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### ABSTRACT:

This paper describes the construction of an infrastructure for global (electronic) education and peace gaming with particular emphasis on the environmental issues and sustainable development in Third World countries. The gaming is intended to train would-be decision-makers in policy analysis, crisis management, conflict resolution and negociation techniques for win-win cooperation towards an authentic sense of global citizenship. In the belief that global education is key to this end, a worldwide educational network was formed with the use of various telecommunications media.

### RÉSUMÉ:

Cette communication décrit la construction d'une infra-structure pour une éducation globale (électronique) et pour des jeux pour la paix soulignant les questions de l'environnement et du développement soutenu dans le Tiers-Monde. Le jeu a pour but d'entraîner tous ceux qui puissent prendre des décisions au niveau de l'analyse des politiques, des solutions des conflits et des techniques pour la coopération mutuellement avantageuse. Dans la conviction que l'éducation globale soit la clé pour ce but, il a été formé un réseau mondial d'éducation en utilisant des différents media de télécommunications.

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**RESUMÉN:**

Esta comunicacion presenta la construcción de una infra-estructura para una educación global (electronica) para juegos para la paz con énfasis en las cuestiones del medio-ambiente y del desarrollo auto-mantenido en el Tercero-Mundo. El juego tiene por finalidad entrenar a los posibles decisores en el análisis de políticas, de las soluciones de los conflictos. Es imperativo que se desarrolle un sentido autentico de ciudadanía global. En la convicción que la educación global es llave para este fin, se ha formado una red mundial para la educación utilizando los diferentes medios de las telecomunicaciones.

**RESUMO:** Esta comunicação descreve a construção de uma infra-estrutura para uma educação global (eletrônica) e para jogos para a paz com ênfase nas questões ambientais e no desenvolvimento sustentado no Terceiro Mundo. O jogo tem por finalidade treinar possíveis decisores na análise de políticas, gestão de crises, solução de conflitos e em técnicas para cooperação mutuamente vantajosa. É imperativo que se desenvolva um sentido autêntico de cidadania global. Na convicção de que a educação global é a chave para este fim, foi formada uma rede mundial de educação utilizando os diferentes meios de telecomunicação.

**I. INTRODUCTION**

The urgency to understand the economic, social and environmental issues that are being faced in different regions of the planet, and the need for the peoples of the world to learn to communicate and to cooperate, has never been more pressing. Economic, ecological and political issues today are global that must be faced in all of their complexity. It is therefore imperative to develop an authentic sense of planetary citizenship and harmonious cooperation to confront planetary issues that endanger the life of our species, and life with which our species is in symbiotic relationship, with wisdom, understanding the diversity of the world cultures on our finite, closed planet.

This task is too large for government regulation, aid agencies or development banks alone. Restoration of the environment must engage all citizens of the globe, yet sustainable development is ultimately a local activity. People, not governments, do development and preserve the environment or destroy it. A political system that secures effective citizen participation in decision is required. Global education and knowledge is a pre-requisite for human survival on Earth. Each country has its own role to play. Sound educational initiatives of global scope and cooperative in nature, are of the utmost importance for societies to properly confront the problems they face. It is a vital necessity to facilitate communication for the clarification of issues through global study.

To support the struggle for the preservation of our ecological heritage, a worldwide educational network, the **Global (electronic) University (GU) (TM)** consortium, was formed as a permanent organization of *international education exchange* via various telecommunication media. One initial step of which would be the establishment of a **Global/Latin American (electronic) University (GLAU)**, supported

by the recently created Latin American Network for Education (REDLAED) and by the Consortium for Research in Education (CREAD).

**II. GLOSAS PROJECT AND GLOBAL GAMING**

In 1972, Takeshi Utsumi, Chairman of the **Global Systems Analysis and Simulation (GLOSAS)** project, developed the **Global (electronic) University (GU) (TM)** system for global sources and environment (ERE) system for global systems analysis and simulation (GLOSAS) coined by Utsumi in 1971 (Utsumi 1977; Utsumi and Utsumi 1986; Utsumi et al. 1986). With the combination of advanced telecommunication channels (e.g., the Pentagon's war game) will enable experts and scholars to collaborate in discovering new solutions for world order alternatives for a world-order capable of addressing the needs of an interdependent globe - with rational analysis on "facts and figures." The purpose is to train the most advanced means, on policy analysis and conflict resolution and negotiation techniques for a win-win-win cooperation.

The global peace gaming is a computer game based on a *globally-cooperative decision support system*. The system is a cooperative computer conferencing, database and simulation system, which is run on numerous computers but also humans in various locations connected via telecommunication media to form a *globally-cooperative decision support system (GLOSAS) (TM)*, a term coined by Utsumi in 1981. The system was a single system with parallel processing capabilities across countries. Here, each game player with his subunit is connected to a neuron and a packet-switching node to a system. In this sense, this is to construct a large parallel processing system of individual processors scattered around the world to perform the gaming task.

Global modelling and simulation studies have been used by groups and institutions to enhance the usefulness of the system since early 1970's. However, with the development of *virtual networks (VANs)* and standard interface, the system is various dispersed, dissimilar host computers, the system is the coordination of international efforts by providing a global environment and an environment for shared development. The simulation study than was previously possible. The system is autonomously maintained and updated databases and models, which only give integrity to the databases and models. The gaming simulation would be the best way to solve the world's problems and the solutions we propose.

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The global peace gaming is a computer gaming simulation to construct a *globally-cooperative decision support system*. This is to be accomplished with cooperative computer conferencing, database and simulation systems. Not only numerous computers but also humans in various countries will be interconnected via telecommunication media to form a *global neural computer network* (TM), a term coined by Utsumi in 1981. The total system will act as if it were a single system with parallel processing of sub-systems in individual countries. Here, each game player with his submodel and database corresponds to a neuron and a packet-switching node to a synopsis of a global brain. In a sense, this is to construct a large parallel processor. Almost unlimited number of individual processors scattered around the world can be connected together to perform the gaming task.

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### III. ACCOMPLISHMENTS

#### A. Previous Effort for the Establishment of Infrastructure

As the first step of GLOSAS project, Utsumi played a major role over the past two decades with considerable time, efforts and a great deal of his own personal money, in helping the U.S. data communication networks extend to other countries, particularly to Japan. He helped deregulate Japanese telecommunication policies for the use of electronic-mail and computer conferencing in and from Japan. This initiative led to the demonopolization and liberalization of Japanese telecommunication industry. This enabled cost reduction of telecommunications. The European Economic Community (EEC) and Latin American countries have followed suit. Japanese initiatives were a model for the world. The way has thus been paved for the *global educational exchange with experiential learning* via various telecommunication media in the service of better understanding of global issues.

#### B. A Series of "Global Lecture Hall" Demonstrations

Our next effort has focused on the substance and content of global telecommunication networks, starting with the extension of American education to overseas countries with the use of advanced telecommunication media. However, lack of capability to transmit graphics and video via the data communication network prompted Utsumi to the development of "Global Lecture Hall" (GLH) (TM) videoconference technology (Utsumi and DeMaio 1991).

GLOSAS/USA then conducted many GLH teleconferences, during which a number of inexpensive media were deployed simultaneously to demonstrate the possibilities of interactions amongst participants at different universities, separated by global scale distances and time zones. Participants in several countries communicate and see each other while using methods affordable for Third World countries.

These demonstrations linked more than two dozen universities together, ranging from the East Coast of the North America to Japan, the Republic of Korea, Saipan and Guam, from Fairbanks, Alaska, to Caracas, Venezuela, and to Brisbane, Australia, spanning 14 time zones and two calendar dates! At the other event, it connected many universities in Izmir in Turkey, Zagreb in Croatia, Lecce, Rome, Venice and Bari in Italy, Paris in France, etc., in Eastern and Western Europe, Mediterranean countries and Ohio, New Jersey, Florida, etc., in the North America. Some of the GLH events were several demonstrations in different countries. The first took place in Japan in 1973 which led to deregulate Japanese telecommunication policies, as mentioned above. In 1986, GLOSAS organized one of the largest and perhaps most successful demonstrations, at the "Crisis Management and Conflict Resolution" Conference of the World Future Society in New York in July, 1986, with participation of about 1,500 persons: a global gaming simulation sessions with a multi-media teleconference on the U.S.-Japan trade and economy issues. In 1990 a very ambitious demonstration was organized to help Latin American distance educators, during the XVth World Conference of the International Council of Distance Education (ICDE) in November, 1990, in Caracas, Venezuela, with partici-

pation of 1,200 persons from more than 100 countries. The event was organized by the Association of the Use of Satellite for Education (AUSE) and the International Council of Distance Education (ICDE) in a joint GLH demonstrations at the occasion of the XVth World Conference of Distance Education held at the University of Lecce, in Lecce, Italy.

