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Abstract

**Intercultural Cyber Education:
“Collaborative Courses over the Network”**

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In 1999 Waseda university founded a consortium of 27 corporations called Digital Campus Consortium (DCC). DCC aimed to realize a new model of university education for the 21st Century. Our mission was to educate Global Citizens who are active international intellectuals and who can solve real problems in the world. For this purpose, we established three-staged educational system: the first stage is to improve the proficiency levels of their target languages (English, Chinese, Russian and Japanese), the second one, to enable the students to interact with overseas partners and to discuss controversial areas in the world and the third, to interact with overseas specialists in the field. For the purpose of the first stage, we established Language Tutorial Systems in which a group of four students are taught by one tutor. For the purpose of the second stage, we established cross-cultural distance seminars with overseas partners. This year, about 3500 students took part in this cyber seminars involving 38 institutions in 18 countries. Some students made on-line web radio stations where they record their messages. The Interactive Cyber Lectures are also very popular and the sessions include on-demand materials, HP, and BBS. Because of these educational systems, our infra-structure had to accommodate various cyber needs. The presentation reports our digitalization efforts.