PEN-International Postsecondary Education Network International: For Students who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

A “Brown Bag” Panel Discussion
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Opening the door to networking
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Primary Objective

Implement and expand a cooperative network of educational institutions around the world providing postsecondary education to students who are deaf and hard-of-hearing, using innovative information and instructional technologies, and faculty training and development.
Project Design ...

- Will work to meet local needs
- Will not predetermine solutions
Expected outcomes and long-term effects...

Importers → Self-Sufficiency → Exporters

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Accomplishment

• Signed Agreement with The Nippon Foundation – 8 February 2201
Accomplishment

• Signed Memorandum of Understanding with TCT (Japan) on 21 March 2001

• Signed Memorandum of Understanding with TUT (China) on 23 March 2001
Accomplishment

- Official Signing Ceremony Held at NTID on 23 June 2001

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Excellence • Integrity • Innovation

Supported by a grant from The Nippon Foundation to the National Technical Institute for the Deaf at Rochester Institute of Technology
Accomplishment

- Bauman Moscow State Technical University Joins PEN
TCT
Japan

Tsukuba College Of Technology
Tianjin Technical College for the Deaf

TUT China
Charles University

Prague, Czech Republic

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Accomplishment

- **June 2001 Training**
  - 7 TUT faculty trained at NTID by NTID faculty and staff.
Accomplishment

- Established Multimedia Lab at TCT (Japan)
  - Dedicated on 1 October 2001
  - Fully operational by 1 January 2002
Accomplishment

• Multimedia Lab at TUT (China)
  – Dedicated on 3 October 2001
Accomplishments

• Follow-up Training at TUT (September 2001)
Accomplishments

- Follow-up Evaluation of training sessions conducted two months after the June training
Accomplishment

- **Assessing Possible Partners**
  - Bauman Moscow State Technical University, Russia
  - Charles University, Czech Republic
  - College of St. Benilde of de la Salle University (CSB), Philippines
Work in Progress

- WWW Site
  - www.pen.ntid.rit.edu

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Work in Progress

- Design and Implementation of Multimedia Training Room
  - ISDN
  - Smart Board
  - Laptops with internet access
Accomplishment

• Cross-cultural R.F. Panara Haiku Competition

➢ First-ever competition in Japan and USA for deaf students
➢ Conducted by Professor Cushman of NTID and Professor Matsufjji of TCT

Dr. Robert Panara and Jessica McKinney
Accomplishment

• First Place winners!

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Accomplishment

• Opening of TCT Lab
  – Teleconference with TCT, TUT
  – Offered on the PEN-International WWW Site
Accomplishment

• Established Video Conferencing Capability at TCT
  – Officially open the lab (1 October 2001)
Accomplishment

- NTID Instructional Technology and Education of the Deaf Symposium.
  - 7 TUT faculty members attended pre-determined sessions to meet their specific needs.
Accomplishment

• NTID Instructional Technology and Education of the Deaf Symposium.
  – assisted by 7 Chinese RIT graduate students. These students translated training material and worked as interpreters.
Accomplishment

- **NTID Instructional Technology and Education of the Deaf Symposium.**
  - PEN-International represented in Poster Session.

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Accomplishment

- Training of TUT (China) Faculty Members
- Special Lunchtime seminars with NTID faculty and staff
Accomplishment

- Inventory System
- Collecting and archiving files for training and documenting the project
Accomplishment

- **Student Ambassadors for the first exchange to China.**
  - The goal of the exchange is to develop an understanding of the diverse cultures that influence the global marketplace.
Accomplishment

• Student Exchange
Accomplishment

- Established NTID PEN Office
Year 2 Outcomes

• **Tianjin University (TUT – China)**
  – Training of faculty
  – Training by faculty
  – Development of instructional materials

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Year 2 Outcomes

• **Bauman Moscow State Technical University (BMSTU – Russia)**
  – Conduct Needs Assessment
  – Purchase and Install Equipment
  – Open facility for student use
  – Train BMSTU Faculty in USA
  – Distance technology used to train faculty in Moscow
Year 2 Outcomes

- Charles University (CU - Czech Republic)
  - Establish and Open a PEN-International Multimedia Lab
  - WWW-based and ISDN Technology Training
  - Develop materials for workshops for teaching English as a second language to BMSTU and Charles University deaf students
Year 2 Outcomes

• **Tsukuba College of Technology (TCT – Japan)**
  – Faculty Development Workshops for TCT Faculty
    • Facilitated by TCT Faculty already skilled in ISDN
  – TCT & NTID co-lead training on curriculum development for faculty from College of St. Benilde
  – Conduct a national training session/conference in Japan
  – Expanded Haiku Competition conducted at NTID and TCT

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Year 2 Outcomes

• Convene Industry/Education Cooperation Committee

• Develop and offer workshops
  – Instructional Technology
  – English as a Second Language
  – Deaf Education
  – On-line and Distance Learning
Year 2 Outcomes

• On-going Evaluation of Project Performance
  – Collect data after training sessions, workshops, etc., and document changes that occur at participating institutions.

• Research Agenda
  – Construct a comprehensive worldwide database of college and universities that provide services and programs for students who are deaf.
  – Make information available as a public services on PEN-International WWW Site.
Year 2 Outcomes

- Survival Sign Language CD.
- Student Exchanges
- Faculty Exchanges

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• PEN has worked collaboratively with approximately 65 faculty and staff members from 14 departments at NTID and with more than 40 hearing and deaf students.