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egov is Asia's first and the only monthly print magazine on e-Government in Asia. It aims to bring together several e-Government initiatives being taken up in the region. There being huge diversity in the level and the nature of the e-Government initiatives in the region, there is a critical need of a platform for knowledge sharing. *egov* is a step towards fulfilling this need. www.egovonline.net



Digital Learning is a monthly print magazine with a unique objective of covering on-going initiatives and exploring future potential in the domain of ICT based education and learning. It aims to provide an open space for educationists, policy experts, government officials, technologists, industry players and practitioners to share their ideas, experiences and perspectives on various aspects of technology enabled learning. www.digitallearning.in

i4d print magazine is one of its kinds, and is intended to provide much needed platform for exchange of information, ideas, opinion, and experiences both inside and outside the Information and Communication Technology for Development (ICT4D) sector. While several electronic publications do currently exist, *i4d* is, perhaps, the first that addresses the need by utilising the strength and potential of print media. www.i4donline.net



Asia is home to three of the world's four largest economies. Housing 60% of the world's population engaged in a myriad of professions and livelihoods, it is on the brink of unprecedented growth and prosperity. Asian countries are witnessing a dramatic change in their economy. The scene of e-Governance and e-Learning is not different either. Different countries are at different stages of implementation and some are progressing faster than others. We have been focusing on many such issues in our publications – *i4d*, *egov* and *Digital Learning*. There is immense scope to learn from each other and to find solutions to common challenges. With its economic and socio-cultural diversity, Asia requires new, innovative thinking, and a knowledge-sharing platform in the fields of

Information and Communication Technologies for Development.

Egov Asia 2006 and Digital Learning 2006 conference aims to provide a common platform for policy makers and implementers of the Asia-Pacific nations to share their views and deliberate on their experiences through peer interactions and in the process bring expertise to a wider audience on the issues of e-Government and e-Learning respectively.

Looking at the increasing importance of telecentres for bringing social and economic development in rural communities in developing countries, we also bring another platform, Asian Telecentre Forum 2006, for reviewing several models of telecentres

that exist in Asia and discuss their scope and scalability. Our objectives to organize all these conferences simultaneously at the same venue is to:

- ~ Showcase a gamut of inter-related issues that require cohesive planning and integration
- ~ Provide the participants an opportunity to meet experts from the sectors of e-Government, e-Learning and ICT for Development
- ~ Taking stock of a variety of practices in these fields and help building a knowledge-rich society
- ~ Provide a vast meet of policymakers, practitioners, think-tanks, industry leaders and academicians to share experiences and learn lessons.





Asian countries are at varied stages of implementing eGovernance. While some top the international charts of e-Governance, others have just begun their journey. A few are yet to step into the arena. The scope of learning from one another is immense and opportunities are unbound. The need is to create a common ground of equitable learning, which facilitates a process of overall development of the region.

The Event

egov Asia 2006 the international conference on e-Government, aims to provide a knowledge-sharing platform and a forum for policymakers, practitioners, industry leaders and academicians of Asia-Pacific nations to carry forward the e-Government vision of the region and consolidate them into actionable programme, through collaborative learning and partnerships.

Exhibition

Egov Asia 2006 will have an elaborate exhibition of the latest e-Government products, solutions suites, services, initiatives and case studies from all across Asia and beyond. Professional service providers, IT vendors, consulting firms, government agencies and national/international development organisations involved in the e-Government domain are encouraged to participate in the exhibition.

Keynote Sessions

Eminent experts and senior government officers from various parts of Asia and outside Asia will discuss the e-Government developments in their respective countries. The discussion will include but not limit to the following topics:

- ~ e-Government trends in Asia
- ~ e-Government strategies of Asian countries
- ~ Leadership reflections in e-Government

Technical Sessions

- ~ e-Government Country Plans
- ~ Policy and Technology Framework in e-Government
- ~ Funding and Financing Mechanisms in e-Government projects
- ~ Content Management, Data Standardisation and GUI
- ~ Public-Private Partnerships and Service Level Agreements
- ~ Emerging trends in Mobile Government
- ~ Government Process Re-engineering and Change Management
- ~ Project Monitoring, Evaluation and Auditing Mechanisms
- ~ e-Democracy through e-Government
- ~ e-Security and Cyber Laws for efficient Governance
- ~ ICTs and Rural e-Governance

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Education and training are the foundation of global competitiveness that determine the success or failure of a human-resource led development strategy. In recent years, several countries in Asia have embarked on the creation of a globally competitive human resource through national education strategies, with a focus on integrating ICT in education at all levels. However countries are still in different stages of this integration, coping with challenges of infrastructure and implementation.

The Conference

Digital Learning Asia 2006 will take stock of the progress of the Asian countries in utilising Information and Communication Technologies to enhance the quality and reach of education with a focus on building a human capital that responds to the needs of a globalised world. The conference will provide a platform for policymakers, practitioners,

industry leaders and academicians to showcase best practices, share experience, knowledge, perspectives, and learn from exploring solutions to meet challenges of integrating technologies in all level of education.

