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At a meeting of regional education ministers in Tegucigalpa (Honduras) on Dec. 9, UN Education, Science and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) deputy regional director Juan Chong said that about 5 million Central Americans are illiterate. Consequently, he said, the education budgets of all Central American governments must be increased. At present, 1.1 million Central American school-age children are not attending classes. Chong recommended that regional governments dedicate no less than 8% of respective budgets to public education. (Basic data from Notimex, AFP, 12/09/90)

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