 ICT Capacity Building Conference on “ICT towards the Future – Project Achievements as a Milestone for USP”.


VENUE: AusAID Lecture Theatre, Building 092-001, Laucala Campus, Suva.
(Broadcast Live to all USP Campuses and Centres in the Region)

In collaboration with the University of the South Pacific (USP) and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), the “ICT Capacity Building at USP” Project will be ending on 30th June 2005, having achieved goals under its various components.

To mark the end of the three year Project, we are planning to hold a two-day Conference to share results of Project activities and discuss the future possibilities of ICT for USP and the region. The conference will include presentations and discussions from the three main components of the Project.

Conference Committee:
1. Dr. Esther Williams, Acting Deputy Vice Chancellor, USP (Chair);
3. Mr. Kisione Finau, Director, IT Services, USP;
4. Dr. Anjeela Jokhan, Head of School of Pure and Applied Sciences, USP;
5. Dr. Jennifer Evans, Head of Distance Learning, USP
6. Dr. Jito Vanualailai, Head of Maths and Computing Science, USP;
7. Dr. Eileen Tuimalae‘ifano, Director, Centre for the Enhancement of Learning and Teaching, USP;
8. Dr. Robert Hogan, Senior Lecturer, Centre for the Enhancement of Learning and Teaching, USP;
9. Mr. Alan Lifton, Director, Media Centre, USP;
10. Mr. Valentine Hazelman, Online Instructional Designer, DFL Support Centre, USP;
11. Ms. Leigh-Anne Buliruara, Project Assistant, ICT Capacity Building at USP Project.
Day 1

8:00 – 9:00am  Registration

9:00 – 11:45  Opening and Project Overview

9:00 – 9:10  Overview of Conference
Chair

9:10 – 9:30  Opening Speeches
Prof. Anthony Tarr, Vice Chancellor, USP
Mr. Tadashi Ikeshiro, JICA Fiji Resident Representative

9:30 – 10:10  Keynote Speech “Potential of ICT and the Role of USP in the Region”
Dr. Kazunori Sugiura Asst. Prof., Graduate School of Media and Governance, Keio University

10:10 – 10:30  Video Documentary on Project Achievements

10:30 – 10:45  Tea break

10:45 – 11:45  Project Capacity Building Initiatives
Counterpart Training
“Exciting Okinawa” – Reflections from Counterpart Training
Ms. Ashwini Datt, Course Development Assistant, DFL Support Centre, USP.
Activities by Experts (Experts speech from Japan via AARNET)
Prof. Toshio Kosuge, Professor Emeritus, University of Electro Communications/Professor of Digital Hollywood University, Japan; Prof. Hiroshi Nagano, Visiting Associate Professor, University of Electro Communications, Japan; Facilitated by Mr. Hiroshi Kuroiwa, Chief Advisor/ JICA Expert.

11:45 – 17:00  IT Research Result Sharing
Facilitator: Dr. Esther Williams, Acting Deputy Vice Chancellor, USP

11:45 – 12:00  ICT Research Program Overview

12:00 – 12:30  ICT in Education: A Report from the Region
Dr Seu'u/a Johansson-Fua, Research Fellow, Institute of Education, USP.

12:30 – 14:00  Lunch Break

13:00 – 13:45  Press Conference to announce initiatives by USP to develop ICT in the region will be held at the AusAid Lecture Theatre.
Professor Tarr, Vice Chancellor USP; Acting Dr Esther Williams, Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor, USP; Mr Daryl Duke, Stepstone Pacific Ltd, USP; Mr Hiroshi Kuroiwa; Chief Advisor Capacity Building at USP/JICA Project and Ms Maki Kato, Project Coordinator/JICA Expert.

14:00 – 14:45  Negotiating Cultural Identity in the Age of ICT: A Case Study of Fijian Immigrants in Brisbane, Australia
Ms. Yoko Patrick, Assistant Lecturer, Dept of Sociology, USP.

