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Rewrite the Future is the first truly global campaign for Save the Children. The campaign seeks to improve educational opportunities for all children. More than 37 million children can't go to school because they live in countries affected by conflict, and this accounts for more than half of the children world-wide who don't attend school.

A year ago, Save the Children launched this campaign, and with it, a global conversation about the link between education and peace: what kind of education can promote peace, and how do we make sure that children receive the quality education that will help them build peace? The culminating event for this was an international conference scheduled for March 11 and 12 in Sarajevo, *Where Peace Begins: The Pivotal Role of Education for Lasting Peace*.



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As part of the campaign, in conjunction with its 125th anniversary, international jeweler Bulgari has designed a sterling silver ring with Save the Children's logo on the inside. Proceeds from sales will be part of the 10 million euros Bulgari has pledged to the Rewrite the Future campaign this year.

For more information, visit www.savethechildren.net/alliance/what_we_do/rewritethefuture.

Dispatch From Abroad

The Malaysian national news agency, Bernama, reported recently that the cabinet was expected

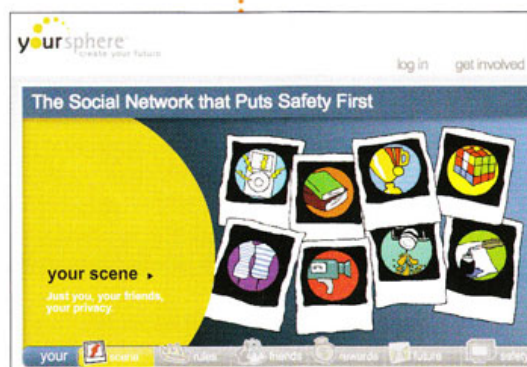
to approve a new National Child Care Protection Policy, which would be implemented by the middle of this year.

"Its approval is important because the policy states very clearly who is responsible for the caring of children, and what they should do," said Woman, Family, and Community Development Minister Datuk Dr. Ng Yen Yen, according to Bernama. "Those responsible are parents, care providers like kindergarten teachers, and doctors. When they receive or see a child abuse case, they have to report to the Welfare Department and police," she continued. The new policy includes a fine of 5,000 ringgit (about \$1,350 currently) and/or two years in jail for anyone found guilty of failing to report a child abuse case.

Dr. Ng said that there were 228 child abuse cases and 12 child neglect cases reported between December 2007 and December 2008 via the NUR Line, a hotline for reporting domestic violence and child abuse, Bernama reported. ■

TechTrends

Yoursphere describes itself as the social network that puts safety first. Exclusively for youth ages 9 to 18, Yoursphere features topical "spheres" where members can discuss common interests. Founded by a mother concerned about online safety, Yoursphere verifies member gender and age, and requires parent/guardian consent for members' participation. The site confirms parents/guardians identities, and ensures they do not have status as sex offenders. No adults are allowed to post profiles on the site, ensuring that members are only interacting with their peers. Participating in contests on the site allows members to win rewards and scholarships. Visit <http://yoursphere.com> to learn more.



Ohio's statewide automatic child welfare information system (SACWIS) is now operating in all 88 counties in the state. The implementation process began in late 2006 and was finished in the first few days of this year. Dynamics

Research Corporation, a technology management services company that works with federal and state governments, was active in converting Ohio's state and county data to be compatible with the new system. Ohio's child welfare system is county-administered. SACWIS is a fully web-based system for caseworkers and managers to follow children from intake

to case closure, including adoption, foster care, and child protection cases. ■