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Making Skills Development Work for the Future



With growing youth unemployment and employers struggling to fill jobs with the right skills, technical and vocational education and training (TVET) has the potential to empower learners and harness their skills for today's technology and innovation-driven world.

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Three female trainees are taking part in Meralco's comprehensive technical instruction programme for linewomen - the first in Southeast Asia. Since June 2013, the power utility poles are no longer an exclusive space for men - there are now women in power(lines).

Romando Fermin Javillonar, 43 years old, The Philippines.



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2016 January

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Students are practicing in their laboratory classroom of a polytechnic college in West Bengal, India.

Prasanta Biswas, 44 years old, India.



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A female student is fixing a humanoid robot made by students of the Electronic Engineering Polytechnic Institute of Surabaya, Indonesia. This robot participated in several international robot competitions, including the RoboCup Soccer 2015 in China.

Aditya Putra Pratama, 22 years old, Indonesia.



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This photo was taken during a training in welding. Although wearing a mask, the welder is female which shows that in the Asia-Pacific region, skills development can be gender sensitive.

Nomer Pascual, 42 years old, The Philippines.



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Students in Makassar, South Sulawesi, Indonesia, take electrical engineering classes in a school for students with special needs . They learn how to fix electronic household goods.

Masyudi Syachban Firmansyah, 32 years old, Indonesia.



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Southeast Asia holds a very rich musical culture. In Cebu City, The Philippines, love for music has been helping some locals in acquiring vocational skills and a decent source of income through crafting of the famous Cebu Guitar.

Allan Jay Quesada, 28 years old, The Philippines.



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Training in stone carving at Artisans Angkor's workshop.

Piseth Tuy, 34 years old, Cambodia.



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Fishermen are taking vocational training in net weaving.

Nimai Chandra Ghosh, 55 years old, India.



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Mohshanat Zohora Zoha, 16 years old, wants to build her career in the garment sector specializing in quality control. She is receiving a six-month quality control training course from CPD, a non-government organization in Bangladesh.

Abdur Raquib, 45 years old, Bangladesh.



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'Jari', or ornamental embroidery, was until recently a dying art from ancient India. The Government, at both state and national levels, has provided the possibility to teach this dying art to enable rural women to earn an income during their leisure time.

Debdatta Chakraborty, 39 years old, India



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A handyman provides a television repair service in a complex of slums in Makassar, South Sulawesi, Indonesia. He uses television repair skills he gained while studying in a vocational high school.

Bahauddin Raja Baso, 34 years old, Indonesia.



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An old lady photographer is busy sharing her skills with her grand daughter.

Supriya Biswas , 34 years old, India.



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This calendar showcases images submitted to a regional photo competition organized by UNESCO in Bangkok entitled “Put a new face on technical and vocational education and training!”.

Technical and vocational education and training (TVET) continues to be seen as second choice, compared to tertiary education, in many countries of the Asia-Pacific. By breaking through this stereotype, these powerful images aim to widen people’s perspectives of a learning path into which people put all their hopes and aspirations for a better future. They capture moments of learning both inside and outside the workplace that give a great sense of pride.

Held from May to July 2015, over 160 submissions were received from 19 countries from across the Asia-Pacific. The top 30 submissions have been showcased in both public and virtual exhibitions. The photo exhibition was launched at the Asia-Pacific Conference on Education and Training (ACET) organised by UNESCO in collaboration with the Ministry of Education of Malaysia from 3-5 August 2015 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

This calendar features the top 12 shortlisted photographs, including the top three winners:

1st place: Romando Fermin Javillonar, 43 years old, The Philippines

2nd place: Prasanta Biswas, 44 years old, India

3rd place: Aditya Putra Pratama, 22 years old, Indonesia

For more information, please visit the photo competition webpage:
<http://www.unescobkk.org/education/tvet/aprec/tvet-e-exhibition/>

