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To: All Heads of Secondary Schools (State and Non-State) and Sections

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EO (Chemistry) EO (Biology) EO (Physics)

Subject: Collection of CDs on X-Lab Science Programme

The faculty of Medicine, Malta University and Education Channel 22 are disseminating CDs of the X-Lab Series (CMELD 3/2009) in all secondary schools. X-lab is a series of 26 programmes aiming to encourage secondary school students to take up a career in Science.

It presents experiments that students can do at school or even at home with parents. These experiments are carried out almost always with every day items and help highlight some important aspect of science like DNA or rockets or motors.

The programmes also incorporate interviews with experts in different fields related to the topics being discussed and experimented upon. Interviews are meant to widen knowledge of what is happening in different fields in the local scenario and how far local scientists have been involved in scientific advances. This should encourage young students to believe in themselves and see that they in fact can reach the pinnacle of success in a scientific career both in Malta and in Europe.

Science teachers could use these programmes and try out the experiments with their students during their Science lessons.

One can also access all the episodes and the instructions for the experiments on the project website www.xlab.tv

Kindly forward any feedback about the series and its applicability in schools to the coordinator of the programs on pierre.schembri-wismayer@um.edu.mt

One packet containing CDs with the whole series of programmes and a booklet can be collected from the Reception Area of the Directorate for Quality and Standards in Education, Great Siege Road, Floriana between Monday 8th February and Friday 26th February 2010. Individuals are kindly requested to sign on collection of the CDs. A letter of authorization from the Head of School is to be shown.

Thank you for your collaboration.

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