

**To better communicate with communities** across the Asia-Pacific, UNESCO Bangkok has expanded its reach to regional news outlets, including placing articles in India's Financial Express, The Manila Times and Malaysia's Star newspapers on such sensitive subjects such as school bullying, LGBTI sensitivity training and comprehensive sexuality education in government schools. Similarly, the first quarter of 2019 saw the continuation of themes centred on youth welfare and multilingual education in Thailand, with articles in local papers focusing on a recent case of university hazing and innovative new programmes in the Deep South. In collaboration with Natural Sciences, Public Information and Outreach is complementing the wide-ranging Plastic Initiative to raise awareness and find solutions to marine pollution. The effort is one example of the new multi-tiered approach to communications, often leading with social media and website posts, accompanied by in-house video production and submissions to regional newspapers. With our colleagues, we continue to offer different levels of engagement for the public, ranging from casual online interaction and engaging graphics to news-style features and policy prescriptions.

