

IFC Higher Education Investment Forum
Pre- Forum Event, Wednesday, February 01, 2006
9am to 2:30 pm
Innovative Schooling

The IFC is pleased to announce a pre-forum networking event focused on innovative practices in the delivery of basic and secondary schooling. The Forum on Higher Education presents an excellent opportunity to bring together key representatives from the schools sector to present innovative practices and case studies for general discussion and information sharing. All of the projects are IFC supported initiatives and could benefit from collaborative activities. Developed as a workshop in the round, the objectives for the day are to:

- Provide the opportunity to share experiences
- Provide the opportunity for IFC projects to meet each other
- Identify potential collaborations and opportunities to work together
- Provide Global networking opportunities

We have invited five projects to join us for an informal day of presentation, discussion and networking. Presentations will occur in the morning, a networking lunch will be provided and a general roundtable discussion with questions and answers will follow in the afternoon.

Higher education participants, registered for the Forum beginning later that day, are invited to join this pre-forum event. We ask that you notify us of your intentions to participate, there will not be a registration fee, but guests of the session must be registered to allow us to accommodate the numbers. Contact Suzanne Roddis@IFC.com for registration.

The Presentations:

SABIS Educational Systems – A computer assisted testing and delivery service, SABIS is based in Lebanon but serves 27 schools in 11 countries. This software platform was developed by SABIS and is used in their schools to promote success with the learner.

Presenter: Carl Bistany, President SABIS and President, INTERED SAL

UNITEC – A newly designed, franchised secondary school curriculum model, using ICT and standardized curriculum to serve learners in both Mexico and worldwide.

Presenter: Raul Mendez, Rector, UNITEC (Universidad Tecnologica de Mexico)

Prep@Net - a program that is supported by three states in northern Mexico, this project involves undergraduate students as on-line tutors and mentors to secondary school learners. The project was conceived as a way for the undergraduate students to give back to their communities while at the same time providing a model for ensuring academic achievement for students through an on-line curriculum and support.

Presenter: Carlos Cruz, President, Tecnologico de Monterrey, Mexico

OkuINET and SinvaNET – an integrated ICT software package for basic schools, includes ICT delivery, and computer based assessments, examinations and reports. Developed on a model of mastery testing and used extensively throughout Turkey.
Presenter: Kagan Kalinyazgan, General Manager, YUCE IT Academy, Turkey

Te Kete Ipurangi: The On-Line Learning Center of New Zealand – this is a privately managed on-line interactive web site and portal that houses free, easy access to Education Ministry approved materials for not only teachers and students in New Zealand schools - but also available to schools internationally.
Presenter: David Copeland, Chairman, Te Kete Ipurangi, New Zealand

Participants from IFC include:

- Ron Perkinson, Principal Education Specialist
- Patrick Leahy, Manager New Investments, Health & Education Department
- Suzanne Roddis, Manager, Edinvest
- Lucille Pacey, Education Consultant

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