

PRESS RELEASE

New Global Partnership Launches Today to “Make a Difference for 15 Million Students”

Millennium@EDU Focused on Providing at Least 1% of World’s Students a Modern Learning Environment

New York City, 26 September – The Millennium@EDU Initiative was launched today, bringing together some of the world’s largest technology companies with local companies and other stakeholders, with the goal of providing at least another 15 million students around the world access to information, communications, and science technologies (ICSTs) for learning and education.

The stakeholders share the view of the United Nations, as expressed in the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), that ICSTs must be successfully integrated into education systems to promote 21st century skills and prepare young generations for the new workspace and daily life.

To ignite and accelerate this integration, Millennium@EDU will establish the Millennium@EDU Foundation. This Foundation will be responsible for the global development and implementation of national, regional and local projects which meet three objectives: educational transformation, internet connectivity, and socio-economic improvement.

Millennium@EDU will offer a comprehensive “Millennium@EDU Solution Pack”, to enable access to information, communication, and scientific technologies for every student and teacher in the program. With strong support from the industry, the Solution Packs will be made available by local OEMs at an affordable price, with the intention of stimulating significant projects in countries around the world.

The Millennium@EDU Solution Pack includes:

- Portable computers
- Software suite
- Scientific sensors
- Interactive white board
- School Server
- Learning Management System

A total of 15 Million Millennium@EDU Solution Packs will be made available through 2015 in different countries and regions of the world, which equates to 1% of the student population.

Millennium@EDU will also promote awareness of and participation in world development challenges, particularly the issues related to the United Nations' Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), including the promotion of 21st century skills among the next generation of students.

Millennium@EDU is a multi-stakeholder initiative, creating an ecosystem of leading companies, including technology, education and local skilled firms from Africa, the Americas, Asia and Europe, comprising names as Bibright, Caixa Magica, Critical Links, ECS, e-xample, Inforlandia, Intel Corp, JP - Inspiring Knowledge, Leya, McAfee, Microsoft Corp, One Global Economy, Orange ITS, PASCO scientific, SanDisk, Triple C, Videonet and Vye Pakistan & UK, bringing the best of the best to support learning and education and providing tools to improve its quality and access.

The stakeholders formally signed their commitment to the Millennium@EDU Initiative in New York today.

Millennium@Edu is a multi-stakeholder project which gathers different companies under a common educational purpose.

For more information please visit: <http://www.millenniumedu.org>

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