

Happy Holidays

Yuletide 2009

We hope this joyful holiday season will find you and your family members well and happy. We sincerely thank you for your generous, continuing encouragement, support and cooperation for our various projects.

Takeshi made a talk at the “International Conference on E-learning in the Workplace (ICELW),” which was held at the world-renowned Teachers College of Columbia University in New York on June 10th-12th, 2009 (see Reference (1) below).

We will have a demonstration of gaming/simulation on the verification of energy policies proposed by Former Vice President, Mr. Al Gore and President Barack Obama (both Nobel Peace Laureate) to replace fossil fuel with renewable one to generate electricity in the United States in relation to appropriate allocation of oil revenue in Niger Delta of Nigeria. This demonstration is to be held during Global Symposium on “Climate Change and International Peace and Security, Global Challenges and Global Solutions” at the Interdisciplinary Approaches Center for International Conflict Resolution (CICR) in the School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA*) of Columbia University (**) in May 2010. The potential invitees would be from all different fields including scientists, energy specialists, military figures, academics, practitioners, policy makers, government representatives and representatives from multi-lateral organizations. (*) where President Obama once studied and published his “non-nuclear world” idea in the student paper. (**) where the design of the first atomic bomb was started as a part of the Manhattan Project.

Our colleagues in various other countries, e.g., Nigeria, Bangladesh, India, Congo, etc., are now working to create their Global University System (GUS) consortiums. With them, we expect to realize Takeshi’s long-time dream, i.e., the deployment of Global Early Warning System (GEWS) as the outgrowth of Globally Collaborative Environmental Peace Gaming (GCEPG) (see Reference (2) below) with cloud computing technology. Mr. Gordon Brown, the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, initiated the idea of the GEWS at the G20 Summit held in London last April. Here, the cloud computing technology is to tie together dispersed and dissimilar computer simulation models of various countries around the world via Global Broadband Internet in such a way that the combined total will act as if a single global scale super-computer. This technology with other various subjects will bring a paradigm shift of research and development in global scale, out of the so-called "Ivory Tower" approach.

Along the GUS project for e-learning and e-healthcare and GEWS project for policy analysis and evaluation, we anticipate a very exciting and challenging future. We will forge ahead further our best effort of extending the benefits of Internet to underserved people in developing countries and of globally collaborative environmental policy analysis for attaining global peace.

Wishing you the blessings of Christmas and a Happy and Peaceful New Year. Have a very wonderful holiday season!!



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