GLOSAS/USA is now organizing the 1992 Annual International Conference of International Council of Distance Education (ICEM) to be held at the University of Lecce on October 12 and 13, 1992. The theme of the conference is "Design and Delivery." The former on October 12, 1992, will be held in Central and South America, Pacific Islands, North Eastern Asia, and the latter on October 13, 1992, will be held in South America, Africa and Middle East. The latter will be held in Europe including the Commonwealth of Independent States, the Mediterranean. At one of the GLH events, participants will demonstrate their newly developed "Virtual Reality" technology in the 21st century with children in various countries.

ICEM was created in 1950 and is now a consultative Status A with UNESCO. It has a Department of Film and Television. There are presently 100 member countries. Each participating nation is represented by an individual. In most instances, this individual is affiliated with a university and is responsible for educational technology in that country.

The above GLH events will be held in the form of "Design and Delivery of a 21st Century Education: International Implications." The choice of this theme is to address the disparity between the advanced technologies and the very basic ones needed by the lesser developed countries.

#### C. Summary

The GLH demonstrations by the GLOSAS project is a very effective illustration of the capabilities available in the global environment. Such GLOSAS projects have been linked across political and geographical boundaries. Through debate, research, planetary problem-solving, and education, they have also helped foster a participatory global identity amongst participants. Also through these demonstrations, we discover technical, regulatory, economic and social implications of a global (electronic) university. It has been shown that global educational exchange is a feasible endeavor. They also helped paved the way for the next step.

### IV. GLOBAL (ELECTRONIC) UNIVERSITY

The above steps towards the establishment of global telecommunication networks and policies, the first step has been taken. The next possible step: focusing attention on the



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GLOSAS/USA is now organizing two large scale GLHs at the occasion of the Annual International Conference of International Council for Educational Media (ICEM) to be held at the University of Central Florida in Orlando, Florida, on October 12 and 13, 1992. The theme is "*Global Education in the 21st Century: Design and Delivery.*" The former on October 12th is to cover the range of North, Central and South America, Pacific Islands, Australia, New Zealand, Far Eastern and North Eastern Asia, and the latter on October 13th the range of North, Central and South America, Africa and Middle East, Western, Northern, Central and Eastern Europe including the Commonwealth of Independent States, the Baltics as well as the Mediterranean. At one of the GLH events, National Film Board of Canada will demonstrate their newly developed "Virtual Reality" for the joint design of a future city in the 21st century with children in various overseas countries.

ICEM was created in 1950 and is a non-profit, non-governmental organization which has consultative Status A with UNESCO through the International Council for Film and Television. There are presently over thirty nations who belong to ICEM. Each participating nation is represented in ICEM through a designated member. In most instances, this individual is affiliated with their nation's Ministry of Education and is responsible for educational technology programs within their country.

The above GLH events will be held at the occasion of the ICEM Symposium on "*Design and Delivery of a 21st Century Technology Base for Today's Learners: International Implications.*" The choice of the theme reflects the concern with the disparity between the advanced technologies being used by developed nations and the very basic ones needed by the lesser developed.

### C. Summary

The GLH demonstrations by the GLOSAS Project have been a most effective illustration of the capabilities available in the interactive multimedia environment. Such GLOSAS projects have clearly demonstrated how people can be linked across political and geographic boundaries for joint study, discussion, debate, research, planetary problem-solving, and political action. In so doing, they have also helped foster a participatory spirit and a sense of transnational identity amongst participants. Also these demonstrations have helped GLOSAS discover technical, regulatory, economic and marketing impediments to the creation of a global (electronic) university system. The GLOSAS projects have shown that global educational exchange via international telecommunications is a feasible endeavor. They also helped prepare the way for global peace gaming.

## IV. GLOBAL (ELECTRONIC) UNIVERSITY (GU)

The above steps towards the establishment of infrastructures of telecommunication networks and policies, the first stage of the GLOSAS Project, made possible the next step: focusing attention on the "substance and content" of

global telecommunication and information technologies, i.e., construction of international educational and training course exchange system among countries.

#### A. Need for Distance Education

Improving and expanding education are essential ingredients of any national development policy. Countries look to the future's well educated generations as the best way to improve their overall social and economic standing. National educational programmes mainly rely on conventional or formal educational methods, the sort of methods based for the most part on the traditional classroom contact. However, conventional methods of education are expensive, and may not be suitable for segments of the population, particularly in the Third World countries that have no easy access to conventional schools or which must combine studies and work. For these reasons, distance education is a rapidly expanding field nowadays.

The development of distance education programmes requires a considerable investment on the part of institutions which decide to adopt these educational methods and techniques. In addition to technological and financial resources, institutions must have competent human resources in order to try out feasibility studies, design the pedagogical content of courses, produce printed materials, audiovisual or computer based programmes, establish appropriate tutoring systems, set up the technical and technological infrastructure, seek adequate funding, and so on.

Distance education has been perceived as a powerful means to utilize telecommunication technology for the dissemination of teaching experiences and ideas, information, production of two-way exchanges between the emitter and the receiver, bridging time and space limitations. Historical development stage of distance education may be categorized into the following:

##### FIRST generation:

- Correspondence education by postal service,

##### SECOND generation:

- Instructional TV (one-way broadcasting),

##### THIRD generation:

- Second combined with audio line for question-and-answer —initially between a student and an instructor, and later with audio teleconferencing among them,

##### FOURTH generation:

- Third combined with computer conferencing to enable asynchronous and synchronous interactions,

##### FIFTH generation:

- Global extension of the fourth as our GLH demonstrations,

##### SIXTH generation:

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#### B. Global (electronic) Education

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We all know that technological adva tion an everyday fact of life: but the lives ticularly in disadvantaged countries, are stil possibilities that have already been open 1990a). We are at the threshold of a new but the use of the new tools is so far rese and is scarcely discussed as a matter of p provide cooperative, experiential learning c scale and for the purpose of fostering p (Ljitic and Utsumi 1991).

#### C. Emerging Global (electronic) University

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Participants will be equipped with their own database and simulation model of their country, locality or specialty which will be interconnected each other to act as if a single global model. Visual results of each participant will be shown to others for discussion. This is the ultimate goal of our GLOSAS project.

Education and socio-economic system simulation are the warp and woof in the fabric of projects that GLOSAS/USA is weaving in collaboration with voluntary associates in several states and overseas countries. In Latin America, education and system simulation are two of the many activities needed to save the environment while pursuing industrial development.

### B. Global (electronic) Education

Human society now faces urgent problems which require a global restructuring of education at all levels to cope with the planetary issues. Problems of education have reached a global scale. Pressures to consider education on a very large scale, including several countries and regions, come indeed from the nature of economical and social life itself today. Technologies accelerate the process of globalization of knowledge. Following the general trend of globalization of problems and experiences, education has to see all the world as its natural context. An enlarged view of education requires cooperation. There are no longer boundaries in the culture of humanity. The use of technologies for education has to take these new characteristics into account in order to favor and promote global education (De Blasi 1990b).

We all know that technological advances have made global communication an everyday fact of life: but the lives of so many millions of people, particularly in disadvantaged countries, are still untouched by the great educational possibilities that have already been opened up for relatively few (De Blasi 1990a). We are at the threshold of a new age in education and communication but the use of the new tools is so far reserved mainly for the privileged few and is scarcely discussed as a matter of public policy. GLOSAS attempts to provide cooperative, experiential learning opportunities on the widest possible scale and for the purpose of fostering peace and sustainable development (Ljutic and Utsumi 1991).

### C. Emerging Global (electronic) University

GLOSAS/USA was established in 1988 as a New York publicly supported, non-profit, tax exempt, educational service organization with the goal of assisting and enhancing the quality and availability of international educational exchange through the use of computer, telecommunication and information technologies. Its membership is international and open to all. It seeks to create a **Global (electronic) University (GU) Consortium**.

GU is a worldwide educational network and a permanent organization of international education exchange via various telecommunication media. GU is to be a broad collaborative partnership of universities and businesses; of governmental, non-governmental, and community organizations; of students, workers, and individual citizens; working towards an educational and non-profit telecommunications network which will span the globe. It seeks to provide on a global scale all kinds of educational, cultural, information, knowledge, voca-

tional and community activities, rather than being confined only to traditional educational offerings. GU intends to promote innovation and economy in pedagogical and technological development by providing distance education models that are adequate to the needs and economic and technological capacities of participating institutions.

