world are invited to take part in the UNESCO DigiArts Award, which this year is devoted to the theme of “City and Creative Media”. Organized in collaboration with Art Center Nabi (Seoul, Republic of Korea), this year’s award aims to encourage emerging artists to cultivate new forms of expression, using new media and technology, in reflecting how urban spaces and city environments could be transformed into creative outlets.

http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=19063

**Educational Film Festival Introduces Youth to Multimedia**
On 23 August the "First Educational Video Festival for the Youth and Children of Bangladesh" was launched in Muktagacha, Bangladesh. The festival aimed to introduce marginalized youth and children to multimedia by presenting video presentations on contemporary life issues.

http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=19069

**Kerala E-literacy Project Wins Prix Ars Electronica Award**
The ambitious e-literacy project, "Akshaya", operating in the southern Indian State of Kerala, has been selected for the Prix Ars Electronica “Digital Community” award. Through a test network of over 600 village tele-centers, known as “e-Centres”, the state-funded Akshaya project has conducted what is claimed to be one of the world’s largest computer literacy drives.

http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=19075

**Conference Promotes the Use of ICT to Enable Distance Teacher Education**
A one-day conference on 'ICT-Enabled Distance Teacher Education' at Tamil Nadu Open University discussed plans to promote the use of ICT in Distance Teacher Education.

http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=19080

Programmes & Projects

**High-Tech Devices Bringing Education Opportunities to the World's Poorest**
Computers, MP3 players, cell phones and other "high technology" are usually regarded as being restricted to the world's economic elite. But the Jhai Foundation, with the help of some talented engineers, is working on simplified versions of these high-tech devices for use in educating the world's poorest people.

http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=19085
Resources

**Regional Action Plan towards the Information Society in Asia and the Pacific**
This document outlines the recommendations and proposed actions that came out of the recent high-level Asia-Pacific Conference for the World Summit on the Information Society.
http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=19092

**ICT Policies and e-Strategies in the Asia Pacific: A Critical Assessment of the Way Forward**
This book provides an analytical overview of the ICT policies and e-strategies in the Asia-Pacific region, fundamentals of policy formulation and the development process, and thematic priority areas to be addressed in the conceptualization and development of policies.
http://www2.unescobkk.org/education/ict/v2_2/detail.asp?id=19099

Best regards,

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