

PLANET 3 Production Workshop

"Waste Management" is one of the most serious environmental concerns in the Asia-Pacific region. Thus, PLANET (Package Learning Materials on Environment) 3 focuses on waste management and is designed to raise awareness and encourage people and communities to take action for this issue in their daily life. The package of PLANET 3 will consist of an animation programme, booklet, poster and facilitators' guide and be produced in early 2004.

The production workshop on PLANET 3 "Waste Management" was held in Ahmedabad, India from 26 to 30 August 2003 in cooperation with the Centre for Environmental Education (CEE), India. The workshop aimed to 1) revise draft materials of PLANET 3 to meet learners' needs and to 2) discuss strategies on effective use and dissemination of the package at community level. 15 participants came from Bangladesh, Cambodia, Indonesia, Japan, Lao PDR, Nepal, the Philippines and Thailand, who worked for environmental education as well as non-formal education in each country. The participants actively participated in the workshop to improve the draft materials from their practical viewpoints of how to utilize the materials in their own social/cultural contexts. They also prepared innovative draft action plans for the production and effective application of the PLANET 3 in each country.

The United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (DESD) will be launched in 2005, aiming to promote education as a basis for a more sustainable human society and strengthen international cooperation toward the development of innovative policies, programmes and practices of education for sustainable development. For sustainable development, people have to consider the balance between their social-economical development and ecological circumstances and their responsibility. Waste management would be one of the immediate issues regarding their sustainable development. How can PLANET 3, as an education material, con-



Learners of NFE programme (Mongolia)

tribute to communities with knowledge, values and practical skills and actions to live in a sustainable manner? It is a big challenge for us how to disseminate and utilize PLANET 3 at community level in line with the UN DESD.

Recent ACCU-LRC Network

The ACCU-LRC (Literacy Resource Centres for Girls and Women) Network consists of leading Literacy and Non-formal Education (NFE) organizations in the Asia-Pacific region, providing human, technical, material and information resources for the individuals, communities and organizations working for promotion of literacy and NFE in each country. So far, 18 LRCs in 17 countries have tried to actively function in their vital roles, such as 1) development of learner-centred and motivational learning materials, 2) capacity building in the field of training of trainers, material development and lesson plans based on learners' needs, and 3) setting up a network/system that provides reliable and meaningful information resources on literacy and NFE.

The period 2003-2012 was proclaimed as the United Nations Literacy Decade (UNLD). LRC activities mentioned above are recognised as effective implementation areas in the Plan for Action for the UNLD. In line with the concept of UNLD, ACCU and LRCs will further strengthen their unique and innovative functions in their countries as well as the Asia-Pacific regional network to contribute to the improvement of the literacy situation and empowerment of individuals and their communities, especially girls and women.

In 2003, the newest LRC was established in Sri Lanka, called 'Learning Resource Centre of Sri Lanka (LRCSL)' in cooperation with Sarvodaya Shramadana Movement of Sri Lanka (SSM). SSM and ACCU co-organized the National Consultative Meeting for Establishment of the LRC in Sri Lanka in March 2003, and the LRCSL functions resource centre in collaboration with local and international NGOs, government agencies, and educational institutions in the country. LRC Indore, India recently started operating a joint pilot project of MANGO and NFE-MIS Programme, called 'Alternative Modes of Education Information System' in their districts, and its office will be built in early 2004. LRC in Mongolia will start its activities in early 2004 and organize the National Workshop in spring.



Discussion on the draft PLANET 3 (India)

ACCU Activities in September 2003-March 2004

36th Training Course on Book Production in Asia and the Pacific "Production of Educational Materials in Print for Children and Youth" co-organized with Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)

16 September-12 October, Tokyo

Group Training Course on Conservation of Wooden Structures in Asia and the Pacific

25 September-24 October, Nara

2003 Invitation Programme for Teachers from the People's Republic of China

26 November-9 December, Tokyo and other cities

ACCU-APPEAL Joint Planning Meeting on Regional NFE Programmes in Asia and the Pacific

2-5 December, Tokyo

PLANET 3 Animation Film Production Meeting

29-30 December, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

International Symposium for Cultural Heritage Protection "Gardens and their Environmental Context"

16-19 January 2004, Nara

4th Invitation Programme for Korean Teachers

24 January-10 February 2004, Tokyo and other cities

2004 ACCU Regional Meeting in Asia and the Pacific on Promotion of Safeguarding Intangible Cultural Heritage

26 February-1 March, Osaka

(as of December 2003)

25th Travelling Exhibition of the Prize-winning Works of ACCU Photo Contest Schedule

- **Philippines**, Cultural Center of the Philippines, Manila, 17 Dec. 2003-17 Jan. 2004
- **Mongolia**, Art Exhibition Hall, Ulaanbaatar, February 2004
- **Maldives**, February
- **Malaysia**, Kuala Lumpur, February
- **Cambodia**, Phnom Penh, February or March
- **Rep. of Korea**, March
- **India**, Visakhapatnam, A.P. and New Delhi, April

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