

EDU UPDATE

Thai teachers to learn from the best

The battle to reform Thailand's education system will continue with the staging of EDUCA 2015 at Impact Muang Thong Thani this month.

The event, now in its eighth year, will mobilise world-class experts to impart their knowledge on Thai teachers, educators and administrators from October 14-16.

"This event will present the body of knowledge and lessons learned from classroom reform inside and outside Thailand under the three-think principle 'Think Across', 'Think Ahead' and 'Think Again'," said Silchai Kiatpapan, director of EDUCA's sub-organiser Pico (Thailand).

The event will feature seminars organised by the Finnish and South Korean embassies in Thailand in which Thai teachers will get tips from world-renowned education experts.

Professor Mick Waters from the UK-based University of Wolverhampton will talk about the best teaching methods.

Assist Prof Dr Asume Saito from the Singapore National Institute of Education will touch on creating a learning society and guidelines for school reform.

Ellen Moir, founder and chief executive officer of the US-based New Teacher Centre, will discuss new teacher developments leading to professionalism.

There will also be seminars about distance learning innovations in Thailand and other countries. Another highlight will be a forum about instructional leadership and the creation of schools for all children with the goal of delivering headmaster leadership at every education level.

Under the Think Again concept, more than 200 workshop topics will be covered, including "Skills for Your Life, Not Just Life Skills", "Education Reform for True Learning" and "Model Classroom".

There will also be an exhibition on education innovations and technology.

Assoc Prof Bancha Chalapirom, dean of event co-host Chulalongkorn University's Faculty of Education, said the university supported EDUCA because of the importance of teacher development.

He said the event provided a good springboard to develop quality learning and would lead to education reform that benefited students in a sustainable way.

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