

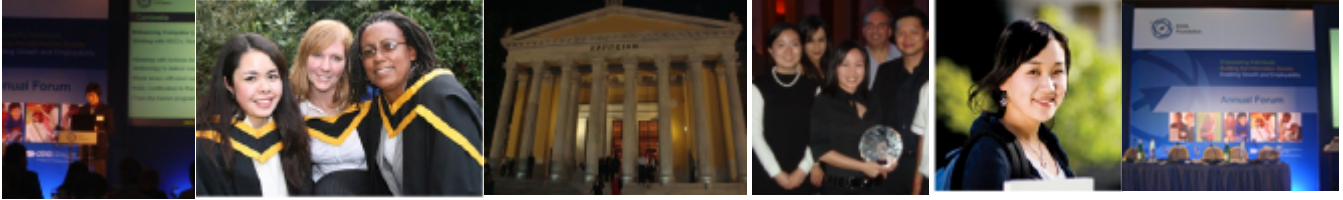


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Over 130 experts from around the globe commit to digital literacy as driver of economic recovery

SPRINGBOARD4CAMBODIA - Cambodian Computer Education Project wins one of the multinational awards in ECDL Foundation's Annual Global Forum, Athens, Greece

Athens, October 2009: At the ECDL Foundation's Annual Global Forum over 130 experts, involved in thousands of projects from around the world, renewed their commitment to digital literacy as a major driving force for the economic recovery the world today needs.

Speaking at the ECDL Foundation Annual Global Forum, CEO Damien O'Sullivan stressed that "while government investment in broadband infrastructure and content lays the foundation for a knowledge society, it is crucial that we see strong political commitment to dedicate public funding to empowering people with the digital skills needed to reap the benefits of ICT. Only with this commitment, can a knowledge society of growth, jobs and social inclusion be realised". Investment in digital literacy and ICT-related skills will equip societies with the resources to overcome Exclusion 2.0 and emerge stronger from the current economic crisis", notes the ECDL Foundation CEO.



The ECDL / ICDL, European/International Computer Driving License qualification is recognised in 150 countries of the world and over 50 million tests have been taken.

The long-awaited ECDL Foundation global awards were announced during this two-day event to recognise initiatives and projects that are successful examples of best practice in raising levels of digital literacy through the ECDL / ICDL programmes. AICA in Italy, ECDL in Switzerland, UNESCO Cairo Office, ECDL in Greece, Springboard4Cambodia, ECDL GCC foundation in United Arab Emirate and ICDL in Saudi Arabia was the award winners.

Commentating on the award from Colin Glass, ICDL Cambodia and other ASEAN Countries said:

"We were all so proud to win this award for our Springboard4Cambodia office and sincerely wish to thank the generous help and advice given to us by the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports and by our partners at World Education and other friends. We now want to achieve even more in 2010."

While recent times have proven challenging for business, governments, and individuals alike, ECDL Foundation stands firmly committed to building a digitally-literate world to fast track economic recovery. Experts from around the globe call upon governments to make the right policy and resource decisions to drive the digital recovery.

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ECDL Foundation is the certifying authority of the world's leading end-user computer skills certification programme. It is a not-for-profit organisation dedicated raising the level of computer skills in society and providing access for all to the Information Society. Known as ICDL outside of Europe, with over 9 million candidates participating in a range of programmes, ECDL Foundation has set the global benchmark in end-user skills certification.