Asia and the Pacific Seminar/Workshop on Educational Technology –2001
(Tokyo Seminar/Workshop 2001)

Seminar/Workshop
on
" The Development of a Teacher Training Curriculum
Utilizing the Learning Resource Package in the Open and Flexible Lifelong Learning "
- Sixth Programming Cycle of APEID Activities -

4 – 11 September 2001
Tokyo, Japan

General Information Paper

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I. Background


2. The general theme common to all the seminars/workshops in the Sixth Programming Cycle is “Educational Technology for the 21st Century: Open and Flexible Lifelong Learning.” Under this theme, the present seminar/workshop will focus on the innovative approaches for the development of a teacher training curriculum utilizing the learning resource package in the open and flexible lifelong learning with bearing mind of the continuity of the activities and intensive linkage within the associated centres (ACs) in the region.

II. Objectives of the Seminar/Workshop and Expected Outcomes

The objectives of the seminar / workshop:

1. To exchange information and experiences on the development and evaluation of prototypes of computer softwares in open and flexible lifelong learning context;

2. To evaluate the revised prototypes of the computer software embracing the latest trends in educational studies such as situated learning, self-regulated learning, context-based learning and self-directed/initiated learning;

3. To consider the problems and issues in the implementation of the teaching and learning resource packages in open and flexible lifelong learning, especially the interface between resource materials, the teacher as facilitator and an open-learning environment for students;

4. To develop a suggested strategies for carrying out the teacher training curriculum utilizing the training resource packages in the open and flexible life-long learning context focusing on problem solving, enhancing creativity, creative and critical thinking;

5. To formulate an action plan which includes previous recommendations and suggestions, and future projection for the development and evaluation of teacher education, dissemination of
information and communications technology (ICT)
6. To evaluate the series of Tokyo Seminar/Workshops in the Sixth Programming Cycle and consider the first Seminar/Workshop in the expected activities the next cycle in general.

The expected outcomes are:

1. Compilation of experiences in overcoming problems encountered in implementation of the training resource packages in the open and flexible life-long learning context;
2. Compilation of prototypes of computer software and related materials;
3. Developing several strategies on the implementation of the package in on-going and/or newly developed teacher training curriculum on ICT utilization;
4. Compilation of a list of issues on teacher education and ICT for the open and flexible lifelong learning; and
5. Development of a draft plan of activities for the first Seminar/Workshop in the next cycle of the Tokyo Seminar/Workshops

III. Organizers

The Seminar/Workshop 2001 will be organized by the Japan Council of Educational Technology Centres (JCETC), one of the APEID Associated Centres in Japan, and Tokyo Gakugei University under the auspices of the Japanese National Commission for UNESCO, in collaboration with the UNESCO Principal Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCO-PROAP).

IV. Dates and Venue of the Seminar

(1) Dates
4-11 September, 2001
(The tentative schedule and agenda are attached as Annex I.)
(2) Venue
Tokyo Gakugei University
(1-1, Nukui Kita-machi 4-chome, Koganei-shi, Tokyo 184-8501 Japan)

V. Participants

1. Participating Countries and Organizations
   One participant from a centre or institution of the following countries each will be invited: Australia, China, Indonesia, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Nepal, New Zealand, the Philippines, Vietnam, Thailand, SEAMEO-INNOTECH and UNESCO-PROAP.
   Several Japanese experts will also participate.

2. Observers
   There will be several observers from Japan.
3. Qualifications of Participants

The participants from the above mentioned countries should preferably be young education personnel who are actually developing and evaluating both computer education software and teacher training curriculum with emphasis on the utilization of computer and telecommunication in open and flexible lifelong learning context.

In principle the same participants as those participating in the last Tokyo Seminar/Workshop '98, '99 or 2000 will be highly accepted in ensuring continuity.

4. Invitation

Through the National Commission for UNESCO in respective countries, invitation will be addressed to Associated Centres or other institutions specialized in innovative training programmes in the use of educational technology and development of computer software in open and flexible learning environment, while the organizer will contact to the last participants whether he/she will be available. And about the result, the discussion will be suggested to each National Commission for UNESCO.

