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Dear Karen:

(1) Many thanks for your msg (**ATTACHMENT I**) in response to my following previous list distribution;

(07/20/07) Creation of GUS/Kazakhstan with proposed extension of GLORIAD from Novosibirsk to Almaty

<<http://preview.tinyurl.com/23p6f7>>

(2) Yes, I remember you well, and I wholeheartedly congratulate for your substantial accomplishments as making the "Virtual Distance" movement worldwide.

I read with great interest the wonderful conference flyer of "Managing Virtual Distance" <<http://preview.tinyurl.com/3xifgh>>, which is to be held at the Disneyland Hotel in Anaheim, CA, on November 14 to 16, 2007.

(3) If I may say, our Global University System (GUS) project is to foster environment in global scale so that youngsters around the world can work collaboratively on the creation of new knowledge for attaining global peace, -- which would be essentially same direction as yours, I suppose.

Pls visit the following paper;

"Globally Collaborative Innovation Network with Global University System,"

Paper for *Learning Technology*, IEEE Computer Society, Vol. 8, Issue 3, July, 2006

<http://preview.tinyurl.com/fuwg6>

(4) A variation of this is the "Quantitative Policy Analysis of Global Socio-Economic-Energy-Environment Development (GSEED)" Project, which we are just now initiating after many years' preparation — see Section VII-A of;

Al-Azab, M. and T. Utsumi, (2007), "**Creation of Global University System in Egypt (GUS/Egypt)**," Paper for "ICT-Learn 2007" conference in Cairo, Egypt, September 2 to 4, 2007

<<http://preview.tinyurl.com/ypkqo>>

As I said in my following last list distribution, President Hultin of the Polytechnic University is very much interested in this GSEED project;

(07/27/07) Rekindling GUS/Nigeria project for GUS advancing global prosperity, justice and peace.

<<http://preview.tinyurl.com/2rpay5>>

Pls convey my best personal regards to him when you meet him at your conference in November.

(5) I was recently re-reading the following paper;

Jay W. Forrester;
"From the Ranch to System Dynamics: An Autobiography" (D-4197-3.JWF
Biography.pdf) (106 KBytes),
<http://preview.tinyurl.com/2svqts>

Prof. Forrester at Sloan School of Management at M.I.T. was my teacher and is the originator of System Dynamics methodology, which will be the main methodology for our GSEED project.

This paper tells that this methodology can transcend many barriers among various traditional disciplines for clear understanding of interdependencies of world phenomenon with the use of cause-and-effect diagram and simulation models — which can be distributed around the world and interconnected each other via broadband Internet to act as if a single global scale super-computers as for our GSEED project.

(6) I wish you a very good luck to your conference.

Best, Tak

ATTACHMENT I

> From: Karen Sobel Lojeski <klojeski@virtualdistance.com>
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> Cc: <klojeski@virtualdistance.com>
> Subject: RE: [gu-new] (07/20/07) Creation of GUS/Kazakhstan with proposed
> extension of GLORIAD from Novosibirsk to Almaty
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> Dear Tak:
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> I hope this message finds you and yours well. You may recall that we met at
> a meeting at Stevens with Ed Friedman a couple of years ago and since, I
> have sent you some material on the Virtual Distance Model. Virtual Distance
> was the model built as original research in my Ph.D. and represents a
> serious threat to global work. However, through managing Virtual Distance,
> even more is possible among far flung resources.
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> Tak, I thought I would share two pieces of news with you and inquire as to
> whether you think it would be worthwhile to share with your friends list.
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> The first is that the topic has truly taken off and adopted by many around
> the world (when a Google search is done on articles and related materials on
> Virtual Distance, we are now up to about 10-15 pages of returns).
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> As a result of this Virtual Distance "movement", IIR in partnership with me,
> will be hosting the first, inaugural Managing Virtual Distance Conference,
> November 14-16th in Anaheim, California. The many distinguished speakers
> include Jerry Hultin, the Founder of SecondLife, the Executive Director of
> Stanford's MediaX Lab, the Science Liaison for HP Research Laboratories,
> other executives from US Trust, Baker & McKenzie, ATT, Best Buy and more.
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> Secondly, I wanted to let you know that also as a result of the viral nature
> of the uptake of Virtual Distance, I have recently signed a book contract
> with John Wiley & Sons for a book on the subject to be published in March,
> 2008.
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> I follow all of your messages with great interest and look forward to
> continued participation in your organization.

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- > Warm Regards,
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- > Transformation Through Distributed Work", Inaugural Event Scheduled November
- > 14th-16th, 2007, Location: Anaheim, California, For more information go to:
- > <http://www.iirusa.com/virtual/19126.xml>
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- > Author, "Uniting the Virtual Workforce: Transforming Leadership and
- > Innovation in the Globally Integrated Enterprise", Publisher: Wiley,
- > Publication Date: March, 2008, To Pre-order contact Timothy Burghard at
- > www.wiley.com
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- > Keynote Speaker, Association for Corporate Growth Annual Dinner Event - San
- > Jose, CA - October 11th, 2007, Topic: The Collapsing Corporation and the
- > Rise of Virtual Distance: The Challenges of Driving Innovation in a World
- > Without Leaders,
- > http://www.acg.org/sv/calendar/detail.asp?F_EVENT_CATEGORY_ID=&EVENT_ID=2455
- > [&MONTH_CHOICE=10&DAY_CHOICE=11&YEAR_CHOICE=2007](http://www.acg.org/sv/calendar/detail.asp?F_EVENT_CATEGORY_ID=&EVENT_ID=2455)
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