GU is a network that will eventually provide a technical and administrative infrastructure for exchange of education through telecommunication across national boundaries as easy as it now is within many developed countries. The GU's main activity is to achieve a global electronic education, serving and complementing existing distance education institutions with outlets and resources on a global scale, by developing a cooperative and worldwide infrastructure and by bringing the powers and resources of telecommunications to ordinary citizens around the world. This will eventually lead to an international educational and training course exchange system among the countries as well as with the United States.

In essence, GU will provide its participating institutions with technical cooperation and training assistance. The former may involve help in areas such as transfer of experiences or technologies, project or programme preparation, locating and approaching funding agencies. The latter involves assisting institutions in improving the specialist knowledge of those amongst their personnel who are responsible for the institution's distance education programme.

Each country's GU consortium will also facilitate and train its members for the teleconferencing event, and can coordinate, as a gateway, the selection/arrangement of importable/exportable educational telelearning courses internationally and domestically. Sharing for global scale educational excellence can also reduce the need for huge new investments in academic buildings.

The GU will come into existence in three ways: as the technological infrastructure for a delivery system (educational satellite and terrestrial networks); an educational infrastructure to identify educational needs and courses to be offered; and as a financial and promotional organization for giving and receiving funds to and from those who use courses and those who provide them.

#### D. Benefits

The emerging Global University will distribute education from all the world's best sources to all students who crave knowledge, wherever they are, so as to enlarge and expand the present exchange of courses — "distance education" which now exists on five continents — into a worldwide educational system that can provide a specially tailored educational program for each individual, bringing to his or her home an array of resources that can empower individuals and bring new wealth to the Third World also.

By participating in GU, institutions that currently are limited to one country will be able to extend their services to learning centers and learners around the world where there may be a shortage both of trained faculty and of resources in technical and other fields of study. Quality international education from universities can be provided to students in almost any location who, because of constraints on time, resources, or available options, are unable to go to other countries to study at regularly scheduled campus-based classes. Students could access some of the world's finest resources with a far greater variety of

educational philosophies, courses and institutions. This is a true global encounter on single campus, regardless of time or place, allowing students to leave homeland and workplace. Yet, it offers high levels of interaction and feedback (via electronic mail) between students and instructors. The quality of education for students at universities in disadvantaged countries will be improved by this so-called "the 21st century version of Fulbright."

#### E. Coordination

Satellite technology is eminently a global technology. It can cover one third of the earth, and there are already many satellites. Satellites have been successfully employed in many areas. Problems of geographical enlargement of the network are tempting to use satellites in regions which have a large number of problems arise such as: different languages, cultures and also contrasting economic interests and different social systems (De Blasi 1990b).

GU intends to enable smooth coordination on a global scale. As one of first steps, GLOSAS will publish a manual for "Global Lecture Hall" demonstrating how to use it regularly — in the near future for our platform. Once it is established, and subsequently, web-based gaming will be conducted (Utsumi and DeBlasi 1990b).

#### F. GLOSAS Electronic Discussion Conferencing

GLOSAS/USA members now have a manual available from a host computer at the University of Toronto, accessed from Bitnet, SprintMail, or any other network connected with Internet. Contents of discussion are available access to appropriate electronic-mail, albeit not directly to recipients. This unique feature enables us to offer this service world. We can offer this thanks to SprintMail.

The objective of the conference is to promote international cooperation on the development of various communication technologies to discuss any related subjects, whether it be technical (technique), content or form and whether having any policy implications, as well as instruction and sharing of experiences.

An electronic newsletter, "GLOSAS/USA News," will be published about our upcoming projects and developments. The newsletter is a regular service from McGill University, Canada.

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GU intends to enable smooth coordination among participating parties on a global scale. As one of first steps, GLOSAS/USA has recently published a user manual for “Global Lecture Hall” demonstrations which, we hope, will be used regularly — in the near future for our planned Global (electronic) University once it is established, and subsequently, when our global environmental peace gaming will be conducted (Utsumi and DeMaio 1991).

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GLOSAS/USA members now have an electronic discussion conference, available from a host computer at the University of Ottawa, Canada. It can be accessed from Bitnet, SprintMail, or any other networks which have been interconnected with Internet. Contents of discussions can be faxed to those with no access to appropriate electronic-mail, albeit one-way from the host computer to recipients. This unique feature enables us to reach participants around the world. We can offer this thanks to SprintMail’s generous provision of support.

The objective of the conference is to provide a discussion platform for co-operation on the development of various GLOSAS projects. Participants also discuss any related subjects, whether it be about the technology, procedure (technique), content or form and whether having inter-cultural, economic or policy implications, as well as instruction and sharing of information.

An electronic newsletter, “GLOSAS NEWS,” has also been published about our upcoming projects and developments, thanks to a kind offer of a similar service from McGill University, Canada.

## V. GOALS AND PRINCIPLES OF GLOBAL UNIVERSITY

### A. Goals

Recognizing that humankind is faced with a wide range of critical problems (ICIS Forum 1988), the Global University is directing itself to four essential goals:

1. The globalization of educational opportunities to make possible the highest quality of education for all the world's learners.
2. Support of research and development, including such projects as:
  - a. globally networked "think tanks" for examining philosophical assumptions, creating new models of educational exchange, and collaborating on problems of global concern;
  - b. research on new technologies that will improve the quality of educational endeavors; and
  - c. global coordination of research results and the accomplishments of educators around the world.
3. Use of global scale tools such as peace gaming and global village meetings so as to explore new alternatives for a world-order capable of addressing the problems and opportunities of an interdependent globe.
4. Globalization of employment opportunities to enhance the job flexibility and lifestyles of all the world's workers.

The goal of GU is to empower under-served people of Third World countries by giving them access to the educational excellence of many countries via various telecommunication media.

### B. Observations

Projects of Global University will be based on following general observations;

1. "Collaborative Learning": "Learnability" and "retainability" increases when students can collaborate easily with instructors and other students. As the globe shrinks with inexpensive transportation and with ever increasing multinational trade and commerce, we are required to find a way for young people throughout the world to learn together in order to know and understand each other's culture and values.

2. "Experiential Learning": Knowledge is gained with action to become wisdom. In addition to traditional face-to-face or one-way satellite video lectures or seminars, we emphasize practical, hands-on learning, together with instructors, colleagues and professionals. Students and trainees will converse daily via various telecommunication media while they engage in their work in their countries. This will foster comradeship amongst participants.

3. "Objective Learning": Our projects are to construct an ever-lasting infrastructure system jointly. Participants will then have a feeling of accomplishment for the betterment of humankind.

4. "Autonomous Learning": students/trainees can go abroad to study time, say, a half year, one year or more their daily work place. There are also people can have such a privilege. We then utilize advanced computer, information to overcome remoteness and inevitable time enable students/trainees to promote their location and time.

### C. Principles

The emerging Global University academic freedom and cultural variety should also not be determined solely by local efforts and concerns. Therefore discussion of a global educational philosophy freedom can be maintained in the balance university and voluntary agency structures, s

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### C. Principles

The emerging Global University has a determination to preserve true academic freedom and cultural variety (Utsumi et al. 1990). The shape of GU should also not be determined solely by business, engineering, and technological efforts and concerns. Therefore considerable time is being given to discussion of a global educational philosophy. It is hoped that a great deal of freedom can be maintained in the balance between government, corporate, university and voluntary agency structures, so that no one will dominate.

The purposes, principles, values, and methods of global education are the topic of a working group appointed by GU/USA. This is because, as distance education grows more common, its philosophy will affect the well-being of people and countries everywhere. To explore essential principles, ideas, and philosophies of global education, GU expects to complete a draft of a "Universal Charter of Global (electronic) Education" that will become the policy of GU. The charter will speak of the world's needs and of what education can do to help the people of the world fulfill their needs, individually and jointly. We hope that individuals, schools and other associations will participate in the development and final editing of this charter and that those involved in global distance education will adopt this charter as a basis for their own activities. GU/USA will submit the charter to UNESCO for possible adoption when the working group completes its task. The working group welcomes correspondence with anyone in the world, especially from outside the United States and from cultures other than European-American.

