Keio University

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10 Years of Leadership in Development of Internet & It's Applications to Higher Education in Asia
Keio School of Internet Asia Project (SOI Asia):
10th Anniversary Symposium
*Opportunities for Journalists to Interview over the Satellite Internet Connection Between Tokyo - Indonesia

Prof. Jun Murai, Professor of Faculty of Environmental Information at Keio University led Widely Integrated Distributed Environment (WIDE) Project to contribute to development of the Internet infrastructure and the higher education in Asia by starting the two leading projects, namely, Asian Internet Interconnection Initiative (AI3) Project to develop the Internet technologies and their applications for the advanced usage of the Internet and School of Internet Asia (SOI Asia). SOI Asia constructed distance learning systems utilizing AI3's internet infrastructure which delivered live Internet lectures to 24 universities and research institutions in 13 Asian countries. This initiative has successfully resulted in developing human resources in the IT technology field in the Asian partner countries. A Commemorative Symposium will be held to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of AI3 at the Institute of Technology, Bandung, Indonesia on Wednesday, October 11. The Minister for Research & Technology and Director General of Higher Education, Ministry of National Education, Republic of Indonesia will be present at the event which be broadcasted live at the Tokyo Campus of Keio University through the SOI Asia remote system environment.

1. Outline   *Language: English

   Event: Keio University SOI Asia Anniversary Symposium

   Time and Date: Wednesday, October 11, 2006, from 11:00 to 19:00 (Japan Time)

   Venue: Institute of Technology, Bandung (Indonesia)

   *Live internet link-up: Global Studio, 6F East Research Building, Mita Campus, Keio University.

   (2-15-45 Mita, Minato-ku, Tokyo: 8-min. walk from JR Tamachi Sta., Akabanebashi or Mita Subway Sta.)

2. SOI Asia Achievements   SOI Asia: http://www.soi.wide.ad.jp/soi-asia/

   1. SOI Asia has constructed a network with unprecedented dimension and diversity of 24 partner institutions in 13 South East Asian countries including Myanmar and Laos.

   2. SOI Asia's 10 years of development and deployment of Internet infrastructure in Asia can well be described as the history of the Asian IT infrastructure development, looking back to the start of the project when Internet itself   was yet very rare.

   3. As a result of a successful rearing of Asian IT human resource and network through SOI Asia, these engineers and technical staff now play the key roles of the IT developments and usages in each countries..

   4. SOI Asia was among the first to support Syiah Kuala University which suffered a devastating damage of losing more than 100 faculty members by the Tsunami disaster off Sumatra. Their university function was quickly recovered utilizing the distance learning system of SOI Asia.

For those of you interested in covering the event, please contact our office.
Interview to those in Indonesia over the Internet link-up (Indonesia-Tokyo) is also available.
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Symposium Agenda   Wednesday, October 11, 2006

(Japan Time: 2 hours ahead Indonesia Time)

11:00-13:30	**Session I: Opening Session**
11:00-12:10	Opening Speeches
	University and Government delegates (from Indonesia)
	Prof. Yuichiro Anzai, President of Keio University (from Tokyo)
	Remote Signing Ceremony between Keio University & Partners
12:10-12:30	Greetings:
	Prof. Jun Murai, Vice President of Keio University,
	Chair of WIDE, AI3 and SOI Asia
12:30-13:00	"AI3 10 Years"
	Prof. Suguru Yamaguchi, Nara Institute of Science and Technology,
	Director of AI3 Project
13:00-13:30	"SOI Asia 5Years"
	Prof. Keiko Okawa, Keio University, Director of SOI Asia Project
13:30-15:00	**---Break---**
13:30-14:00	Press Conference (Q&A sessions)
	Remote coverage is available through internet link-up.
15:00-15:40	**Session II: Guest Speeches**
15:00-15:20	"INHERENT Activity Report"
	Mr. Tommy Ilyas, Indonesian Higher Education Research and Network
15:20-15:40	"JSAT and AI3/SOI Asia Project"
	Mr. Mitsutoshi Akao, JSAT Corporation
15:40-17:00	**Session III: Research Reports**
15:40-16:00	"AI3 Research"
	Dr. Achmad Husni Thamrin, Assistant Professor,
	Graduate School of Media and Governance, Keio University
16:00-16:20	"SOI Asia Research Activities"
	Ms Shoko Mikawa, Doctoral Student,
	Graduate School of Media and Governance, Keio University
16:20-16:40	"Report on Contribution after Tsunami Disaster"
	Mr. Basuki Suhardiman, Institute of Technology, Bandung
16:40-17:00	"SOI Asia & AI3 Global-e-Workshop"
	Ms. Patcheree Basu, Researcher, Keio University SFC Laboratory
17:00-17:30	**---Break---**
17:30-18:50	**Session IV: Panel Discussion**
	"AI3/SOI Asia Project:
	Toward the Future- Our Roles, Our activities and Our Goal"
	Chair:
	Prof. Jun Murai, Vice President, Keio University, Japan
	Panel:
	Mr. Thomas Tai, Sr. Vice President, Asia-Pacific VSNL International
	Mr. Denis Villorente, Director, Advanced Science and Technology Institute, Philippines
	Assoc. Prof. Sureswaran Ramadass, University Sains Malaysia, Malaysia
	Dr. Tran Ba Thai, Deputy Head of Networking Department,
	Institute of Information Technology, Vietnam
	Prof. Intan Ahmad, Dean, Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Science,
	Institute of Technology, Bandung, Indonesia
18:50-19:00	**Closing Session**
21:30-23:00	**Reception (at Holiday Inn Hotel, Bandung)**