The IECD celebrates its 30th anniversary in 2018!

EDITORIAL

Girls and boys have been trained in the industry, energy and maintenance sectors for 11 years already thanks to the Seeds of Hope program, which affords to a better professional integration of the students. By meeting the needs of the labor market, the Seeds of Hope program contributes to economic development in the countries where we operate. Innovation and development will be the watchwords of the program this year. To ensure the sustainability of our activities, we will focus on the self-reliance of our local partners, the inscription of the action in the long term by developing our relations with national authorities and taking the environmental and gender issues into account. It is a motivated and determined team who will continue to sow seeds of hope in the countries where we operate!

Caroline Arsac
Head of the Employment and Vocational Training Department
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Noha Abd Elaliem
El Wardeyan Technical School in Alexandria

FIGHTING AGAINST GENDER STEREOTYPES
The future electricians of El Wardeyan public high school in Alexandria (Egypt) participated to the Olympics of maintenance and met women technicians who shared their experience during the International Women’s Rights Day in March.

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MEASURING THE IMPACT
A graduates study among the beneficiaries of the Seeds of Hope program is underway in Nigeria, and early results will allow us to better understand the successes and challenges of the program in the country.

REFORMING PUBLIC POLICIES
On the 27th of February 2018, a panel of experts composed by Heure Joyeuse, the French Development Agency, Moroccan actors in vocational training and public authorities discussed the issue of the integration of young Moroccans into the labor market.

Read more here: http://www.iecd.org/table-ronde-fip-maroc/

FACILITATING YOUTH INTEGRATION INTO THE LABOR MARKET
The 5th edition of the Lebanese Job Fair in Tripoli welcomed 1400 students, 22 companies and 10 partner schools in February 2018.

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KEY ELEMENTS

**Starting date:** 2016

**Partner schools:** Thu Duc College of Technology (TDC) and Ho Chi Minh City Technical and Economical College (HOTEC)

**Prepared diplomas:** 2 TVET certificates in electricity and automotive mechanics

- 61 trainers trained
- 34 teachers are participating in the redesign of the curricula
- 339 new students in September 2017: 135 in electricity and 204 in automotive mechanics

SECURING TECHNICAL LABS

Work accidents are still very common in Vietnam. That's why the IECD has provided our partner schools with digital measuring devices and personal protective equipment for students and teachers. In this context, electrical safety training was provided to 21 teachers thanks to the support of the Schneider Electric Teachers program.

GIVING A CHANCE TO EVERYONE

IECD and its partner schools make every effort to facilitate access to our training for young people disadvantaged. On the 24th of March 2018, the Open House Day at HOTEC was an opportunity to introduce the program to approximately 1,700 students. On April 13, the IECD discussed with NGOs, local and international shelters and orphanages about the difficulties in accessing education for young people and the solutions proposed by the IECD. Indeed, a fees advance system has been implemented to facilitate the access to the training and to avoid drop-out for financial reasons.

To go further...

New year goes hand in hand with new project at the IECD! With its experience in the field of youth employability and vocational training, the IECD has been selected to lead the MedNC network which aims to federate the euro-Mediterranean actors working for the youth socio-economic integration to share their best practices.

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