## VI. ELECTRONIC DELIVERY SYSTEM

In order to create an environment conducive to global peace gaming and information exchange there is a need of communications systems that secure effective participation in decisions affecting all. GLOSAS has therefore been advocating policy changes resulting in less costly and more accessible communications for the purpose of study and discussion of common concerns. GLOSAS ultimately seeks to form cooperative alliances and consortia whose collective weight could be used to lower the costs of communications as well as effect significant changes in policy. For example, a joint effort of GUs in various countries/regions to lease international telecommunications lines and/or satellite transponders will make it possible for members of GU to obtain dis-

counted telecommunications costs. Consortia in any country can thus unite their strengths so that international information and educational exchange can readily become attainable.

#### A. Computer Conferencing Systems

Electronic-mail or computer conferencing can become the basis of communication amongst students and instructors on a global basis. In contrast to electronic-mail, the Electronic Information Exchange System (EIES) computer conference network of the New Jersey Institute of Technology provides interactive dialogue amongst participants independent of time and space constraints. Their dialogue can be retrieved at any time from almost anywhere on the world. Thereby, all participants, however far apart they may be, "congregate as in a room." Or it can be considered as a "shared file cabinet" for them to use as they participate in various projects. EIES has been used to offer education to Singapore, Scandinavia, and middle eastern countries with teachers in Japan, Venezuela, and elsewhere around the globe.

#### B. Packet-Radio and -Satellite Systems

The Big Sky Project in the State of Montana uses packet-radio for transmission of audio, text and animated color graphics in a 50 miles range. The packet-satellite technique, developed at the University of North Texas, can connect personal computers linked together in Texas, Florida, Hawaii, American and Western Samoa, and Tonga via NASA's Applied Technology Satellite (ATS) free of charge. The foot-print of the satellite covers all North, Central and South America, and many Pacific islands to Marshall Islands. The linkage enables retrieval of library catalogue at the University of Hawaii.

#### C. Slow-Scan TV (SSTV) Conference Systems

A slow-scan (or freeze-frame) TV (SSTV) unit is now at the International University of Japan (IUJ) — a gift from the Japan Broadcasting Corporation (Nihon Hoso Kyokai = NHK) by the arrangement made by GLOSAS/USA. It can be used for real-time demonstrations between American and Japanese schools, and for other joint research in various fields. Such connections with SSTV can be an effective supplement to distance education with electronic-mail or computer conferencing, the so-called "Virtual Classroom" or "Global Classroom." A similar unit is now at the University of Puerto Rico which has been used daily for distance education with New York University. Distance education, using the new information technology, doesn't have to be full-motion video (Urbanowicz 1991).

#### D. Full-Color, Full-Motion Video Teleconference Systems

A recent report counted fifty-four educational programming networks using satellite video at the end of 1990 in North America alone. Twelve years earlier, there were only nine. Many are preparing to extend their services

globally (Nevins and Urbanowicz 1991;

The National Technological University commenced the use of digital compressed existing consumer analog video. Basically converting the analog signal to digital requires to reconstruct the video. This technique allows more than 15 satellite courses simultaneously via reducing the satellite usage costs and also providing course materials which may be recorded on video. Features include simultaneous facsimile transmission, receive-only earth station with capability to turn on and off automatically, and a high-speed data link.

We plan to use all digital satellite transmission for global telecommunication networks for one-way, from the U.S. to overseas countries. This includes audio, slow-scan TV, facsimile, data and video transmission through ordinary overseas telephone lines, without any regulatory restrictions for uplinking to the INTELSAT premises in various countries. We can easily lease the satellite transponder.

#### E. Project DAWN

GLOSAS/USA initiated Project DAWN for educational services overseas. This project will be a pilot project; experimenting for one year with the educational services to those countries/regions via inexpensive satellite. Project members are of two types; (1) providers and (2) users or receivers. Together with interested parties, we are developing an application to Project ACCESS of INTELSAT for audio, data, facsimile, slow-scan TV, graphics, and video.

## VII. REGIONAL GLOBAL UNIVERSITIES

#### A. Organization

Experience shows that the expertise needed does not yet exist in many parts of the world. In order to create a globally-cooperative environmental peace war game, and to promote the cause of peace and joint research, GLOSAS/USA is joining around the world to create a Global (electronic) classroom that we can have participants in our peace game issues both today and in the twenty-first century.

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ing the satellite usage costs and also providing the possibility of quick delivery of  
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tures include simultaneous facsimile transmission, addressability of individual re-  
ceive-only earth station with capability to turn video cassette recorders (VCRs) on  
and off automatically, and a high-speed data transmission line.

We plan to use all digital satellite transmission techniques as the backbone  
of global telecommunication networks for the GU. This transmission will be  
one-way, from the U.S. to overseas counterparts. Return communications (mainly  
audio, slow-scan TV, facsimile, data and computer conferencing) are to be made  
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issues both today and in the twenty-first century.

They are Global/Pacific University (GPU) (Utsumi and Clements 1989),  
Global/Latin American University (GLAU) (Utsumi and Garzon 1991, Utsumi and  
Villarreal 1992) and Global/European University (GEU) (Utsumi 1991a) consortia.

Along with a Global/Indian University (GIU) (Charp 1988), these can become part of a true Global University, consisting of a federation of consortia linked in a cooperative network. These strong network regions are determined partly by geography, cultural history and by the footprints of communication satellites.

The GU, with responsibility for the collaboration of groups in each country and region, may consist of a federation of consortia, each invited to have an authorized, cooperative, and collaborative relationship with the GU/USA, a divisional activity of GLOSAS/USA. Similar consortia are being created in Canada, Japan, Australia, Sri Lanka, Brazil, Croatia, Russia, Rumania and other countries.

#### *B. Goal, Purpose and Objective*

The goal is to contribute to the development of human resources in the Third World countries in the field of distance education through the operation of a network for inter-institutional technical cooperation and assistance for the use of distance education methods. The distance education brings also the need for research and for applying its results to development.

The purpose is to assist in the implementation and initial operation of a regional inter-institutional network dedicated to promote technical horizontal cooperation among distance education institutions in the countries and regions.

Its main objective is to assist distance education and higher education institutions in testing, adopting and institutionalizing innovations in the field of telecommunication networking with the purpose of facilitating the implementation of specialized information systems and promoting the development of distance education processes.

#### *C. Training of Facilitators for Information and Knowledge Management*

For smooth operations of "Global Lecture Hall" events and global electronic education, it is a vital necessity to have a capable facilitator at each participating site. Also, effective use of various computer, telecommunication and information technologies has to be made by students of global electronic distance education — for example, the uses of personal computer, word processor and communication software are minimum requirements to converse with their counterparts via electronic-mail and computer conference, and also to retrieve various information databases.

The individual can be regarded not only as an information user, but also as an information and knowledge producer by the use of several media. One of these media is the computer and telecommunication networks. One of the problems facing network users from the Third World is the lack of adequate knowledge to use telecommunication facilities efficiently. Therefore, regional GUs, such as GPU, GLAU and GEU, could offer, in cooperation with Nippon Omni-Management Association (NOMA) in Japan, REDLAED and CREAD in Latin America and WAUSE in Europe (see about them below), this training possibility around the following topics:

1. Use of computers as a mean to process information and produce mes-

sages to be circulated in networks and framework of interest groups. This can be done through an interpretative grammar of messages;

2. The use of media production technology to produce and organize contents to be circulated in networks;

3. The use of existing information technology for the interpretation and utilization of data (interpretative grammar of messages) (Charp 1988).

Training activities will be organized around the information contents, the technologies and the services. The main objective is to train the facilitators to read, interpret and use the information and telecommunication technologies, to manage databases, electronic conferences and for research and development purposes.

In the very near future, equipment such as corporations and universities, are receiving transmissions; the satellite master station maintains VCRs and monitors; the design of a broadcast room, including telephone hook-ups for direct faculty contact, and the administrative services.

The facilitator will assist corporations and educational agencies in planning, operating, and maintaining education and information update programs. The facilitator will also coordinate with a site manager for guidance and backing, look at student needs, coordinate course offerings and collect information from service providers. He/she circulates catalogs, selects course offerings to students, managers and faculty, and also takes care of student needs. Videotape for students who miss classes because of job requirements. Videotape usually requires a tutor to lead (Charp 1991).

GLOSAS/USA will provide distance education with facilitator training on how to access information, as Utsumi did in the fall of 1990 — and also to access various databases and to manage a receive-only antenna, etc. They will also coordinate electronic education activities in their countries.

