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**Subject : 2018 UNESCO International Literacy Prizes**

Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the Director-General, I have the honour hereby to launch the call to nominate candidates for the 2018 edition of the **UNESCO International Literacy Prizes**, on the theme '**Literacy and Skills Development**'. Initially established in 1967, these Prizes include the two UNESCO King Sejong Literacy Prizes, sponsored by the Republic of Korea and the three UNESCO Confucius Prizes for Literacy, sponsored by the People's Republic of China. They are awarded each year to individuals, governments and non-governmental organizations in recognition of their distinguished contribution to the promotion of literacy, and their meritorious efforts in this regard.

It is strongly recommended that nomination files take this year's theme into consideration, as well as the specific thematic focus of each Prize, which is "the development and use of mother-tongue literacy education and training" for the UNESCO King Sejong Literacy Prize, and "literacy amongst adults in rural areas and out-of-school youth, particularly girls and women" for the UNESCO Confucius Prize for Literacy.

The nomination process takes place online via a platform accessible through the UNESCO website under this link:

[www.unesco.org/ilp/account](http://www.unesco.org/ilp/account)

I am pleased to invite non-governmental organizations maintaining official partnerships with UNESCO to submit nominations for this year's edition of the Prizes. Each NGO can propose up to three nominations for the UNESCO Confucius Prize for Literacy, and up to two nominations for the UNESCO King Sejong Literacy Prize.

The online nominations should be received by UNESCO in English or French by **17 June 2018 at the very latest**. Any nomination received after midnight of 17 June 2018 (UTC+1, Paris time), or through a different channel or means, will not be considered.

Further information on the UNESCO International Literacy Prizes and the nomination process can be found at:

<http://en.unesco.org/themes/literacy/prizes>

Any enquiries with regard to the nomination process should be addressed directly to the Secretariat of the Prizes (Section of Youth, Literacy and Skills Development; Education Sector; phone: +33 1 45 68 08 59; e-mail: literacyprizes@unesco.org).

Accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.



Nicolas Kassianides

Attachments:

- Leaflet on the nomination process
- Statutes of the UNESCO King Sejong Literacy Prize/Statutes of the UNESCO Confucius Prize for Literacy