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Dear Secretary-General,

Subject: Call for Nominations for the Wenhui Award for Educational Innovation 2012

I am pleased to inform you about the Wenhui Award for Educational Innovation 2012, sponsored by the National Commission of the People's Republic of China for UNESCO. The Wenhui Award aims to recognize outstanding individuals or institutions who have contributed significantly to the development of educational innovations in the Asia and Pacific region.

The Award shall be conferred on two individuals or institutions who will each receive a Certificate of Excellence and prize money of US\$ 20,000 at the China Hangzhou International Conference on Educational Innovations. Certificates of Merit may also be awarded to individuals or institutions that have demonstrated commendable innovative practices.

The theme of the 2012 Wenhui Award, ***Innovation in Education for Sustainable Development***, focuses on innovations in education that have led to noticeable changes in values, mindsets, behaviours and practices in line with the concept and principles of Education for Sustainable Development (ESD).

Individuals or institutions in UNESCO Member States in Asia and the Pacific region will be eligible to be nominated for the Award. To qualify for nomination, the candidates shall possess the following qualifications or attributes:

- Have demonstrated their ability in developing innovative practices that have enhanced educational contents, pedagogies, skills and knowledge of Education for Sustainable Development (ESD).
- Have verified the positive impact of their innovation in education in bringing about noticeable changes in values, mindsets and practices about sustainable development.
- Have proven their commitment in enhancing a culture and environment that promote and translate the principles of ESD into actions.
- Have established that their innovative practices are current and relevant to the educational issues of the 21st century.

The Award Secretariat is calling for nominations following the procedures below:

- Nominations shall be submitted to the Award Secretariat at UNESCO Bangkok through the National Commissions for UNESCO, UNESCO Offices and other organizations associated with UNESCO, using an official Award Application Form available online at <http://www.unescobkk.org/education/apeid/wenhuiaward2012>.
- Each nomination must be accompanied by the following attachments:
 - Description of the candidate's/institution's background and achievements (1 page, A4 size, in English)
 - Summary of work, publications and other relevant documents of major importance (maximum of 4 pages, A4 size, in English)

- Evidence to support the nomination of the candidate (may be in English or local language)
 - Letter(s) of recommendation (in English or local languages)
 - Consent form for use and distribution of materials (available online at the Award website)
- All nominations must reach the Award Secretariat at the address below by **8 June 2012**.

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 Bangkok 10110, Thailand
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The winners and awardees of Certificates of Merit will be selected by a jury of distinguished educators from the Asia-Pacific region.

Important dates

Closing date for nominations	8 June 2012
Selection of shortlisted nominations	24 August 2012
Final selection and announcement of winners	14 September 2012
Award ceremony	to be confirmed

Attached is the 2012 Wenhui Award brochure for your reference. If you have any question, please do not hesitate to contact the Award Secretariat for further information: Tel: (66-2) 391-0577; Fax: (66-2) 391-0866; Email: apeid-award@unesco.org or lc.tan@unesco.org.

In keeping with the spirit of ESD, our correspondence on this matter will only be in electronic versions. If you need hard copies, we will be happy to send them to you by regular mail.

Please accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,



Gwang-Jo Kim
 Director

Attch: Wenhui Award brochure