#### *D. Export of Courses to Overseas*

The National Technological University, through a consortium of engineering departments and universities distributes courses through satellite to corporations, such as AT&T, Boeing, Hewlett-Packard, Honeywell, IBM, M

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3. The use of existing information services and data banks and the interpretation and utilization of data, information and knowledge (interpretative grammar of messages) (Cartier 19 87).

Training activities will be organized around the following axes: the user, the information contents, the technologies and the media and information services. The main objective is to train the user on how to produce contents; how to read, interpret and use the information contents that he receives; how to use information and telecommunication technologies and information services, databases, electronic conferences and forums more effectively for training, research and development purposes.

In the very near future, equipment and facilities at course-receiving sites, such as corporations and universities, also consist of the satellite dish for receiving transmissions; the satellite master control, which directs receptions and maintains VCRs and monitors; the designated class-rooms and satellite broadcast room, including telephone hook-ups for interactive satellite broadcast or for faculty contact, and the administrative section.

The facilitator will assist corporations, academic institutions, and educational agencies in planning, operating, and distributing media-based continuing education and information update programs for working professionals. The facilitator will also coordinate with a site education council which will provide guidance and backing, look at student needs and qualification, and recommend course offerings and collect information from providers and prospective providers. He/she circulates catalogs, schedules and other printed materials on course offerings to students, managers and supervisors. The site coordinator also takes care of student needs. Videotapes of all classes are maintained for students who miss classes because of job responsibilities or travel. Instruction by videotape usually requires a tutor to lead classes and facilitate learning (Kiestler 1991).

GLOSAS/USA will provide distance educators in Third World countries with facilitator training on how to access electronic-mail and computer conferencing, as Utsumi did in the fall of 1990 in Caracas, Venezuela, — see below — and also to access various databases available from the U.S. and how to operate receive-only antenna, etc. They will become the core group of global electronic education activities in their countries.

#### *D. Export of Courses to Overseas*

The National Technological University (NTU) in Fort Collins, Colorado, a consortium of engineering departments from about forty leading U.S. universities distributes courses through satellite to domestic buyers of major American corporations, such as AT&T, Boeing, DEC, Kodak, Du Pont, GE, GTE, Hewlett-Packard, Honeywell, IBM, Motorola, NCR, Pacific Bell, Texas

Instruments, and Xerox, etc. Its market is mainly for continuing education of engineers who are assigned to locations where advanced courses are not readily available. By participating in the GU, NTU — whose present scope of operations is limited to the United States — will be capable of extending its services to learning centers and individuals around the world. The NTU has already indicated its willingness to work with GLOSAS/USA.

GLOSAS/USA believes that these courses would be useful to companies in various countries for the same reason. Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey (ITESM) in Mexico now receives NTU courses daily. Some video tapes of NTU's courses have already been translated into Japanese (Gomi 1988) and Italian for continuing education of employees.

GLOSAS/USA will conduct multi-client projects on the market survey of educational services available from North America to overseas countries — including for employee training of subsidiaries/affiliates of North American organizations. GLOSAS/USA membership is now opened to entitle one to join this multi-client joint project. The results of this survey will be the basis of our business plan and economic and technical feasibility study for extending American courses to target countries on regular basis to create a regional GU.

#### *E. Distance Research and Development*

Telecommunication facilities do not only allow us to educate people, but also to conduct research and bring people together in discussion groups around teaching, research and development projects.

It is necessary to explore the possibility of using regional GUs and its telecommunication platform as a means;

1. To promote education in several fields of knowledge,
2. To enhance the conduct of research projects by bringing together several scholars in special interest groups (SIGs), and also
3. To facilitate a working environment for decision-making related to development projects.

These three functions (teaching, research and development) are the basic functions of any university.

A university, of course, is much more than courses. Efforts are being continued in GLOSAS to facilitate international research electronically. The vast amount of electronic collaboration on research projects, from continent to continent, is another evidence of the emergence of the "global electronic university" quite beyond and outside the efforts of all organizations and agencies. The exchange of knowledge among/between countries can make major contributions to world peace, helping to ease frictions, to promote joint research and development and mutual exchange and understanding. An example of such joint effort is our global environmental peace gaming simulation, though it will be conducted at a later stage (Utsumi 1991b).

#### *F. Development of Consortia and Local Chapters*

GLOSAS/USA will encourage the development of other consortia and related organizations and groups of every kind, urging them to pool their re-

sources and energies; to work together nationally and globally; and to form learning centers and towns in various countries/regions.

### VIII. ESTABLISHMENT OF GLOBAL UNIVERSITY (GPU)

To help educate future participants in educational exchanges, GLOSAS is at the University (GPU). The creation of a course exchange system (see below) is a part of a GPU. Our projects between the two countries have been prepared infrastructures in the past two decades following interrelated steps.

#### *A. Electronic Linkage of American and Japanese Universities*

A videoconference on "U.S.-Japan and Crisis Management for Global Environment" is now planned as a kick-off event to initiate a videoconference with sister schools in the International Studies (SAIS) of Johns Hopkins University School of Business Administration of Darmstadt University of Applied Sciences. The purpose of this videoconference is to demonstrate the possibility of interconnecting those schools on regular basis.

Global sustainable development is a major international affairs. Environmental issues are interrelated with social, economic and political issues. World peace and stability are potential for escalating regional conflicts. Japan is playing a greater role as a world economic power, and Japanese Official Development Assistance is increasing to Third World countries, in relation to the development issues. For example, 60 to 70% of the budget depends on it. Japan now considers the development of the videoconference projects by faculties of those schools as a part of GLOSAS/USA.

Preparation for the event will include a videoconference among the key players. Their discussion will be permanent electronic course exchanges on a regular basis which will be supplemented by occasional videoconferences to avoid time difference between the U.S. and Japan. The computer conference will be held to get constraints, and the occasional videoconference will be held for instructors and students and amongst students.

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## VIII. ESTABLISHMENT OF GLOBAL/PACIFIC UNIVERSITY (GPU)

To help educate future participants in peace gaming and to encourage educational exchanges, GLOSAS is attempting to create a **Global/Pacific University (GPU)**. The creation of a U.S.-Japan educational and training course exchange system (see below) is a major first step towards the establishment of a GPU. Our projects between both countries, for which we have prepared infrastructures in the past two decades, now need to forge ahead with the following interrelated steps.

### A. Electronic Linkage of American and Japanese Sister Schools

A videoconference on "*U.S.-Japan Perceptions on Conflict Resolution and Crisis Management for Global Environment and Sustainable Development*" is now planned as a kick-off event to interlink the International University of Japan (IUJ) with sister schools in the U.S., i.e., School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) of Johns Hopkins University and Amos Tuck School of Business Administration of Dartmouth College. The primary purpose of this videoconference is to demonstrate technical feasibility of electronically interconnecting those schools on regular basis.

Global sustainable development is now the top of the agenda of international affairs. Environmental issues are industrial and energy issues; hence, social, economic and political issues. World affairs are closely interwoven, with potential for escalating regional conflicts. On the other hand, Japan has now a greater role as a world economic power, particularly in the allocation of the Japanese Official Development Assistance (ODA) funds (\$10 billion annually) to Third World countries, in relation to the global environment and sustainable development issues. For example, 60 to 70 percent of Bangladesh government budget depends on it. Japan now considers to curtail aids to weapon-exporting countries. The panel discussion of the videoconference will be on these subjects by faculties of those schools and members and advisors of GLOSAS/USA.

Preparation for the event will include daily discussion via computer conference among the key players. Their discussion is to become a forerunner of permanent electronic course exchanges on a regular basis among these schools, which will be supplemented by occasional videoconferences. This is due to inevitable time difference between the U.S. and Japan and to still high cost of videoconference. The computer conference overcomes distance, time and budget constraints, and the occasional videoconference increases intimacy between instructors and students and amongst students.

The electronic linkage among those schools, a prototype of the U.S.-Japan educational and training course exchange system, will enable Japanese students receive courses from American schools without leaving Japan, and on the other

hand, the teachers from American schools do not need to spend months in Japan. With telecommunications, more teachers of those Japanese and American schools can share discussions of international problems in business and political affairs. They can work together without the expense and fatigue of long journeys.

This videoconference will be broadcast not only in Japan but also in North America, so that many schools can participate interactively with panelists who are scattered around in both countries. After successful conduct of these events, some of IUJ's Japanese management courses will be uplinked for distribution to the participants with the use of "Global Lecture Hall" videoconferencing technology.

Successful conduct of this videoconference is a step toward the establishment of *international educational course exchange* on a regular basis, setting a precedent which may be followed by other schools in Japan and other countries, particularly in Third World.

