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Bangkok Study Centre



TFL students at NIST Study Centre, Bangkok

The latest unit to be taught at the New International School of Thailand (NIST) study centre in May 2005 was a relatively new unit to the programme, 'Technologies for Learning'. This unit looks at the way in which computer and internet technologies are being developed and used to support teaching and learning in a number of different contexts, from business and higher education to the military. The major issue explored during the unit teaching was how these technologies might be applied to educational settings in schools. With new hardware such as tablet PCs and interactive whiteboards becoming more readily available, how can they be used effectively? What place do Virtual Learning Environments have in schools? How can 'podcasting' (downloading MP3 files of audio/radio programmes) provide a variety of new resources for learning? The development of these new technologies presents many opportunities, but how do they relate to new ideas about learning styles and brain-based learning which push for more individualised approaches? What is the role of the 'teacher' in all of this? These were some of the questions addressed in the unit.

Paul Denley, the unit tutor, also ran two workshops for staff at NIST on 'E-learning' and 'Evaluating

Recent and Forthcoming Publications by CEIC members

In 2005:

Michael Fertig delivered a Conference Plenary Session on 'Managing Performance and Appraisal in a Language School' at the 6th Annual Conference on ELT Management held in Warsaw 20-22 May 2005 and organised by the Polish Association for Standards in English (PASE).

Trevor Grimshaw: Expatriate Teachers Adjustment to Teaching Large EFL Classes in China in: TEFL Web Journal, 3(6) (with Annie Zhao Hong Qin).

Trevor Grimshaw: The Dominant Discourse of International Education: a critical commentary, in: IB Research Notes, 5(1)

Mary Hayden: *The International Baccalaureate and International Education*, in T Pound (ed) *Teaching and Managing the International Baccalaureate*, Routledge Falmer, London

Planned for 2006:

Hayden M C, Levy J & Thompson J J (eds) (2006) *Handbook of Research in International Education*, Sage, London

Hayden M C (2006) *Introduction to International Education*, Sage, London