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### Asia-Pacific's education crisis

Addressing shortcomings could make or break the 2030 SDG challenge



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The Asia-Pacific region has made considerable strides in increasing the accessibility of basic education, but challenges remain. About 16 million primary school-aged children and 34 million lower secondary-aged adolescents are out of school in the region, two-thirds of whom are in South Asia. [Read more](#)

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## Learning for empathy

Multinational effort to build peace through education

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Teachers can have a direct impact on strengthening students' resilience to discriminatory and violent narratives as well as model values of respect and trust. In many countries, school leaders and teachers share similar concerns and challenges in terms of the quality and relevance of learning in the 21st century. [Read more](#)



## The Bencharong bridge

Secondary-school student teaches Thai children about intangible heritage

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Not every school in Bangkok, much less Thailand as a whole, can afford to take students to art exhibitions and museums, so why not bring small-scale exhibitions to them? Art education allows people to understand the interconnectivity of cultures as well as the world. [Read more](#)

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## The throwaway lifestyle

Shifting mindsets are a seachange in plastic pollution problem

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Since the 1940s, plastics have become an almost unavoidable part of daily life. But what was once a symbol of convenience now in the public consciousness evokes images of overflowing rubbish dumps, oceans saturated with plastic bags and dead marine life. [Read more](#)



## Internet for inclusivity

Bridging the gaps in the Asia-Pacific information superhighway

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In Bangladesh's population of 163 million people, only 24 million are connected to the web. As the world becomes even more interconnected online, there are still many who cannot access the information they need for daily life. [Read more](#)

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## From Cairo to Nairobi

One man's story of sex education, gender equality and women's empowerment

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Women and girls, and all young people, should be able to enjoy healthy and respectful relationships without fear of judgment, coercion and violence. Twenty-five years after the landmark International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) in Cairo, those goals are still pressing. [Read more](#)



## Limitless dreams in Lao PDR

Rural schools enrolling out-of-school children open new vistas

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The fundamental human right of access to education is still not available for many children, with lifelong consequences. Ensuring quality education for all children, including those from low-income families and in rural areas, is fundamental to achieving development goals for countries across the Asia-Pacific. [Read more](#)

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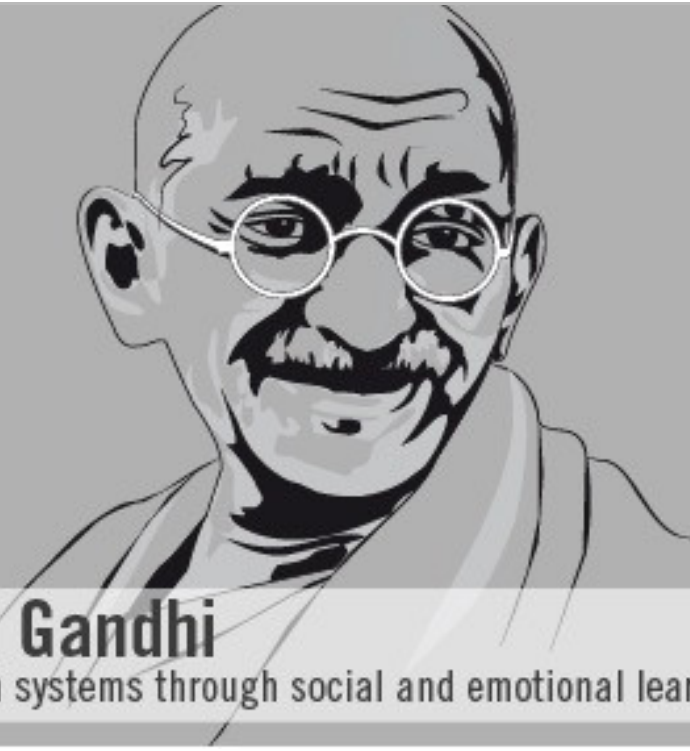
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## Of gaming and Gandhi

How to save our education systems through social and emotional learning



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## Literacy as a human right