VI. Working Language

English

VII. Preparatory Work

1. Each participant except one from SEAMEO-INNOTECH and one from UNESCO-PROAP is kindly requested;
   (a) to make a audio-visual presentation of their current system and mechanism in terms of pre-service and in-service teacher training and teaching/learning materials in the field of educational technology and its related fields,
   (b) to bring a summary or paper for distribution and presentation (no more than 10 pages) describing the current system and mechanism of pre-service and in-service teacher training and teaching/learning materials in the field of educational technology and its related fields focus on the features/processes of their innovative strategy;
   (c) to bring several prototype training resource package developed and tested with its summary document and evaluation instruments under the agreement of Tokyo Seminar/Workshop 2000,
   (d) to bring an inventory of available innovative materials other than the demonstrated technology coping with the open and flexible lifelong learning society, and
   (e) to bring an inventory of experts available for the mobile training team which will be organized in the next Cycle of APEID Activities.

2. One participant from UNESCO PROAP is kindly requested to bring with him/her the background paper for the Tokyo Seminar/Workshop 2001 describing the trends and prospects in the world on the development of a teacher training curriculum utilizing the Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) in open and flexible lifelong learning (10 pages or shorter), while another from SEAMEO INNOTECH is also kindly requested to present the trends and prospects in Asia and the Pacific region on both the development of a teacher training curriculum utilizing the ICTs in open and flexible lifelong learning (10 pages or shorter).

Note: (1) Every participant is requested to bring his/her papers and software developed and tested mentioned above with 3.5 inch MS-DOS formatted floppy diskette or CD-ROM containing them. It
is preferable that the text is recorded in MS-Word on MS-Windows.
(2) Each participant is also requested to make a visual presentation in the Seminar/Workshop as mentioned 1 (a).

3. Equipment Available
   IBM PC/AT compatible desktop internet-connected computers are available. They are connectable to such presentation equipments as Projectors and VCRs.

VIII. Financial Arrangements for Participants

The organizers will provide all the participants from overseas, except ones from Australia, New Zealand, with an economy class round-trip air ticket from the international airport nearest to the participants' office/institution to the New Tokyo International Airport (Narita).

The organizers are very sorry to inform colleagues from Australia and New Zealand that that they will not be able to afford to cover the above mentioned transportation cost because of the recent economic crisis.

An amount of per-diem determined by the organizers (about 12 thousands yen/day as of March 2001) will be provided to all the participants from overseas.
Other expenses should be covered by each participant.

IX. Travel to Japan

1. To enter Japan, the participant should possess a valid passport or travel document with an entry visa for Japan obtainable at the Japanese consular offices in each country.
   Those who need a specific document such as Invitation to this Seminar/Workshop in order to get an entry visa will have to directly contact to the following address shown in XII of this document.

2. An air ticket will be sent to each participant through a travel agent in each country as soon as the nomination is received and acknowledged by the Organizers.
   The nominee will also receive an extra-copy of the Final Report of the last Tokyo Seminar/Workshop '99 for his or her reference to prepare the current Seminar/Workshop 2001.

3. Those participants coming from or through infected areas of diseases designated as quarantinable are requested to have a valid certification of vaccination. Expenses necessary for inoculation of vaccination will not be covered by the Organizers.

X. Access from New Tokyo International Airport to the Hotel DAIWA

Detailed information after arrival at the New International Airport in Narita is given in Annex II.

XI. Illness and Accident

No responsibility for insurances or any other expenses incurred by the participants on account of illness, injury, temporary or permanent disability, death and damage to a third party will be assumed by the organizers.

