

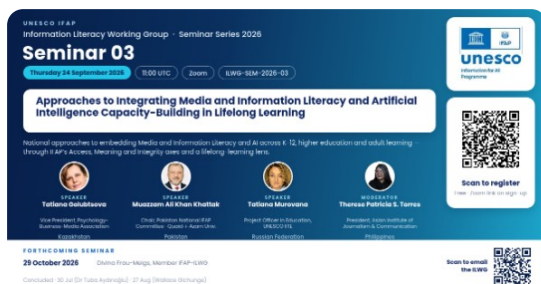


FOOTNOTES

Stories, milestones, and opportunities
across the AIJC community

AIJC Co-Organizes UNESCO ILWG Webinar on Integrating MIL and AI in Education

UNESCO Information Literacy Working Group (ILWG) holds webinar showcasing approaches to integrating media and information literacy (MIL) and AI into education policies and curricula across different education levels



Education faces new challenges as artificial intelligence (AI) continues to reshape how people learn, communicate, and navigate information. Among these is the need to prepare individuals to understand AI and its uses, while developing the ability to question, verify, and take responsibility for what these tools produce.

This was at the heart of a webinar by the UNESCO Information for All Programme (IFAP) Information Literacy Working Group (ILWG), which explored approaches to integrating media and information literacy (MIL) and AI into education policies and curricula across different levels.

As an ILWG member, Asian Institute of Journalism and Communication (AIJC) President Therese San Diego Torres, together with the AIJC team, helped organize the webinar and engage participants from its network. The event brought together faculty members, students, and MIL advocates from different country contexts to share experiences, approaches, and challenges in developing MIL and AI competencies. Torres moderated the discussion.

The webinar brought these ideas to life through perspectives from Pakistan, the Russian Federation, and Kazakhstan, highlighting how MIL and AI competencies can be developed across different educational settings.

For Prof. Dr. Muazzam Ali Khan Khattak, Chair of the Pakistan National Committee of the UNESCO Information for All Programme and Professor at Quaid-i-Azam University, bringing AI into education requires more than teaching learners how to use AI tools. Pakistan is introducing AI instruction in government schools and university programs, alongside training for university faculty. At the same time, learners are taught to understand the risks associated with AI, from deepfakes and fabricated references to issues of human accountability and the technology's environmental impact, including its consumption of energy and water and the generation of electronic waste.

Tatiana Murovana, Project Officer in Education at the UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education (IITE), sees AI training as an opportunity to strengthen media and information literacy. She emphasizes that teachers need to learn to question and verify AI-generated information, protect privacy, and exercise human judgment. Learners should also understand how AI shapes the information environment, including who owns AI tools, what data they collect, whose perspectives they represent, and who remains accountable for their outputs.

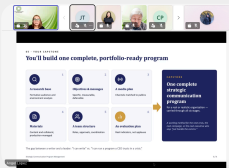
In Kazakhstan, Tatiana Golubtsova, Vice President of the Psychology-Business-Media Association and Project Manager of the House of Media Literacy of the Karaganda Region, advocates integrating MIL and AI literacy from Grades 1 to 11. Such integration, she explains, should set age-appropriate expectations for what learners can explain, question, and verify. Teacher training is essential, as are assignments and portfolios that allow students to demonstrate how they verify sources, disclose their use of AI, and take responsibility for their conclusions.

Echoing a point Murovana had raised earlier in the discussion, Torres emphasized that the growing demand for AI upskilling and professional development can serve as a gateway to media and information literacy, helping expand MIL education.

The discussion reflects the three key dimensions of information literacy promoted by the UNESCO Information Literacy Working Group: Access, Meaning, and Integrity. The Integrity dimension, in particular,

extends information literacy beyond simply accessing, understanding, and fact-checking information. It asks individuals to consider whether information is trustworthy, authentic, ethically created and shared, and presented in its proper context.

What's happening at AIJC: Some highlights from September 2026



AIJC hosts Teaser Lecture and Virtual Open House; welcomes new faculty member Angel Lopez

The Asian Institute of Journalism and Communication (AIJC) hosted a Teaser Lecture and Virtual Open House on September 23, introducing new faculty member Angel Lopez.

Lopez gave a preview of the upcoming Strategic Communication Program Management course under the Master in Communication Major in Public Relations and Corporate Communication program.

“What you will witness now is not a lecture-only course. Across the term, you will be able to design and defend a complete strategic communication program for a real organization,” she said.

Read more about Lopez and her work in this [PeopleAsia article](#).

The monthly Teaser Lecture offers prospective graduate students a glimpse into AIJC's learning environment and student experience. The next session is on October 21, 2026.

AIJC is still accepting applications for the Master in Communication Major in Public Relations and Corporate Communication program. Classes begin on November 7, 2026.

In the photos: Screenshot from the Teaser Lecture of Angel Lopez; photo from a meeting between AIJC President Torres and Angel Lopez



AIJC classes for Master of Arts in Communication, Master of Arts in Journalism set to start October 5

AIJC will officially begin classes on October 5, 2026, for the First Trimester of Academic Year 2026–2027, welcoming new and continuing graduate students in the Master of Arts in Journalism and Master of Arts in Communication programs.

The First Trimester lineup features courses led by industry practitioners and experienced academics whose expertise spans communication, journalism, governance, research, and media practice:

- Development Environment of Communication
Faculty: Ma. Sonia Astudillo
Global Climate Communications Officer, Global Alliance for Incinerator Alternatives
- Management of Communication Resources
Faculty: Angelito P. Bautista Jr.
Special Operations Officer V / Director, Research Management Office, Quezon City University
- Communication and Governance
Faculty: EnP. Liza Velle B. Ramos
Division Chief, Research and Planning, Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office, Makati City Government

- Investigative Journalism
Faculty: Mariejo Ramos
Freelance investigative journalist
- Science and Technology Communication
Faculty: Krixia Subingsubing
Communications and Advocacy Manager, Stratbase Institute
- Statistics Applied to Communication
Faculty: Dr. Felnita V. Tan
Associate Professor 2, Adamson University

AIJC is welcoming two new award-winning journalists to its faculty: Ms. Mariejo Ramos and Ms. Krixia Subingsubing. Both faculty members bring extensive field experience and technical expertise in ethical news reporting and media practice.

“At AIJC, we remain committed to providing graduate education that evolves with the times and remains relevant to the work of our students,” said AIJC President Therese San Diego Torres. “We want them to leave the classroom with ethical and theoretical grounding, research capabilities, and practical knowledge and skills they can apply immediately in their workplace.”

Meanwhile, enrollment remains ongoing for the Master in Communication Major in Public Relations and Corporate Communication program, with classes scheduled to start November 7.

AIJC Footnotes Learning Huddles Resume in AY 2026-2027

Stay tuned for the schedule of the AIJC Footnotes learning huddles, which will resume in AY 2026-2027! Students are free to recommend topics for these sessions, which are designed to foster dialogue, reflection, and engagement beyond the classroom. AIJC students are welcome to bring a “plus one” (guest) to these free online events.

For recommendations, email gs@aijci.com.

Upcoming Virtual Open House: October 7, 2026, Wednesday



AIJC students are welcome to invite friends and colleagues to the next AIJC Virtual Open House on October 7, 2026 (Wednesday), 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. via Teams, featuring a Graduate School orientation.

Here is the [registration link](#) for the AIJC Virtual Open House. Feel free to share it with your colleagues and friends.

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