Exhibition

Digital Learning Asia 2006 will have an exhibition of latest e-solutions, services, initiatives and case studies from across Asia and beyond. Professional service providers, IT vendors, consulting firms, government agencies and national/international development organisations involved in the ICT in Education domain are encouraged to participate in the exhibition.

Keynote Sessions

Eminent experts from the education system and senior government officials from various part of Asia and outside will discuss and debate the current policies and trends in ICT in education in their respective countries. This discussion will include the following broad themes

- ~ National ICT and Education strategies
- ~ ICT in Education trends in Asian countries
- ~ Best Practices in ICT in Education in Asia

Sessions

The conference will focus on but be not limited to the following:

- ~ Public Private Partnership in ICT in Education
- ~ Technologies for Education and Training
- ~ ICT Education
- ~ Online Teaching and Learning
- ~ Distance Education/Learning
- ~ e-Learning in Classrooms
- ~ Instructional Design and e-Learning Content
- ~ Monitoring and Evaluation of ICT in Education
- ~ Quality Standards in e-Content
- ~ Role of Universities in Capacity Building for ICT4D
- ~ Future Trends in e-Learning

www.digitalllearning.in

Asian Telecentre Forum2006

The increased interest in telecentres in many

developing countries, at a time when the world is moving towards becoming a knowledge society, provides an opportunity for stakeholders to exchange knowledge. In Asia, several tried and tested models of telecentres exist. They vary in their scope and reach, and there are many success stories to share. Yet, the community is neither cohesive nor built as a network of practitioners. They are also important tools for testing alternatives and solutions in the new and emerging markets zone for software and information and communications technologies (ICTs).

The forum has been conceptualised to bring together diverse stakeholders and have consultations around the following issues in the three days. The Forum will create a lively collaborative dialogue to address the questions that emerge from the floor, as well as be creative listeners.

Sessions

Speakers Profile: advocacy groups, policy makers, development agencies, private sector players

- ~ Enabling Environments – Policy Changes in Different Countries
- ~ Universal Access Fund – Financial Mechanisms
- ~ Technological and Research thrust for Emerging Markets
- ~ Success Indicators and Case Stories
- ~ Financial Sustainability Models
- ~ Collaboration for Up-Scaling
- ~ Funding and Support Opportunities
- ~ ICT Awareness and Capacity Building
- ~ Technology Options: Education, Tools, Connectivity/Access Issues and Maintenance Issues
- ~ Community Context and Needs, Content, Language Issues
- ~ Sustainability, Business Models, Youth Entrepreneurship, e-Commerce, ICT and Education and e-Government Services etc.
- ~ Management Needs

www.asiantelecentreforum.net

Important information

Call for papers (all events)

Abstract submission 20 Mar 2006

Abstract acceptance 25 Mar 2006

Important contacts

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Delegate fee

Thai delegates (figures in Baht)

	Advance	Spot
Government/NGO	4000	5000
Student	2000	2500
Private sector	7500	9000

Other Asian delegates (figures in US\$)

	Advance	Spot
Government/NGO	100	120
Student	50	60
Private sector	200	250

Indian delegates may pay in Indian Rupees

All other delegates (figures in US\$)

	Advance	Spot
	300	500

Exhibition fees

(per square metre)

~ Shell Space: US\$ 400/-

~ Raw Space: US\$ 350/-

Supporting partners



Asia e-Learning Network
The Japanese

government with People Republic of China and Republic of Korea established the "Asia e-Learning Initiative" to promote economic development and human resources training in the region. www.asia-elearning.net



Asia-Pacific Development Information Programme (APDIP), UNDP In collaboration with National Governments, APDIP seeks to assist national and regional institutions in

Asia-Pacific to improve access, knowledge sharing, networking, and management, and application of ICTs for social and economic development. www.apdip.net



The British Council in Thailand connects people with learning opportunities and creative ideas from the UK and

builds lasting relationships between Thailand and the UK. www.britishcouncil.or.th/en



The Centre for Good Governance (CGG) was established by the Government of Andhra Pradesh, India in October, 2001 to help it achieve the State's goal of transforming governance. www.cgg.gov.in



CIO is an association engaged in capacity building, knowledge sharing and awareness building in the use of ICTs for increasing the efficiency of service delivery of organisations.



