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WORLD BANK LAUNCHES E-LIBRARY

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Washington, May 30, 2003--The World Bank's publishing division is launching the World Bank e-Library, an electronic portal for libraries and institutions to the Bank's full-text collection of books, reports, and other documents. The complete, final version of the World Bank e-Library will launch on May 30, 2003, and trial access to the portal will be made available then.

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"The potential value of the e-Library to researchers, students, and to our borrower countries in the developing world is significant and far-reaching," said **Dirk Koehler, Publisher, World Bank.**

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