

New Skills for a Global Innovation Society:
Asia-Pacific Leaders Forum on Secondary Education
March 24 - 26, 2008 | New Delhi, India

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In recent years, India has greatly increased its primary school enrollment and the stage is now set for a major expansion of secondary education in India. At the same time, the global skill and talent pool and quality of education around the world is rapidly increasing. This Asia-Pacific Leaders Forum on Secondary Education will:

- (a) Analyze the strategies used to expand access to secondary education in selected industrialized and middle tier countries;
- (b) Examine the characteristics common to the world's most successful education systems as they seek to combine ambitious goals with substantial school autonomy and professional support for teachers;
- (c) Share experiences in modernizing curriculum and instruction and using technology to produce the new skills needed for success in the global, digital knowledge economy.

The Forum will bring together key leaders and innovators from a number of countries to share lessons learned that might inform the expansion of secondary education in India. Following the opening session, each session would begin with brief presentations from several countries and from India, followed by roundtable discussion.

Monday, March 24th:

Morning	Optional School Site Visits
3:30 PM	Forum Registration
4:00 – 6:00	Opening Session Welcome Bunty Chand, Executive Director, Asia Society India Centre Opening and Introduction of Participants Vivien Stewart, Vice President, Education, Asia Society Ashok Ganguly, Chairman, Central Board of Secondary Education The Increasing Global Talent Pool: Worldwide Trends in Educational Attainment Speaker: Andreas Schleicher, Head of Indicators and Analysis, OECD Status of Secondary Education in India Speaker: Subhash Khuntia, Joint Secretary of Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development Discussion
7:30	Reception
8:00	Dinner: Education and the Global Knowledge Economy Economic Growth and Changing Skill Demands in India Speaker: Guest of Honor Montek Singh Ahluwalia, Deputy Chairman, The Planning Commission

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Tuesday, March 25th:

- 9:00-11:45 AM Strategies for Expanding Access to Secondary Education**
- 9:00 – 10:15 Chair and Introduction: Ujwal Thakar, CEO, Pratham India
- Panel: Yang Jin, UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning
Soobong Uh, Professor, Korea National University of Technology Education
Lois Adams-Rodgers, Deputy Executive Director, Council of Chief State School Officers
Gaston Caperton, President, College Board
- 10:15 – 10:30 *Break*
- 10:30 – 11:45 **Discussion on Access**
- 12:00 – 1:30 PM **Lunch**
- Presentation: Investing in Secondary Education in India**
Speakers: Sam Carlson, Lead Education Specialist, World Bank and Michael Ward, UK Department for International Development
- 1:30 – 3:30 World Class Standards**
*What are the core competencies and new skills needed for work and citizenship in the global age?
How can education systems define, measure and promote world-class standards in secondary school?*
- 1:30 – 2:30 Chair and Introduction: Andreas Schleicher, OECD
- Panel: Geoffrey Masters, Chief Executive Officer, Australian Council for Educational Research
Chris Wardlaw, Deputy Secretary, Education and Manpower Bureau, Hong Kong
Hideaki Shibuya, Professor, Tokyo Gakugei University
- 2:30 – 3:15 **Discussion on Standards**
- 3:15 – 3:30 *Break*
- 3:30 – 6:00 Modernizing Curriculum and Instruction**
The Case of Science and Math
- 3:30 – 5:00 Chair and Introduction: Krishna Kumar, Director, National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT)
- Panel: Joan Ferrini-Mundy, Director, Division of Research on Learning in Formal and Informal Settings, National Science Foundation
Wang Dinghua, Deputy Director General, Department of Basic Education, Ministry of Education, China
Duriya Aziz, Publisher and Deputy General Manager, Marshall Cavendish, Singapore
Bruce Fuchs, Director of Science Education, National Institute of Health

- 5:00 – 6:00 **Discussion on Science and Math**
- 8:00 **Leave hotel for dinner**
- 8:30 **Dinner**
Location: Private residence of Honorable Sheila Dikshit, Chief Minister of Delhi

Wednesday, March 26th:**9:00 – 11:00AM School Autonomy and Accountability: Approaches and Impact**

- 9:00 – 10:00 Chair and Introduction: Shayama Chona, Principal, Delhi Public School, R.K. Puram
- Panel: Brian Caldwell, Associate Director, Global iNET (Australia)
 Michele Cahill, Vice President, Carnegie Corporation of New York
 James Tooley, University of Newcastle and Hyderabad

10:00 – 11:00 Discussion on School Autonomy and Accountability**11:00 – 12:45PM Recruiting, Training, and Supporting a 21st Century Teaching Profession**

- 11:00 – 12:00 Chair and Introduction: Rama Mathew, Head, Centre for Teacher Education, Delhi University
- Panel: Susan Sclafani, Former Assistant Secretary, U.S. Department of Education
 Chor Boon Goh, Professor, Singapore National Institute of Education
 Shaheen Mistri, Executive Director, Akanksha

12:00 – 12:45 Discussion on Recruiting and Training a 21st Century Teaching Profession**1:00 – 2:00 Lunch****2:00 – 4:30 Technology's Role in Improving Access and Quality***How can technology play a more central role improving access and quality?*

- 2:00 – 3:15 Chair and Introduction: Vijay Thadani, CEO, NIIT
- Panel: Dahle Suggett, Deputy Secretary, Victoria Department of Education and Child Development
 Okhwa Lee, Professor of Computer Education, Chungbuk National University
 Vijay Kumar, Senior Associate Dean of Undergraduate Education and Director, Office of Educational Innovation and Technology, MIT

3:15- 3:30 Break**3:30 – 4:30 Discussion on Technology****4:30 – 5:30 Wrap Up and Planning for Next Steps**