Inclusive education essential in a multilingual world



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If you don't understand, how can you learn? Worldwide more than 750 million people lack basic literacy skills. Many have never had a chance to attend school, but many others have sat long hours in a classroom listening to a teacher who speaks a language that is unintelligible to them, with little accomplished for their efforts. [Read more](#)

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## The heart of education

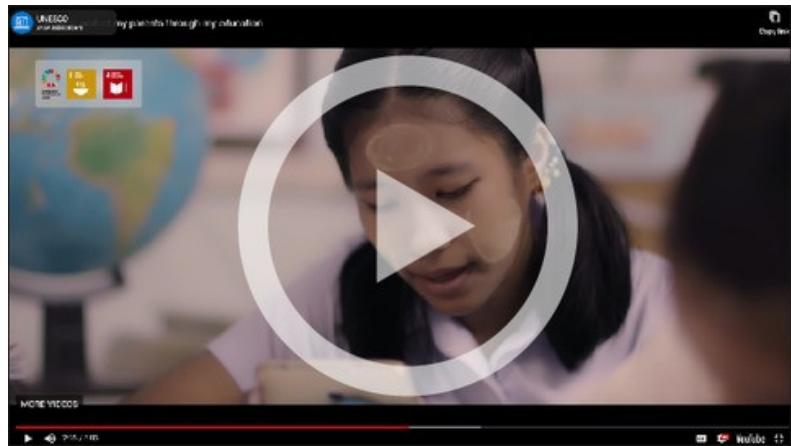
Myanmar reforms start with training new generation of teachers

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Ensuring that millions of young Myanmar students receive a quality, inclusive education that prepares them for 21st-century challenges requires immense reforms at all levels of the education system. The Ministry of Education has prioritized teacher education, recognizing the importance of improving the quality of instruction. [Read more](#)