#### B. U.S.-JAPAN Electronic Shadow Cabinet System

The U.S.-Japan relationship is now at an all time low, due to the differences of their traditions, cultures and value systems. In today's increasingly interdependent global economy, the need for greater understanding and cooperation between the U.S. and Japan has never been more urgent, especially the search for common ground and mutuality between both countries. A great demand for education on Japanese subjects is now seen everywhere in the world. America is no exception.

In the past several years, we have been preparing for the establishment of this U.S.-Japan Electronic Shadow Cabinet System to ease the two countries' trade and economic frictions, which are now mainly caused by the differences of business traditions and cultures of the U.S. and Japan. This was proposed to GLOSAS/USA by Mr. Sohei Nakayama, Special Advisor of the Industrial Bank of Japan and the founder and chancellor of the International University of Japan.

Daily conversations will be held between selected U.S. and Japanese panels of experts via electronic-mail, computer conferencing or facsimile. They will discuss real reasons of why and how on the performance and competitiveness of the Japanese economy: its relatively rapid growth, its aggressive development of high-technology industry, its large and continuing export surpluses, etc. The difference in values of both countries will also be discussed; Japan's strength (such as duty and obligation to the group, group identification with the enterprise, discipline, conformity, consistency, goodness, beauty, etc.) is America's weakness; and America's strength (such as innovation, diversity and variation, individualism, entrepreneurialism, autonomy, teamwork, equality, liberty, justice, etc.) is Japan's weakness. As a result of their discussions, they will be able to reach consensus about policy directions.

Edited summaries of their electronic discussions can be published periodically in leading journals to promote public understanding in those subjects and other current issues of both countries. After the end of this project, they can be published in a book form. The book may provide a common conceptual

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This project is to help Americans and Japanese think together about the major issues and problems facing their countries. We hope that our U.S.-Japan joint projects will find a way to create a synergism to combine the strengths of both countries for upheaval of oriental and occidental cultures. A number of Japanese universities and organizations have already indicated their willingness to cooperate.

#### *C.U.S.-Japan Electronic Educational and Training Course Exchange System*

The phenomenal economic growth and technological advancement of Japan are now the envy of the world. Japan needs to educate young people for the globalization of their economy and industry; and the world, on the other hand, requires that Japan educate the young of other countries with their technological, manufacturing, and management know-how, business traditions and culture which brought her current prosperity.

GLOSAS/USA has been working on to establish a U.S.-Japan Electronic Educational and Training Course Exchange System in the fields of science, technology, manufacturing engineering, management know-how, business practices and culture, via various telecommunication media. The successful video-conference (mentioned above) will lead to this system, which will also include satellite course exchange for the National Technological University (NTU).

GLOSAS/USA is currently conducting, in cooperation with NTU and Nippon Omni-Management Association (NOMA), a marketing survey in Japan and other Asian and Pacific countries to extend American educational and training courses available from NTU (and later, other North American schools) via satellites and other telecommunication media, to which Hitachi, NEC and other leading Japanese companies have already responded. The results of this survey will be the basis of our business plan and economic and technical feasibility study for extending American courses to Japan (later to other countries) on regular basis to create a **Global/Pacific (electronic) University (GPU)**.

Beneficiaries of the system will be not only the personnel of governments, but also employees of industries, would-be decision-makers, students and faculties of schools in the U.S. and other countries; and, of course, Japan will benefit equally. This will also promote public understanding between the U.S. and Japan, and also improve the image of Japan as contributing to global education in the Age of Knowledge.

#### *D. Creation of GLOSAS/JAPAN*

Recently, the U.S. Department of Defense initiated the U.S.-Japan Industry and Technology Management Training Program. It encourages Americans seriously to pay attention to the management and business practices used by Japan in the areas of science, engineering, and manufacturing in light

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of Japan's remarkable technological successes in recent years.

At the request of Dr. Lionel Baldwin, President of NTU, GLOSAS/USA plans to bring to the U.S. Japanese courses on high technology, manufacturing engineering, business know-how, and culture in the future which will be delivered through NTU and other systems. NTU is one of the selected recipients of the DoD Program funds. NTU will ask GLOSAS/USA to perform a specific task for this program.

Our preliminary investigation and feasibility study carried out on behalf of NTU revealed some hesitancy and difficulties concerning the DoD program amongst Japanese. However, this is a timely program for the betterment of U.S.-Japan relationships, given the increasing anti-Japanese feelings amongst some Americans, and anti-American tendencies in Japan. Japanese should respond to this program earnestly and seriously, since this is the largest goodwill program which the U.S. government has ever initiated towards Japan, recognizing its importance to the U.S. and its significant progress in high-tech areas. Japanese colleagues have come to a conclusion that there is a need of a coordinating organization, tentatively called GLOSAS/JAPAN.

GLOSAS/USA is now working with Japanese colleagues to create GLOSAS/JAPAN as a Japanese national project, under the auspices of various governmental agencies with the support of the Federation of Economic Organizations (Keidanren).

The Goals of GLOSAS/JAPAN are;

1. To overcome Japanese hindrances for the DoD's Program and to coordinate the efforts of its award grantees,
2. To establish a U.S.-Japan educational and training course exchange system in the fields of science, technology, manufacturing engineering, management know-how, business practices and culture, via telecommunication media,
3. To promote "global electronic distance education," to help educate under-served people of the Third World countries, in cooperation with organizations in the United States (such as GLOSAS/USA, etc.) and in other countries, which integratively utilizes computer, telecommunication and information technologies on a global scale,
4. To construct a globally cooperative peace gaming system on the issues of environment and sustainable development, particularly in Third World countries, for contributing to policy analysis and formulation and for training would-be decision-makers on crisis management, conflict resolution and negotiation techniques,
5. To raise Japanese funds to promote and support distance education in overseas countries, such as Pacific Rim and Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean, Mediterranean and Eastern Europe, to establish regional Global Universities, etc.

In a sense, this project will become a U.S.-Japan joint effort of contributing to the distance education, and research and development in the Third World with; (a) educational excellence, (b) advanced technologies in electronic, computer, telecommunications, and information, and (c) financial support of the both countries.

Projects of GLOSAS/JAPAN will improve Japanese, by promoting their friendship with the U.S. through friendly conversation and collaborative learning. This will hence facilitate Japan's smooth and better relations with the Third World countries.

### *E. Deregulation of Japanese INTELSAT Telecommunications*

#### *1. Problem*

The INTELSAT system was one of the major factors in the development of telecommunication between countries. Because of the downlinking cost in overseas countries, the use of INTELSAT for educational use due to the various PTT (Postal, Telephone and Telegraph) regulations which regulate the charges for information services. In response to this, not only the downlinking from the United States has been completely deregulated, but the use of INTELSAT satellites has been demonstrated to be economically feasible.

On the other hand, due to the advent of the VSAT (Very Small Aperture Terminal) antenna, signals from INTELSAT (unofficially) at various sites (in a similar manner to VSAT) for educational purpose in Japan. Newly developed digital modulation techniques enables the transmission of more than 15 channels per single transponder, thus greatly reducing the cost. This is providing the possibility of quick delivery of educational materials recorded onto video-tapes.

With the use of these new technologies, the use of international INTELSAT satellites telecommunication is becoming an economically feasible endeavor, once its monopoly is broken.

#### *2. Current Project*

To alleviate this cost, GLOSAS/USA is planning to use late Japanese INTELSAT telecommunication VSAT antennas to accept signals directly from INTELSAT for educational and non-profit purposes. The technical feasibility study is being conducted during the aforementioned IUJ/John Hopkins University project.

We have so far received support letters from various governmental agencies and prominent scholars, including the world-renowned Dr. Arthur C. Clarke, the inventor of the geostationary satellite. Our next step is to submit a petition to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), the U.S. Trade Representative, the Department of Telecommunications (MPT), the U.S. Trade Representative, the Department of Commerce, and the U.S. Federal Reserve.

#### *3. Expected Benefits*

When deregulation is achieved, the Japanese will be able to use INTELSAT telecommunication for educational and non-profit purposes.



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Projects of GLOSAS/JAPAN will increase global understanding amongst Japanese, by promoting their friendship with overseas counterparts through daily conversation and collaborative learning via telecommunication media, and hence facilitate Japan's smooth and better contribution overseas, particularly to the Third World countries.

