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## **What's new: PEB and OECD activities**

- [NIER Japan joins PEB](#)

PEB is pleased to welcome its latest associate member, the National Institute for Educational Policy Research (NIER) of Japan. ...

- [Compendium of Exemplary Educational Facilities](#)

Quality architecture, equipment and grounds can improve the quality of education and increase community involvement, while providing a flexible, sustainable and safe learning environment, even when funding is scarce. This is what the *PEB Compendium of Exemplary Educational Facilities: 3rd Edition* aims to demonstrate through examples from 20 countries. ...

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- [New OECD Secretary-General](#)

The OECD's 30 member countries appointed Ángel Gurría, former Foreign Minister and successively Finance Minister of Mexico, as Secretary-General of the Organisation from 1 June 2006, in succession to Donald J. Johnston.

- [School earthquake safety in the ECO region](#)

At its meeting with PEB and GeoHazards, ECO agreed to organise an international workshop on earthquake safety in schools, hosted by the Ministry of National Education, Turkey. The main purpose of this workshop was to help evaluate the risk to life and property in the ECO region, and to explore the application of safety standards and construction codes for schools. ...

- [Student performance and physical infrastructure](#)

Does a school's physical infrastructure influence student performance? Data collected by the OECD Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) does not provide a clear answer. PISA is a collaborative effort among OECD member countries that measures how well 15-year-olds approaching the end of compulsory schooling are prepared to meet the challenges of today's knowledge society. ...

- [School safety publications](#)

Two PEB publications on school safety and security are being distributed in countries beyond the OECD. ...

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## Other news

- [Educational facilities competitions in Mexico](#)

Over the past few years, Mexico's Administrative Committee for the Federal Programme for School Construction (CAPFCE) has developed regional contests on school building design. In 2005, this central government organisation helped one state government to hold its own competition. ...

- [Retrofit innovations in public buildings: BRITA in PuBs](#)

The project Bringing Retrofit Innovation to Application in Public Buildings (BRITA in PuBs), supported by the European Union, aims to improve energy efficiency. The work concentrates on buildings used by the public in an effort to heighten awareness of and make users more sensitive to energy conservation. ...

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## Articles

- [Educational Facilities for Young Children](#)

Educational buildings and grounds can provide a supportive and stimulating environment for the learning process as well as contribute to greater community needs. Described here are the importance of outdoor space to learning in New Zealand, presented at the event, and a campus for pupils in Scotland (United Kingdom) visited by conference participants. ...

- [Public-Private Partnerships in Flanders](#)

Belgium's Flemish government recently approved a EUR 1 billion investment in school infrastructure through public-private partnerships, its first major initiative of this kind. The Flemish Community's variant of public-private partnerships in school building allows the government to meet urgent needs in the short run, but also to spread the costs over a longer period. ...

- [Accessibility Programme and School Restoration in Lisbon](#)

The City of Lisbon, Portugal, is working to better integrate children with disabilities at primary school level. It recently has undertaken an accessible school programme and has restored an historic building as part of this effort. ...

- [Design Quality Indicator for Schools in the United Kingdom](#)

The Design Quality Indicator for Schools is a tool that can assist stakeholders – teachers, parents, school governors, students, community members, local authority clients and building professionals – to achieve design excellence in new or refurbished school buildings and grounds. ...

- [Queen Margaret University College's sustainable, community campus \(United Kingdom\)](#)

The new campus of Queen Margaret University College in the United Kingdom is designed to be a sustainable educational and community resource. Early consultation with students and staff on the campus design revealed a strong desire for a sustainable environment, with plenty of green space for all to enjoy. ...

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## Publications

- [PEB Compendium of Exemplary Educational Facilities: 3rd Edition](#)
  - [21st Century Learning Environments](#)
  - [Are Students Ready for a Technology-Rich World?: What PISA Studies Tell Us](#)
  - [Where Immigrant Students Succeed: A Comparative Review of Performance and Engagement in PISA 2003](#)
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## Events

- 7 December 2006 – "Univer-Cities: As a Catalyst for Regeneration", conference organised by The British Urban Regeneration Association and supported by the Association of University Directors of Estates, in Birmingham, United Kingdom, [emily@bura.org.uk](mailto:emily@bura.org.uk), [www.bura.org.uk?x148universities](http://www.bura.org.uk?x148universities)
- 23-24 May 2007 – "Educational Security Forum", event organised by the International Security Management and Crime Prevention Institute, in Brisbane, Australia, [ismcpi@ismcpi.org](mailto:ismcpi@ismcpi.org), [www.ismcpi.org](http://www.ismcpi.org)
- 23-24 July 2007 – "The Future of Learning & Its Impact on Design", conference organised by Council of Educational Facility Planners International (CEFPI), Australasia Region, in Singapore, <http://australasia.cefpi.org/>
- 6 - 9 October 2007 – "CEFPI's 84th Annual International Conference", in Toronto, Canada, [contact@cefpi.org](mailto:contact@cefpi.org), [www.cefpi.org](http://www.cefpi.org)

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