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Subject: **Call for nominations for the UNESCO International Literacy Prizes 2021**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I hereby have the honour of launching the call for nominations for the 2021 edition of the UNESCO International Literacy Prizes, on the theme “**Inclusive distance and digital literacy learning**”.

Established in 1967, these Prizes are sponsored by the Republic of Korea and the People’s Republic of China, and respectively reward the three laureates of the UNESCO King Sejong Literacy Prizes, and the three laureates of the UNESCO Confucius Prizes for Literacy. Each year, they are awarded to individuals, governments, and non-governmental organizations in recognition of their distinguished contribution to the promotion of literacy.

Nominations must take into consideration this year’s theme, as well as the thematic vision of each Prize, which is “mother language-based literacy development” for the UNESCO King Sejong Literacy Prize, and “the promotion of literacy, including functional literacy, leveraging technological environments, in support of adults in rural areas and out-of-school youth” for the UNESCO Confucius Prize for Literacy.

The nomination process will take place via our online platform. Applicants can access the online application form by requesting access through the following link: www.unesco.org/ilp/account.

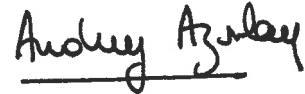
I would like to invite your Member State to submit nominations for this year’s edition of the Prizes, in English or French by **27 June 2021 at the very latest**. All nominations should be submitted in consultation with your respective National Commission for UNESCO.

UNESCO invites you to widely disseminate this call for nominations in your country among local public education, learning and training institutions, public and private organizations and other stakeholders involved in literacy programmes.

Further information on the UNESCO International Literacy Prizes and the nomination process can be found at: <http://en.unesco.org/themes/literacy/prizes>.

Any enquiries regarding the nomination process can be addressed to the Secretariat of the Prizes (Section of Youth, Literacy and Skills Development, Education Sector, tel.: +33 1 45 68 08 59; e-mail: literacyprizes@unesco.org).

Please accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.



Audrey Azoulay
Director-General

Enclosures: Statutes of the UNESCO King Sejong Literacy Prize
Statutes of the UNESCO Confucius Prize for Literacy
Leaflet on the nomination process

cc: National Commissions for UNESCO
Permanent Delegations to UNESCO
Field offices of UNESCO
UNESCO Institutes for Education