Report: Internet Training and Support Visit

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Shree Siddha Beni Lower Secondary School
Belbas, Tahahun

OLE Nepal conducted a day long "Internet Usage" training to the teachers of Shree Siddha Beni Lower Secondary School, Belbas, Tanahun on 10 November, 2012. OLE team had connected the school to the Internet during their earlier visit in September, and the school had requested OLE Nepal for this training. Network engineer Mr. Basanta Shrestha led the training while Sumit Acharya, a technical intern, provided necessary assistance.

Mr. Shrestha conducting a hands on session on how to open a gmail account

Teacher Arjun Laudari takes pride after successfully sending email to fellow participants

All the teachers and the head teacher seemed very enthusiastic about the training. They put extra time and effort to come to school and attend the training on a Saturday, which otherwise is a holiday. School Management Committee member, librarian and local youngsters were also among the participants. Few teachers brought their own laptops while others practiced on XO laptops provided to the school.

Following topics were covered in the training.

Email:

    Introduction

    Sending email

    Reading email

    Attaching pictures to the Email

    Sending email to multiple recipients

    Signing up for an Email Accounts

Internet:

    Introduction and History

    Search documents, book and other materials using search engine

    Search using multiple keywords to narrow down search results.

    Using Wikipedia as an authentic and dependable source of information

Follow-up and Observation:

The school seemed to have taken good care of the laptops. Laptops, routers, school server, and UPS were all in good working condition. A bamboo Pole which temporarily held the wireless radio that linked school to the Internt had been replaced by sturdier iron pole.

Although OLE Team had conducted training on SchoolTool during their visit in September, teachers had not taken any initiative to use it at the school.

During the training, teachers seemed extremely interested to make use of applications such as Facebook, Skype etc. Teachers were asked to explore things on their own using the techniques given during the training. Teachers were also warned about the danger that children are exposed to on the Internet, and the need for continuous supervision. The school server already has a network filter that prevents access to inappropriate content and sites.