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Siemens Stiftung organizes Continuing Education Courses on Early Language Acquisition in Bremen

Siemens Stiftung offers Germany-wide, free continuing education courses on early language acquisition – March 2010 sees the start of the second seminar this time in Bremen – courses in Düsseldorf, Nuremberg, Stuttgart as well as in the Rhine-Main area are to follow – applications for participation can be submitted as of now.

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In the 2009/2010 school year the Siemens Stiftung, together with the Center for Multilingualism in Early Childhood (Zentrum für kindliche Mehrsprachigkeit e.V. – ZKM), is offering free continuing education courses in the KIKUS method of early German language acquisition in six German cities. After the successful kick-off in Hamburg, early March will now see the holding of a course in Bremen. Those targeted here are education professionals, language acquisition specialists and other interested individuals wishing to assist children with immigrant backgrounds with the acquisition of the German language in their teaching establishment. Applications for a place on the course can be submitted as of now.

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A maximum of 20 participants can take part in the early language acquisition course. In tune with the motto "Learning is Fun" education and language acquisition professionals are introduced to the KIKUS language acquisition program and trained in this method.

This language learning concept widely tested in practice was specially developed for the needs of children aged three to ten whose first language is not German. In the two-day foundation seminar on March 1 and 2, 2010 educators will be given the methodical wherewithal to then carry out language courses in their own teaching establishments.

Those interested in the course may submit their applications to www.siemensstiftung.org/kikus by 02/15/2010. The Euro 300 course fees per participant will be borne by the Siemens Stiftung. Places on the foundation course will be allocated once applications have been received although priority will be given to establishments demonstrating a particular need for language acquisition.

Outlook:

Further continuing education courses will be held in spring 2010 in Düsseldorf, Nuremberg and Stuttgart as well as in the Rhine-Main area.

The Siemens Stiftung was founded in September 2008 as a charitable foundation constituted under civil law, headquartered in Munich and endowed by Siemens AG with foundation capital of Euro 390m. The Foundation thereby continues the company's over 160-year tradition of social commitment. The task of the Siemens Stiftung is to find answers to global social challenges, highlight opportunities and provide aid for self-help in emergencies. In line with the Foundation's mission the focus of its activities are social commitment, education, technology as well as arts and culture. The Siemens Stiftung's work

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