XII. Correspondence

All correspondence should be addressed to the Japan Council of Educational Technology Centres;
**XIII. Important Notice: Nomination DEADLINE**

Nomination of participant from each country should reach, together with curriculum vitae of the candidate (reservation for air ticket, First name, Family name, Sex, Age, Address & Tel. & Fax. & E-mail of Office and Home) no later than 30 June 2001. If the Japan Council of Educational Technology Centres shown in XII of this document does not receive any answer by that date, they will invite a participant from other countries/institutions.
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Tentative Schedule
(as of May 28, 2001)

Accommodation in Tokyo: Hotel DAIWA
16-7, Minami-cho 3-chome,
Kokubun-ji-shi, Tokyo 185 Japan
Telephone: Koganei (042)324-5221

Monday 3 September

Arrival at the New Tokyo International Airport
proceed to Hotel DAIWA

Tuesday 4 Sept.

9:00-10:00 Registration and Briefing on the
Seminar/Workshop at Tokyo Gakugei University
10:00-10:30 Opening Ceremony of the Seminar/Workshop
10:30-10:45 Coffee Break
10:45-12:00 Plenary Session
      Keynote Speech
12:00-13:00 Luncheon
13:00-15:00 Plenary Session
      Keynote Speech
15:00-15:30  Tea Break
15:30-17:00  Plenary Session
Presentation and Demonstration of Papers and Software by
Each Country

Wednesday 5 Sept.

9:00-15:00  Plenary Sessions
Keynote Speech
Presentation and Demonstration of Papers and Software by
Each Country

Thursday 6 Sept.

9:00-12:00  Plenary Sessions continued
12:00-13:00 Lunch
13:00-17:00  Plenary Sessions continued

Friday 7 Sept.

9:00-17:00  Study Visits
18:00-20:00 Reception

Saturday 8 Sept. and Sunday 9 Sept.

9:00-17:00  Individual Activity

Monday 10 Sept.

9:00-17:00  Workshop followed by Group Session and Plenary Session
Discussion of the past Seminar/Workshop and next cycle

Tuesday 11 Sept.

9:00-17:00  Plenary Session
Development of Final Draft Report and Adoption

17:00  Closing Ceremony
**Tentative Agenda**

1. Opening of the Seminar/Workshop

2. Election of officers of the Seminar/Workshop
   (Chairperson (1), Vice-chairpersons(2), Rapporteurs(2)) and consideration of the tentative schedule and agenda followed by adoption

3. Key-note speeches by resource persons (from Japan and Overseas)

4. Presentation and demonstration of country papers by participating countries/institutions.

5. Discussion on the contents of Final Draft Report of the Seminar/Workshop

6. Visits to selected projects/institutions with innovative experiences of teacher training in the context of open and flexible lifelong learning

7. Compilation of experiences in overcoming problems encountered in implementation of the training resource packages in the open and flexible life-long learning context

8. Compilation of prototypes of computer software and related materials

9. Development of strategies on the implementation on the Package

10. Compilation of a list of issues on teacher training curriculum utilizing the training resource package in the open and flexible lifelong learning to develop several suggested strategies for utilizing them.

11. Discussion of the summary of past Seminar/Workshop to develop the future plan of the first and a series of activities for the next cycle

12. Consideration and adoption of the final draft report of the Seminar/Workshop

13. Closing of the Seminar/Workshop
Detailed Information
After Arrival at Narita, the New Tokyo International Airport

1. From the New Tokyo International Airport to the Tokyo Station (JR, Japan Railway)

After the immigration and customs, take a Limousine Bus, leaving the Airport for the Tokyo Station (JR), and get off at the terminal, Yaesu-Exit of Tokyo Station (JR).

2. From the Tokyo Station (JR) to the Kokubun-ji Station (JR)

At the Tokyo Station (JR), take Chuuo Line, a train bound for Takao, Tachikawa, etc. (an orange colored train), on the track number 1 or 2.
Take off at Kokubunji Station.
It takes about 45 minutes from Tokyo Station by local train, and about 35 minutes by rapid one. Kokubun-ji Station is the next to Musashi-koganei Station.

3. From the Kokubun-ji Station to the Hotel DAIWA

Set out from South-Exit (MINAMI-GUCHI). Hotel DAIWA is one-minute walk from the station.