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Abstract

Establishment of the Capacity Building Center (CBC) to promote the future development of ICT is important for WTU. However, the infrastructure, education, and the capital for ICT promotion are still insufficient in developing countries. Therefore support by CBC is necessary for developing countries, particularly in local-oriented base.

Lebanon proposes establishment of CBC regional offices in 3 Regions: Asia, Africa and Arab. Lebanon also offers various kinds of supports including location of Regional CBC of the Middle East in Beirut.

Rationale

It is recognized that the personnel training and technical information exchange between the countries is important for the development of ICT in the future. However, it is a common view in the developing countries including Lebanon that the infrastructure, education, and the capital for ICT promotion are still insufficient compared with the developed countries. From this viewpoint, Lebanon is positive for the establishment of CBC. However, the state of the social ICT infrastructure, ICT needs, and the relevant regulations and legislations are quite diverging in each country, thus it requires specialized knowledge and skill of regional state of the ICT things who manages CBC. These regional skills realize to keep good communication with both the citizens and the government bodies to achieve effective ICT education provided by CBC.

Therefore, CBC should satisfy both of the local-oriented needs and simultaneous development of ICT technology all over the world, at the same time. This requires the organization of CBC and technical curriculum should not be influenced by particular industrial bodies or countries excessively.

Moreover, to encourage the participation from developing countries to the educational program at CBC, it is important to maintain good accessibility from the developing countries, by means of financial support and “neighbourhood” location of Regional CBC. From this point of view, establishing total 3 Regional CBC offices is preferred, to cover Regions whose main members are developing countries. If a Regional CBC located in a developing country, the operation cost is much inexpensive than that in a developed country, and it allows additional one CBC establishment.

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Proposal

1. Location of CBC

Lebanon proposes to locate one CBC Regional office in Asia, Africa and Arab Regions, since these three Regions contain quite a lot of developing countries who require ICT supports from WTU. This realises easy access inside each Region to the CBC and quite beneficial to the developing countries. In addition, the populations in these Regions are quite a huge number, and quite a lot of them are suffering from lack of good ICT education, although they are keen to learn and use ICTs. Lebanon also proposes that Beirut is suitable for the location of the Arab Regional Office. Beirut is quite accessible location within Arab Region.

2. Structure and operations

It is desirable that the operation of CBCs is discussed in WTU Council to ensure the equal participation of each Region, since CBCs are only located in 3 Regions in our proposal. Each CBC have its Regional board, and at least one member of WTU Council has to be included as an observer. CBC board member is able to participate other CBC board as an observer, to promote the information exchange between the CBCs.

It is proposed that WTU Council establishes curriculum advisory board. WTU Council supports to build the ICT educational infrastructures that is necessary for common basic technology course in each Regional CBC. The curriculum advisory board certificates the lecturer to ensure the course to be the same level among Regional CBCs.

It is also proposed that Financial contribution from the countries are corrected by WTU Council and distributed based on the discussion at WTU Council. Each Regional CBC should estimate the cost of establishment and annual operation and should submit to WTU Council for discussion.

3. Contributions of Lebanon

Lebanon offers the land for the office of Regional CBC in Beirut. Lebanon would like to offer additional things listed as below:

- Operating costs of the office in Beirut or other location in Lebanon
- Recruit of the secretariat and technical staffs by tie-up with domestic educational institutions
- Faster visa issue to the lecturer and the trainee from other countries
- Support for the lecturer and the trainee regarding the accommodation and the expense of stay during the education course.

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