Commission on Higher Education (CHE) is one of the five principal organisations of the Ministry of Education responsible for management of Thai higher education. www.inter.mua.go.th



The Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne (Ecole Polytechnique

Fédérale de Lausanne) is, with its sister school in Zurich, one of Europe's leading institutions of science and technology. The threefold mission is: to educate engineers and scientists; to be a national center of excellence in science and technology; and to provide a hub for interaction between the scientific community and industry. www.epfl.ch



National Electronics and Computer Technology Center

is a statutory government organisation under the National Science and Technology Development Agency, Ministry of Science and Technology, Thailand. Its main responsibilities are to undertake, support, and promote the development of electronic, computing, telecommunication, and information technologies through research and development activities. www.nectec.or.th



NSTDA Online Learning Project (NOLP) has as its main goals,

research and development of technology for education, providing new methods of education, and to be a leader among online education providers. www.thai2learn.com



The Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization was established on 30 November 1965 as a chartered international organisation

to promote cooperation in education, science and culture in Southeast Asia. The vision is to have a dynamic, self-reliant, strategic, policy-driven and internationally recognized regional organization for strengthening regional understanding and cooperation in education, science and culture for a better quality of life. www.seameo.org



SEAMEO RIHED is hosted by the Thai government

with the vision to be a catalyst in higher education with an emphasis on management and administration. SEAMEO RIHED aims to play a significant role in the enrichment and reform of higher education by conducting training, workshops, seminars, conferences, and research and in the dissemination of information. www.rihed.seameo.org



The Singapore infocomm Technology Federation (SiTF) is Singapore's premier infocomm industry association and was

formed as a result of the merger of the Singapore Federation of the Computing Industry (SFCl) and the Microcomputer Trade Association of Singapore (MTAS) in 1999. www.sitf.org.sg



Software Industry Promotion Association

(SIPA) is a Thai government agency to promote software industries by stimulating the varying channels of marketing both in domestic and international. www.sipa.or.th



Software Park Thailand (SPT) promotes

and supports the software industry in procurement of human resources, marketing, securing investment and access to and understanding of the latest technology. SPT aims to help every stakeholder in Thailand's software industry to increase their efficiency and potential. www.supark.or.th



The University of Washington, Centre for Internet Studies

(CIS) The University of Washington is one of the oldest state-supported institutions of higher education. Within its community, CIS serves both as a catalyst for creating new programs in the study of ICT and society that draw on the strengths of departments across campus, and as a resource for staying abreast of developments in the study of ICT and society more generally. www.washington.edu



The telecentre.org is an initiative being developed by the ICT4D program of

International Development Research Centre and Microsoft Unlimited Potential Program to support community telecentres across the world. A locally-driven global support network it helps community telecentres increase their capacity and promote digital development. www.telecentre.org

Institutional partners



National University of Singapore (NUS) was established in 1905 and

acknowledged as one of the finest universities in the world. NUS is a comprehensive university offering a broad-based curriculum underscored by multi-disciplinary courses and cross-faculty enrichment. NUS enjoys a close teaching-research nexus with 13 national-level, 12 university-level and more than 60 faculty-based research institutes and centres. www.nus.edu.sg



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Rangsit University is the most comprehensive private University with the most diverse faculties in Thailand, producing substantial manpower resources for the society and for serving the country. www.rsu.ac.th



The University of Malaya, Faculty of Economics and Administration

Universiti
Malaya, the first University of
the country, was established on
8 October 1949 as a national

institution to serve the higher education needs
of the Federation of Malaya and Singapore. It
was set up to help lay the foundations of a new
nation by producing a generation of skilled
and educated men. The University's motto,
"IlmuPunca Kemajuan" (Knowledge is the key to
success) reflects the philosophy of the University
in its constant endeavour to seek knowledge
in all fields to produce successful graduates
and a successful nation. www.um.edu.mu



Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM)

was officially renamed
from Institut Teknologi
MARA (ITM) on 14 October
1967. Its establishment
came as a response to a
crucial need in the country of Malaysia for
trained manpower in the professional and
semi-professional levels. In August 1999,
the then Prime Minister of Malaysia, Dato
Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamad announced
the change of name of ITM to Universiti
Teknologi MARA (UiTM). www.uitm.edu.my

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Centre for
Science,
Development
and Media
Studies
(CSDMS) is

a leading Asian non-governmental institution
engaged in advocacy, research and community
building in e-Government, Digital Learning,
ICT for Development and knowledge
management issues. www.csdms.in



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the usage of geospatial
technologies in various
areas of development
for the community
at large. It remains
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the growing network of those interested
in geo-informatics worldwide and Asia in
particular. www.GISdevelopment.net

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The Danish Technological Institute (DTI)
is one of the oldest technological institutes in
the world. DTI has successfully carried out
projects like BEEP (Best e-Europe Practices),
PRISMA (Providing Innovative Service Models
and Assessment). www.danishtechnology.dk

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Ministry of ICT is
responsible for policy
formulation and planning of
government ICT initiatives for
national development. Since
its inception, the Ministry has

taken up a leading role in promoting technology
for public benefit through implementation
of e-Governance and encouraging ICT-
based education. www.mict.go.th

Supporting Organisation



Ministry of Education
Government of Thailand, is
responsible for the management
of most levels and types of
education in the country. It

also supervises private schools at all levels
except the universities. www.moe.go.th

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