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The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation will hold training workshops and an exhibition on innovative uses of information and communications technology in education practices in Bangkok from June 24-26, The Nation reports.

Taking place at the Imperial Queen's Park Hotel, the event will feature the presentation of the UNESCO ICT in Education Innovation Awards 2007-2008 to the three top winners, who will be actively engaged in show-and-tell exhibitions, a meeting for key ICT in education players, and training workshops based on two winning projects.

Among the 100 participants expected to attend the event are the winners of the awards, high-level officials from ministries of education in the region, leaders of major IT industries, school administrators, principals and teachers.

"UNESCO believes that integrating ICT into education can help to bring quality education to everyone, everywhere - a key goal of the Education for All initiative. The citizens of the future must be equipped with sufficient knowledge to keep up with technological advances and demands of the 21st Century," the organisation said in a statement.

The awards were created in response to the philosophy, "If students do not learn the way we teach, then let us teach the way they learn," which require educators to adopt information and communications technologies in their teaching.

With the support of the Japanese Funds-in-Trust, the awards were launched to recognise innovative ICT in education practices and encourage and enhance even more educational innovations.