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UNESCO names laureates from Thailand and Peru for its 2017 Prize

For Girls and Women's Education

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The Mini Academy of Science and Technology "" MaCTec Peru is commended for its "Mobile MaCTec Bus Labs/Mini Academy of Science and Technology"[?] project to empower girls from rural areas through quality science education and reduce the gender gap in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). The project has been developed in partnership with state authorities, private donors and the academic community. It is scalable and can be replicated in other countries.

The two organizations will each receive an award of USD 50,000 at an official ceremony in Xiamen, People's Republic of China, on 5 September 2017.-----

The UNESCO Prize for Girls' and Women's Education rewards innovative, outstanding projects advancing girls' and women's education. It contributes to two Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): "Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all"[?] (Goal 4) and "Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls"[?] (Goal 5). Established in 2015 by the UNESCO's Executive Board, the Prize is funded by the Government of the People's Republic of China and was awarded for the first time in 2016 to two outstanding projects from Indonesia and Zimbabwe.

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