



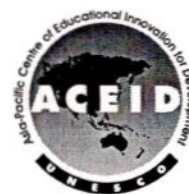
Principal Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific

THIRD UNESCO-ACEID INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

EDUCATIONAL INNOVATION
FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT


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OPENING CEREMONY
AND
NAUGURAL RAJA ROY SINGH
KEYNOTE ADDRESS



DR. RAJA ROY SINGH



r. Raja Roy Singh was born in India. He has extensive and varied experience in education, first at the national level as a State Director of Education and, subsequently, as an Educational Adviser at the Federal Ministry of Education, both in India. Joining UNESCO in 1964, he was based in Bangkok where for the next twenty years, until his retirement, he was deeply involved in international co-operation for the promotion of education in the region of Asia and the Pacific. Dr. Raja Roy Singh served first as Regional Director of Education and, later, as Assistant Director-General of UNESCO in Asia and the Pacific. He is truly the father of ACEID, being instrumental in ACEID's establishment in 1973. He has written extensively on educational problems in developing countries, his publications including: *Education in Asia and the Pacific* (UNESCO, Bangkok, 1966); *Adult Literacy as Educational Process* (International Bureau of Education, Geneva, 1990); *Educational Planning in Asia* (International Institute for Educational Planning, UNESCO, Paris, 1990); and *Education for the Twenty-First Century: Asia-Pacific Perspectives* (UNESCO, Bangkok 1991).

Dr. Raja Roy Singh currently lives in retirement in Chicago, where he continues to maintain a keen interest in the role of education for the development and betterment of humanity. 

Beginning in 1997, the Opening Keynote Address at each UNESCO-ACEID International Conference on Education will be called the **Raja Roy Singh UNESCO-ACEID Keynote Address** in recognition of and to honour the enormous contribution Dr. Raja Roy Singh made to assisting UNESCO Member States in the Asia-Pacific Region improve their education systems through working in partnership with UNESCO Bangkok to promote "educational innovation for development".



CONFERENCE OPENING

1 DECEMBER 1997 commencing at 4.00 P.M.

Official Opening

- Arrival of Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn
- Presentation to Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn
Mr. Federico Mayor, Director-General of UNESCO
- Welcome and Opening Remarks
Mr. Victor Ordonez, Director, UNESCO PROAP, Bangkok
- Report to Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn on the Conference
H.E. Mr. Chuan Leekpai, Prime Minister of Thailand
- Official Opening of the Conference
Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn

The Inaugural Raja Roy Singh UNESCO-ACEID Keynote Address

- Educational Innovation for Sustainable Development
Mr. Federico Mayor, Director-General of UNESCO
- Concluding Comments
Mr. Victor Ordonez, Director, UNESCO PROAP, Bangkok
- Departure of the Official Party

"Amazing Thailand"

- A Presentation by the Tourist Authority of Thailand



MR. FEDERICO MAYOR

Director-General of UNESCO



Mr. Federico Mayor was born in 1934, graduated from the University of Madrid in 1956 and obtained his Ph.D in Pharmacy with a Special Award in 1958. He taught bio-chemistry in the University of Grenada for several years and was its Rector (Vice-Chancellor) from 1968-1972.

From 1974-1978, Mr. Mayor was Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Science and Technology of the Prime Minister's Office. In 1977, he was elected to the Spanish Parliament and became the Chairman of its Education and Science Commission. From 1978-1981, Mr. Mayor was UNESCO's Deputy Director-General, following which he became his country's Minister of Education and Science.

Mr. Mayor has held many international posts and memberships in prestigious international scientific and intellectual bodies, including the "Club of Rome".

He has published 75 original works, for the most part on cerebral metabolism, and molecular pathology; and has authored 22 scientific articles and 57 reports. He has published 30 articles on general scientific and social issues.

His book "*Manana siempre es tarde*" asserts that education and science have an important role to play in solving the challenges that confront society.

Mr. Mayor has contributed to lecture and seminar programmes on a diverse range of topics including, for example, basic human needs, integral development, the evolution of the content of general education throughout the next two decades, special education, creativity, social aggression and the degradation of the biosphere.

Mr. Mayor was elected the Director-General of UNESCO on 7 November 1987.

Mr. Mayor is visiting Bangkok 30 November - 1 December 1997 to deliver the **Inaugural Raja Roy Singh UNESCO-ACEID Keynote Address** during the opening session of the Third UNESCO-ACEID International Conference "Educational Innovation for Sustainable Development".