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Abstract

We considered the location of Capacity Building Center (CBC) that would promote ITC development successfully taking the developing countries situation into the consideration. This contribution proposes principles on the selection of the location and the numbers of CBCs.

Rationale

The importance of ICT development in the developing countries is common understanding because it would create the economic benefit both for developing and developed countries as well as the social benefit in the developing countries.

However in the developing countries, ICT has not been developed sufficiently because of the difficulty due to the lack of knowledge, human resource, their positive participation and finances.

Thus the location of CBC should be such countries that would overcome those difficulties. If CBC is located in the developing countries, the people of the developing countries can save the travel fee and accommodation fee to attend the training course. Moreover, the setup of CBC in a developing country means that they have the initiative, and it makes them confident and makes the surrounding developing countries to follow.

In addition, if CBC is not located in some regions, the progress of ICT development in those regions would be slower than other regions due to the less communication between CBC and those regions. Especially, the communication between the different time zones is less effective. On the other hand, if CBC are located in all five regions, the communication in the region and the communication among five regions would be done more effectively.

The establishment and operation of CBCs require various kinds of contributions.

Proposal

1. We propose the following principles for the selection of CBC location.

1) Placing priority on the location

- where it can motivate the developing countries to participate positively and promote the knowledge sharing and the human resource development and organize the progress for information-sharing among each regions, and
- where it can keep the cost minimum including the land cost, building cost and travel fee for a training course

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2) CBC should be established in the developing countries.

2. As for the numbers of CBC, we propose that all five (5) regions should have CBC to have equality and for the effective communication among with each regions.

To cover the increased cost for the additional CBC, we would like to propose to ask the developed countries for the financial assistance by appealing to private companies with the explanation of the potential economic benefit as the new market.

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