



Announcement

News on ICT in Education

Highlight

[Developing a national information and communications technology strategy for education in Pakistan](#)

Developed by the Ministry of Education, in collaboration with the Education Sector Reform Assistance (ESRA) programme, the Ministry of IT and the provincial education departments, the new strategy offers a strategic direction for the mainstreaming of ICTs (computers, telephones, video, radio and television) in the education system of Pakistan.

News & Events

[Next generation of teachers from the Asia-Pacific successfully trained in integrating ICT into teaching](#)

UNESCO Bangkok, in cooperation with the Ministry of Education of Brunei Darussalam and Microsoft Asia-Pacific convened the "Second Regional Workshop on ICT-integration for the Next Generation of Teachers" in Brunei from 12-to-15 May 2008, bringing together 60 teacher educators to develop their skills in integrating ICT into teaching and to discuss issues relating to ICT into education.

[UNESCO's Information for All Programme to measure information literacy](#)

Entitled "Towards information literacy indicators", this new publication includes a definition of information literacy; a model that links information literacy with other adult competences, such as ICT skills; and a description of information literacy standards in education.

[UN's information technology alliance to focus on major concerns](#)

A leading United Nations body working to spread the benefits of information technology should concentrate on the areas that most concern people around the world, such as allocation of software and hardware, connectivity, local content and ICT education, the chair of that body said at a conference in Malaysia.

[Using ICT as a tool to promote peace](#)

"Thanks to the revolution in ICTs, there is a real opportunity for 'multilogue' to promote mutual understanding and peace," said Abdul Waheed Khan, UNESCO's Assistant Director-General for Communication and Information in Bangkok.

[Learning 2.008 Conference: "Giving educators the opportunity to create a Conference that is for them, by them"](#)

The Learning 2.008 Conference, which will be convened from 18-20 September in Shanghai, China, will focus on two strands: One strand for teachers who are actively integrating technology into their lessons and another strand specifically for technology leaders. Under the theme "Learning in Action", the conference aims to focus on what learning looks like when it is enhanced with the application of technology.

Programmes

[One computer in multi-grade classroom](#)

This initiative from the Philippines has demonstrated that it is possible to use ICT effectively, even when, due to lack of equipment, only a single computer is available in a multi-grade classroom.

Resources

[The impact of technology on children with physical disabilities: an evaluative case study](#)

Reviews of literature show that ICT can have a positive impact on pupils when effectively managed. This study critically evaluates to what extent this impact is being experienced at a special school for pupils with physical disabilities.

[Technology in the classroom - The role of the principal](#)

David Sherman, an American principal, talks in this interview about the role the school leader can play in classroom technology use.

[How useful is online social networking in education?](#)

Online social networking is now so deeply embedded in the lifestyles of teens that its use now rivals television, according to a new study published by the US National School Boards Association. Almost 60 per cent of students, who use social networking, talk about education topics online and, surprisingly, more than 50 per cent talk specifically about schoolwork.

[Phun: a simulated physics playground](#)

Phun is an educational, entertaining and somewhat addictive software for designing and exploring 2D multi-physics simulations in a cartooned fashion.

[WorldWide Telescope brings space exploration into the classroom](#)

The WorldWide Telescope is a computer programme which allows its users to view outer space, bringing together imagery from the best observatories worldwide and also those in space, to allow people to easily explore the night sky through their computers.

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