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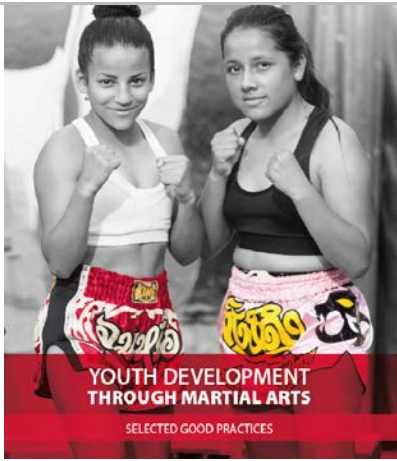
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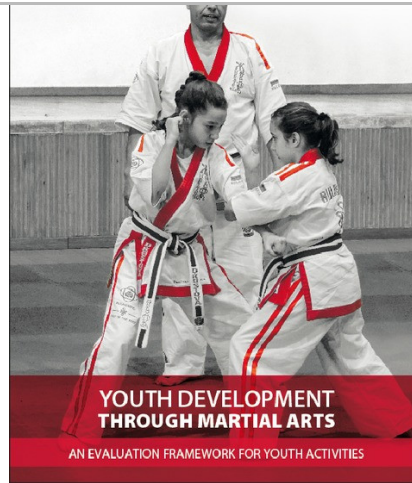
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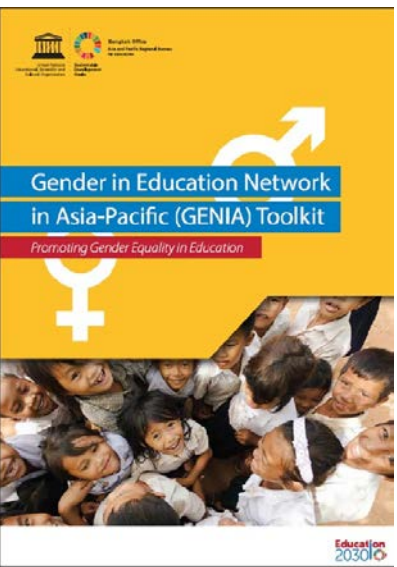
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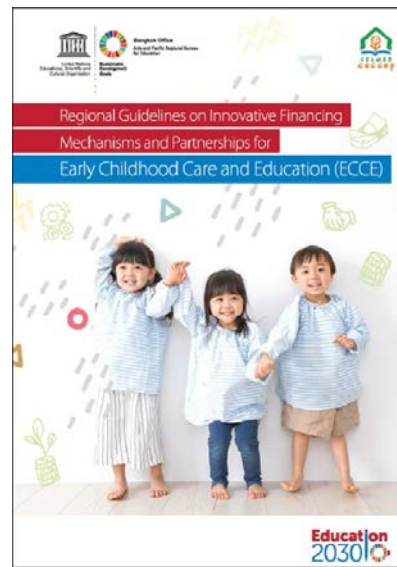
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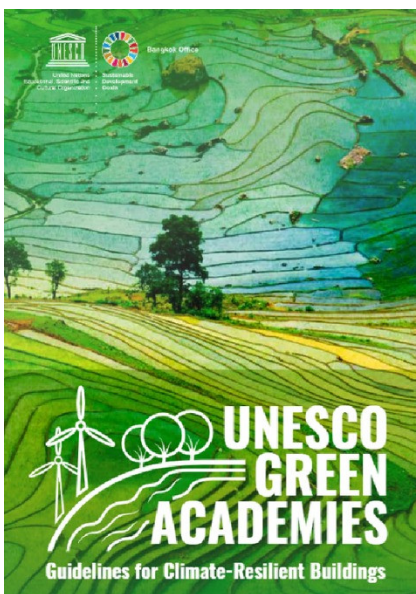
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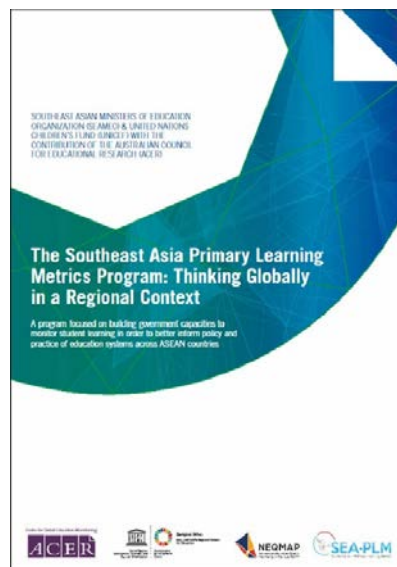
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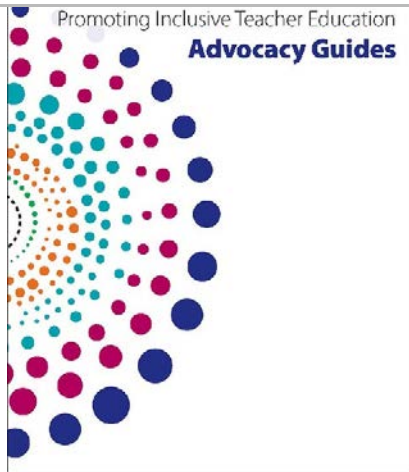
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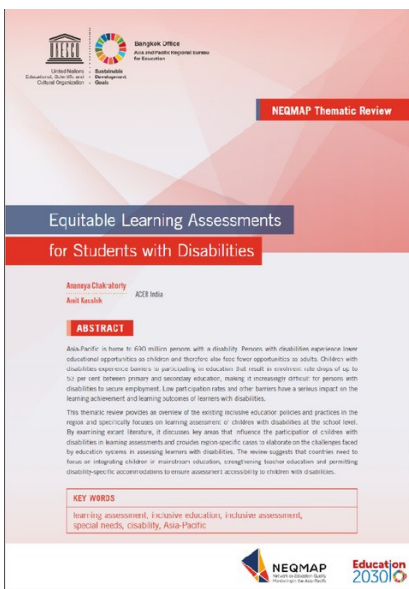
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