14:45 – 15:30  A Baseline Survey on Free and Open Source Software (FOSS) in the South Pacific: Knowledge, Perception, Usage, Contribution and Potential
Dr. Marko Schütz, Lecturer, Computing Science Department, USP.
15:30 – 15:45  Tea Break
15:45 – 17:00  Panel Discussion on “ICT Strategy in the Pacific”
   Dr. Esther Williams, USP (Chair); Mr. Ivan Fong, Executive Member, Pacific Islands Telecommunications
   Association; Mr. Sam Taulau, Information Technology Manager, Secretariat of the Pacific Community; Mr.
   Darryl Duke, Director, Step-Stone Pacific Ltd, USP.

Day 2.

9.00 - 13:00  Flexible Learning
   Facilitators: Dr. Jennifer Evans, Head of Distance Learning, DFL Support Centre, USP
   Prof. Makiko Miwa, National Institute of Multimedia Education, Japan

9:30 – 10:30  E-learning Capacity Building at USP
   Mr. Valentine Hazelman, Online Instructional Designer, DFL Support Centre, USP; Dr. Kader Hiroshi
   Pramanik, DFL Advisor/JICA Expert; Mr. Ativote Bolalailai, Communications Assistant, DFL Support Centre,
   USP

10:30 – 11:15  Using ICT Facilities to Extend Teaching and Learning Boundaries at USP: The case of
   the Samoa/Vanuatu Flexischool Experience
   Dr. Eileen Tuimaleali’ifano, Director, Centre for the Enhancement of Learning and Teaching, USP

11:15 – 11:30  Tea Break

11:30 – 12:15  Computing Science Course Offered Live from Japan
   Dr. Jito Vanualailai; Mr. Prakash Narayan, Lecturer, Maths and Computing Science, USP; Mr. Hiroshi
   Kuroiwa, Chief Advisor, JICA Expert.; Prof. Shigeyoshi Watanabe, Department of Information and
   Communications Engineering, University of Electro Communications, Japan; Associate Prof. Masahisa
   Suzuki, International Students Affairs National University of Electro-Communications, Japan; Dr. Kiyoshi
   Igarashi, Director of International Alliance Division, National Institute of Information and Communications
   Technology, Japan.

12:15 – 13:00  E-Learning Course in International Environmental Studies: An Asia Pacific Initiative
   (API) Live presentation from Hawaii
   Prof. Kanayathu Koshy, Director, Pacific Centre for Environment and Sustainable Development, USP; Dr.
   Norman Okamura, Faculty Specialist, Social Science Research Institute, University of Hawaii; Dr. Christina
   Higa, Associate Director, PeaceSat, University of Hawaii.

13:00 – 14:00  Lunch Break

14:00 – 17:15  Presentations and Discussions
   Facilitator: Mr. Kisione Finau, Director, IT Services, USP

14:00 – 15:15  The Importance of USPNet Enhancement for Education
   Dr. Esther Williams; Dr. Kazunori Sugiura; Mr. Keith Moala, Manager, USPNet, USP.

15:15 – 15:30  Tea break

15:30 – 16:45  Multimedia Database (MDB) Utilization; needs, issues and potential
   Mr. Alan Lifton, Director, Media Centre, USP (Chair); Prof. Makiko Miwa, National Institute of Multimedia
   Education, Japan; Dr. Akafis Kedrayate, Head of School of Humanities, USP; Mr. Simon Greaves,
   Programmer/Analyst; USP; Mr. Valentine Hazelman, Online Instructional Designer, DFL Support Centre,
   USP.

16:45 – 17:00  Conference Summation
   Dr. Esther Williams, Dr. Jito Vanualailai.

17:00 – 17:15  Closing Speech
   Mrs. Alumita Taganesia, Chief Executive Officer, Ministry of Education.

Please Note that Lunch will not be provided at the Conference. However, USP Dining Facilities will be open on
15th – 16th June.

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