

BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

COL activities in 2003-2006

BACKGROUND

Brunei Darussalam was one of the founding members of COL and one of its largest donors in the organisation's early years. The First Pan-Commonwealth Forum on Open Learning was held in Brunei Darussalam in March 1999.

SUMMARY

COL's primary focus in Brunei Darussalam for the triennium 2003-2006 was to support the Ministry of Education in its ongoing efforts to provide quality education to its population. COL has supported activities aimed at the development of teacher education, with a focus on pedagogic design for eLearning and reusability of open educational resources.

POLICY AND SYSTEMS ENHANCEMENT

Open schooling

COL worked in partnership with the Ministry of Education, Brunei Darussalam, to examine the current and potential use of information and communication technologies (ICTs) to support all sectors of the education and training system. The possibility of developing a schoolnet system for Brunei Darussalam was also explored. With COL's support, a consultant from Schoolnet India carried out an environmental scan on ICT and its use in the education system in Brunei Darussalam and developed a plan for the establishment of a schoolnet structure.

LOOKING FORWARD

The work done in 2003-2006 to examine potential for setting up a schoolnet system in Brunei Darussalam is a valuable foundation for further progress in the next planning period 2006-2009. COL has already discussed a framework for the 2006-2009 plan with the Ministry of Education Brunei Darussalam.

Pedagogic design for eLearning and reusability of open educational resources will be a focus for activities in 2006-2009.