Three new projects to be recognised for linking Asian and European students and schools on-line: 6th Asia-Europe Classroom Network Conference

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Six innovative projects conceptualised by secondary and high school teachers and educators are being considered for the three AEC Awards. Of the 12 projects endorsed at the 5th AEC-NET Conference (Asia-Europe Classroom Network Conference) in China last year (Sept 2005), the following six came out as the final contenders:

- Cultural Kaleidoscope 2006
- Eco-Cultural Tourism
- FoodFest@VirtualHomestay
- Local Traditions and Ceremonies
- Mastering Media
- The World in a Book 2005

Launched in Singapore in September 2001, AEC-NET recognises initiatives judged most likely to succeed as effective and sustainable on-line intercultural learning schemes for secondary and high school students from Europe and Asia. Each of the three finalists will receive a cash grant of USD 2,500 to be used on furthering the project or developing a new one.

The annual AEC-NET Conference aims to bring together students and educators from Asia and Europe to exchange their views, know-how, methodology, and tools in enhancing cross-cultural learning. Long-term collaborations are sought by engaging them in interactive on-line platforms geared for further dialogue and exchange programmes.

This year's conference titled, "Building an Asia-Europe Online Network for Secondary and High Schools", will be held in Kerkini, Serres Prefecture, in partnership with the Gymnasium of Livadia and supported by the Regional Directorate of Primary and Secondary Education of Central Macedonia-Greece; Hellenic Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs; and the European Commission. Over eighty participants and observers from 27 ASEM Countries have been confirmed to attend this year's conference.

For further information on the AEC programme, awards, and the specific programme for 6th AEC-NET Conference, please visit www.aec.asef.org or e-mail info@aec.asef.org.

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