### *E. Deregulation of Japanese INTELSAT Telecommunication Policies*

#### *1. Problem*

The INTELSAT system was originally established for satellite telecommunication between countries. Because of its monopolistic structure, the downlinking cost in overseas countries is currently prohibitive for any educational use due to the various PTT (Post, Telegraphy, Telephony) agencies which regulate the charges for information received into a country. In contrast to this, not only the downlinking from the INTELSAT satellites at schools in the United States has been completely deregulated, but also even the uplinking to INTELSAT satellites has been de-monopolized and are not too expensive any longer.

On the other hand, due to the advent of the Very Small Aperture Terminal (VSAT) antenna, signals from INTELSAT have been eavesdropped (unofficially) at various sites (in a similar way as a home TV set) for testing purpose in Japan. Newly developed digital compressed video technology also enables the transmission of more than 15 satellite courses simultaneously via a single transponder, thus greatly reducing the satellite usage costs and also providing the possibility of quick delivery of course materials which may be recorded onto video-tapes.

With the use of these new technologies, global educational exchange via international INTELSAT satellites telecommunications is a technically and economically feasible endeavor, once its monopolistic regulation is cleared.

#### *2. Current Project*

To alleviate this cost, GLOSAS/USA is now making an effort to deregulate Japanese INTELSAT telecommunication policies for the use of receive-only antennas to accept signals directly from INTELSAT satellites for educational and non-profit purposes. The technical feasibility of this is to be demonstrated during the aforementioned IUJ/John Hopkins/Dartmouth videoconference.

We have so far received support letters (more than 57) from various U.S. governmental agencies and prominent scholars around the world—including the world-renowned Dr. Arthur C. Clarke, the inventor of satellite telecommunication. Our next step is to submit a petition to the Japanese Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications (MPT), the U.S. Trade Representatives (USTR), the U.S. Department of Commerce, and the U.S. Federal Communications Commission.

#### *3. Expected Benefits*

When deregulation is achieved, the Japanese can receive American satellite

courses via INTELSAT directly and inexpensively, and American schools can extend their satellite courses to Japan. The satellite courses can also be fed into local cable TV network making it possible for Japanese to follow the courses from their home in Japan. They can then interact with their American instructors for question-and-answer with the use of electronic mail and computer conferencing, thus closing a loop of teaching and learning.

Once Japanese policy is de-regulated on this matter, other countries may then follow the Japanese precedent, as happened after our deregulation of Japanese policies for the use of electronic-mail and computer conferencing, which we accomplished a decade ago.

This affordable trans-Pacific educational services will be the basis of our planned Global/Pacific (electronic) University (GPU) when other Pacific peripheral countries follow the Japanese lead, since the foot-print of the INTELSAT satellite can well cover some of those areas, too. Recent development of private international satellites, such as PAN-AM, COLUMBIA, ASIASAT, etc., will also provide us with a good supply of international satellite capacity to make the cost even cheaper in the very near future — more suitable for educational use. (The Chinese TV University with more than 5,000 receive-only antennas scattered throughout China now serves a million students through three transponders on INTELSAT satellites, one purchased and two leased, — less than a half dozen years after their establishment.)

#### *F. Multimedia Japanese Language Distance Education System*

A great demand for Japanese education is now seen everywhere in the world. America is no exception. The aforementioned DoD Program requires Japanese language education. NTU wishes to bring Japanese courses to Americans in the near future. In due course, Americans will want to learn them in Japanese. The globalization of Japanese economy and industry also necessitates Japanese language education.

In order to prepare for this, we will develop a Japanese language distance education system via various telecommunication media to aid them as well as to alleviate the severe shortage of Japanese language teachers in the U.S., inasmuch as not many people are qualified to teach Japanese. This will make learning more effective and efficient, so that Americans can become more competent in communicating with Japanese and ready to receive Japanese courses when available. The purpose of this project is to provide Americans with effective and inexpensive Japanese language learning system without constraints of their time and space limitations.

Full-color, full-motion video is essential for distance education of language learning, e.g., lips movement for pronunciation, which electronic-mail cannot provide. On the other hand, satellite courses necessitate students to have expensive dish antenna with difficult installation and operation problems.

This system will take advantages of various advanced information, computer and telecommunication technologies;

1. Digital Video Interactive (DVI) technology with CD-ROM (Compact Disk Read-Only Memory) will store digitized full-color, full-motion video courseware in students' personal computers;

2. Learners' and instructor's per ordinary telephone network. I at all learners' CD-ROM while ten and facsimile annotations o
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## **IX. ESTABLISHMENT OF GLOBAL TY (GLAU)**

### *A. Background*

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At the present time, few institutions required infrastructure and operational education programs on their own. Financial it is essential for distance education institutions experience are available. Furthermore, equal cooperation in the field of distance education respond to all the needs. In the particular an obvious inability on the part of its ed necessary conditions for self-sustained development American governments have attempted more efficiently and which is more appro

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expensively, and American schools can be fed into the satellite courses can also be fed into the satellite courses. It is possible for Japanese to follow the courses and interact with their American instructors through the use of electronic mail and computer conferencing and learning.

Based on this matter, other countries may have happened after our deregulation of electronic-mail and computer conferencing.

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The U.S. will develop a Japanese language distance education communication media to aid them as well as Japanese language teachers in the U.S., in addition to teach Japanese. This will make it possible so that Americans can become more comfortable and ready to receive Japanese courses. The main project is to provide Americans with an effective language learning system without constraints.

It is essential for distance education of languages that is essential for pronunciation, which electronic-mail and satellite courses necessitate students to overcome difficult installation and operation problems. The use of various advanced information, communication technologies;

DVI) technology with CD-ROM (Compact Disc Read-Only Memory) will store digitized full-color, full-motion video on students' personal computers;

2. Learners' and instructor's personal computers will be interlinked via ordinary telephone network. Instructor can select the desired segment at all learners' CD-ROM while providing additional voice, hand-written and facsimile annotations on real-time basis;
3. This system will also provide students with "Virtual Classroom" computer conferencing on various Japanese subjects in Japanese Kanji characters, via data communication network;
4. A short introductory text in Japanese will be prepared with the list of technical terms for each subject, such as Japanese management, electronics, etc.

Although the DVI audio-graphic technology will first be applied to the Japanese language learning, the same technology can also be applied to many other training fields of Japanese subjects in science, technology, management practice, business tradition, and culture, which are now in great demand in the U.S. Such coursewares will meet the need for the DoD program mentioned above.

## **IX. ESTABLISHMENT OF GLOBAL/LATIN AMERICAN UNIVERSITY (GLAU)**

### *A. Background*

In spite of the considerable educational efforts that their governments have invested, some countries of Latin America and the Caribbean are still experiencing environmental deterioration, ecosystem destruction and species loss, not so much as the result of excesses brought about by development, as in other parts of the world, but rather due to the mass impact of a rapidly growing and poorly educated population. A GLAU can take full advantage of the potential that telecommunication networking offers for education, information, simulation, exchange of ideas, cooperation and problem solving.

At the present time, few institutions of the region can hardly afford all the required infrastructure and operational elements of a successful distance education programs on their own. Financial and human resources are scarce, so that it is essential for distance education institutions to share whatever resources and experience are available. Furthermore, existing mechanisms for inter-institutional cooperation in the field of distance education are no longer sufficient to respond to all the needs. In the particular case of Latin America, there has been an obvious inability on the part of its educational systems to promote the necessary conditions for self-sustained development. To confront this situation, Latin American governments have attempted innovative ways to provide education more efficiently and which is more appropriate to the needs of their societies.

Since 1976 distance education has become one of the most important alternatives to conventional education in Latin America. This educational mode has dramatically grown in the whole region. Its adoption has been spearheaded by distance teaching institutions of higher education. In 1979 some Latin American and the Caribbean countries governments, with the support of the Regional Program for Educational Development (PREDE) of the Organization

of American States (OAS), commenced the implementation of distance education projects with the purpose of improving and expanding educational opportunities for a growing population of students who could not attend the traditional education system. In that year two full fledged national distance teaching universities were launched in Costa Rica and Venezuela. The application of distance education has been so successful that there are nowadays several educational institutions dedicated entirely to distance education in Costa Rica, Colombia and Venezuela, and many more offering both classroom-based and distance education programs. Initiatives for the creation of distance education institutions at the national level are currently underway in other countries such as Argentina, Brazil and Mexico, and at the local and institutional level one can find distance education projects in almost every country in the region (Utsumi and Garzon 1991).

