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## Excellence Around the Globe! E2K Teacher Training Seminar Chennai, India July 2010

The Excellence 2000 enrichment programs challenge highly motivated and excelling young people to explore their abilities to the fullest extent. E2K inspires them to play an exemplary leadership role in their schools and communities, by striving to reach higher goals in their education. Students have the opportunity to participate in this life-changing program in Israel, the United States, Singapore and now – India.

The Israel Center for Excellence through Education operates the Excellence 2000 (E2K) math and science program. Through innovative teaching tools and unique study materials, students are given the opportunity to discover and explore. The classroom comes to life as educators find their passion for teaching renewed and talented young people develop a love of learning.

The Center's Excellence Educators Institute held its first Teacher Training Seminar in India on July 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Principals and 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> grade science teachers from five different schools in the city of Chennai participated. This introductory seminar included an overview of the E2K rationale and pedagogy, as well as materials for specific science lessons.



Participants at the E2K Seminar in Chennai, India

Seminar attendees experienced how the interactive whiteboard can be used to enhance their students' classroom experience. Teachers also received an introduction to E2K's Virtual Learning Activities. With a simulated virtual event, teachers experienced first-hand the excitement of competition, answering trivia questions and interacting via the virtual software.



Introduction to the Virtual Program

Teachers were impressed with the program and "*can't wait to implement it in [their] schools!*" Many expressed that the new and refreshing ideas which are part and parcel of the E2K program would raise the level of their teaching and motivate the students.

Working cooperatively with HeyMath!, an educational organization located in Chennai, the Center for Excellence is enthusiastic about implementing the E2K program in schools throughout the city and eventually throughout India.

