

PRESS COMMUNIQUE

INTERNATIONAL LITERACY PRIZE FOR 2009

UNESCO is inviting candidatures for the International Literacy Prizes 2009 which aim at rewarding outstanding work in literacy and related field.

For the year 2009, two prizes will be awarded in the following categories

- (i) UNESCO King Sejong Literacy Prize
Supporting literacy in multilingual contexts
- (ii) UNESCO Confucius Prize for Literacy
Supporting literacy in rural areas.

2. **THEME**

The Theme for 2009 is "Promoting excellence and innovation for a literate world".

3. **PRIZE**

- (i) The prizes to comprise a monetary award, a silver medal and a diploma and are awarded at an international ceremony on International Literacy Day (8 Sep 2009) and
- (ii) are opened to institutions, organizations or individuals promoting literacy through effective and innovative programme or projects.

4. **CRITERIA**

This year Literacy Prizes will be awarded to well-established and innovative practices or how literacy skills (basic skills in reading, writing and numeracy) contribute to empowerment, enabling people to better direct and control their lives and enhancing their chances in life.

6. Guidelines and further information regarding the preparation of candidates file can be obtained at the Mauritius National Commission for UNESCO.

7. The closing date for submission of candidature to the Mauritius National Commission is 12 June 2009.

6. Should there be more than two applications, a selection panel will be set up to recommend the most suitable entries for submission to UNESCO.

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