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Biography

Atsutoshi OSHIMA is the Chief Consultant / e-Learning Specialist of the UFJ Institute Ltd. (UFJI), one of the largest research and consulting firm in Japan. He has conducted the number of projects related to human resources development and information technology with public and private sectors. In particular, he is responsible for managing e-learning projects in the UFJI including e-learning consulting and developments of e-learning contents. For example, he developed e-learning contents to promote strategic use of e-learning for UFJI's corporate members that are more than 10,000 companies.

In early 1990's, he was seconded to the secretariat office of Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Human Resources Development Network (Business Management) as the special assistant to the Chairman of the Network. In this position, his role was to plan and implement international human resources development projects with business schools, universities and management training organization and organized international conference in Asia-Pacific region. Jointly with other overseas members, he led the APEC's first distance learning project "APEC Multimedia Distance Learning Projects" from the mid 1990s aimed to promote the concept and practices of distance learning in APEC region.

As the coordinator or project director, he was also leading the establishment of other international framework/consortium including the Asia e-Learning Network (AEN), intergovernmental framework of e-learning in Asia. And he was also the deputy director of the Advanced Learning Infrastructure Consortium (ALIC), Japan.

He is in charge of the advisor of Japanese Distance Learning Association and other e-learning associations/committees. He is also registered experts of international training organizations including ILO, APO, etc.

He published more than forty papers and books including the book "Understanding e-Learning" published from Diamond Publisher, Japan.

He is voluntary managing the first Japanese e-learning portal site "Learning Technology Network (LTN)" for contributing to enhancement of e-learning knowledge and practices.

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