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UNESCO bestows first-ever awards for outstanding teacher training



24 March 2010 – Teacher trainers from Pakistan, the Dominican Republic and the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) are being honoured as the first-ever recipients of a joint award given by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization ([UNESCO](#)) and a top official in the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

The prize, set up in 2009 and funded by Sheikh Hamdan Bin Rashid Al-Maktoum of Dubai, is given every two years to three candidates who have shown outstanding achievement in enhancing the performance and effectiveness of teachers in developing countries or in marginalized or disadvantaged communities.

This year's winners are the Ali Institute of Education in Pakistan, the Center of Excellence for Teacher Training in the Dominican Republic and the Centre Congolais Education pour Tous in the DRC.

The UNESCO-Hamdan Bin Rashid Al-Maktoum Prize seeks to "support, encourage and benefit those working to improve the quality of teaching towards 'Education for All,'" according to a press release.

The UN-backed Education for All movement launched in 1990 seeks to provide quality basic education for all children, youth and adults.

UNESCO Director-General Irina Bokova will attend the award ceremony, which is scheduled to take place in Dubai on 27 April.

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