This dramatic growth is in part a result of educational policies enacted at the national level, and in part an outcome of the execution of the OAS/PREDE Multinational Project for the Development and Application of Distance Educational Systems. The multinational and cooperative nature of this OAS project had another impact among the implementing institutions: the development of an infrastructure and expertise for cooperation, as attested by the creation of the Latin American Network for the Development of Distance Education (REDLAED) in May of 1989, and of the Consortium-Network of Distance Education (CREAD) under the auspices of the Interamerican Organization of Higher Education (IOHE) in 1990 with funds provided from the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) (Villarroel 1991).

REDLAED is a regional consortium of educational institutions interested in promoting education through the use of distance learning methods and techniques. REDLAED has decided to give highest priority to four topics: environmental problems, literacy, women's issues, and teachers training. However, REDLAED still lacks the needed telecommunication capability to operate as a network.

CREAD is also a regional consortium which allows for the participation of North American institutions. It basically has the same priorities indicated by REDLAED and has a permanent office in Quebec City, Canada. The telecommunication capability of CREAD will be initiated soon with the establishment of an interamerican electronic network.

As a first step, GLOSAS is now joining efforts with REDLAED, CREAD, PREDE, Regional Center for Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean (CRESALC) of UNESCO, and many other colleagues in the region to create a **Global/Latin American (electronic) University (GLAU)**, so that Latin American institutions can meet the challenge of global issues (Utsumi and Garzon 1991, Utsumi and Villarroel 1992). This is an initial step towards full implementation of a Global (electronic) University (GU) consortium. GLOSAS/USA is helping to provide their activities with inexpensive international telecommunications. They will become a core of GLAU.

It is important to notice that in the Latin American and Caribbean region there is not a formal state of war among countries. However, there are at least four unconventional wars being fought: (1) the massive destruction of environmental resources, (2) the material and cultural impoverishment of vast sectors

of the population in all countries, (3) the guerrilla movement still active in Colombia and Venezuela. These wars produce conditions that will probably cease in the next few years. Struggle-oriented people in order to dismantle the structures of war. In that respect, GLAU is an international consortium of researchers, social and nature researchers who will use their knowledge on these broad sources of conflict.

#### B. GLOSAS/USA's Involvement in Latin America

GLOSAS presented the technical aspects of the telecommunication conference of REDLAED in Mexico City.

In order to support the efforts of GLOSAS/USA organized a demonstration teleconference "Global Lecture Hall" with the use of telecommunication media to show the results of the XVth World Conference on Distance Education (ICDE) in November 1990, mentioned above. After the conference, GLOSAS/USA is using the use of electronic-mail for distance education in the region during a Workshop on Training of Distance Educators by Universidad Nacional Abierta (UNAB).

#### C. Telecommunication Network

The initial phase of this project is the implementation of a telecommunication network for the operation of a GLAU, and for the exchange of information among distance education institutions throughout the region. This project will stress the active participation of institutions in the international arena. The focus is given to the applications of the telecommunication technology in distance education, scientific and technological development at national, regional and international levels.

This project will build up its own network of Latin American distance educators with the following objectives:

1. Electronic-mail networking through the development of telecommunication infrastructure for institutions in the region and the development of scientific and technological databases;
2. Feasibility study of international telecommunication exchange system via telecommunication technology in the region and with those in other parts of the world;
3. Prototype operation of the network.

the implementation of distance education and expanding educational opportunities who could not attend the traditional fledged national distance teaching units in Venezuela. The application of distance education in Costa Rica, where there are nowadays several educational institutions offering both classroom-based and distance education for the creation of distance education is currently underway in other countries such as at the local and institutional level one in almost every country in the region

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A consortium of educational institutions interested in the development of distance learning methods and technologies has given highest priority to four topics: environmental issues, and teachers training. However, the consortium has the capability to operate as a

consortium which allows for the participation of institutions which have the same priorities indicated by the Consortium in Quebec City, Canada. The telecommunication network will be initiated soon with the establishment of a

consortium now joining efforts with REDLAED, the Consortium for Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean (CILEA), UNESCO, and many other colleagues in the region. The Consortium for Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean (electronic) University (GLAU), so named to meet the challenge of global issues in higher education (Villarroel 1992). This is an initial step in the development of a Global (electronic) University (GU) consortium to provide their activities with inexpensive information technology will become a core of GLAU. The Consortium for Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean region is currently operating in several countries. However, there are at least two major problems: (1) the massive destruction of environmental and cultural impoverishment of vast sectors

of the population in all countries, (2) the organized violence of drug trafficking, and (3) the guerrilla movement still alive in countries such as Colombia, Peru and Venezuela. These wars produce casualties every day and they are not likely to cease in the next few years. Strong efforts have to be made by all peace oriented people in order to dismantle the mechanisms that generate these forms of war. In that respect, GLAU is an important initiative that would allow educators, social and nature researchers, and students to exchange views and knowledge on these broad sources of conflict (Chacon 1992).

#### *B. GLOSAS/USA's Involvement in Latin American Activities*

GLOSAS presented the technical outline of the GLAU at the inaugural conference of REDLAED in May, 1989, in Cordoba, Argentina.

In order to support the efforts of Latin American distance educators, GLOSAS/USA organized a demonstration of large scale interactive satellite teleconference "Global Lecture Hall" with the use of various inexpensive global telecommunication media to show the possibilities of global education on the occasion of the XVth World Conference of the International Council of Distance Education (ICDE) in November, 1990, in Caracas, Venezuela, as mentioned above. After the conference, GLOSAS also conducted a tutorial on the use of electronic-mail for distance educators from various countries of the region during a Workshop on Training of Distance Education Trainers, organized by Universidad Nacional Abierta (UNA) and CRESALC-UNESCO.

#### *C. Telecommunication Network*

The initial phase of this project for GLAU is for the development and implementation of a telecommunication network for organizing and promoting the operation of a GLAU, and for the exchange of scientific and technological information among distance education and higher education institutions throughout the region. This project will strengthen their capability in order to more actively participate in the international scientific community. Particular emphasis is given to the applications of the telecommunication network in the field of distance education, scientific and technological research and development at the national, regional and international levels.

This project will build up its operation for the REDLAED and other Latin American distance educators with following stages:

1. Electronic-mail networking training for the operations of the telecommunication infrastructure for information exchange for distance educators in the region and the development of an electronic forum for scientific and technological debate and some distance education experiences;
2. Feasibility study of international educational and training course exchange system via telecommunication media among the institutions in the region and with those in North America;
3. Prototype operation of the network system for distance education

projects addressing, at the regional level, issues of global importance, as well as the development of remote access databases.

*D. Prototype Project on Global Distance Education on Environment Management*

As a part of the above Stages 2 and 3, a prototype project can be developed perhaps in the span of 16 to 20 months.

One of the major problems of Latin American and Caribbean countries is the untapped destruction of environmental resources, by means of water and air pollution, devastation of forest and animal resources, disorganized growth of urban centers and some other causes. The efforts made by governmental and private institutions have been insufficient, as it is easy to see that these foes have been growing in the last few years.

Objectives of this prototype project are;

1. To rapidly develop an inventory of environmental threats in Latin American and Caribbean countries,
2. To provide conceptual and methodological tools for analyzing these environmental threats,
3. To create awareness of the strategies of environment protection that can be used at national and international levels.

This program will be based on the action-research approach. A module of print and photographic materials on Environmental Education will be developed, using a prototype already experimented by the National Open University of Venezuela (UNA), for several years. This module would be used by other distance education programs of members of CREAD and REDLAED, as a credit and extension course. The participating institutions will be connected on a year-round basis through electronic-mail and computer conferences for the purpose of building an international inventory of environmental threats and environmental solutions. Scientists, educators, public personalities and students will be encouraged to take part of the exchanges. A coordinating institution (to be decided later) will collect and edit the proceedings of the conferences, to be published in a book format. After the first year of operation, the whole experience will be evaluated for further continuation (Chacon 1992).

*E. Feasibility Study of Exporting/Importing Satellite Education Courses*

The University of Cordoba, Brazilian University Network Distance Education at the Universidade de Brasilia, the University of the West Indies, the National University for Distance Education in Colombia, Empresa Nacional de Computacion e Informatica (ECOM), S.A., in Chile, etc., have shown their interest in importing the NTU courses for continuing engineering education purpose. They are now soliciting cooperations of governmental agencies, professional associations of industries, continuing engineering education and distance education, etc., in their countries. A similar survey to Japanese case will be made in countries of Latin America and the Caribbean region.

*F. Formation of Provisional Committee*  
Thanks to inexpensive tele SprintMail, GLOSAS colleagues formed a provisional committee to (electronic) University (GLAU) to discuss via electronic-mail.

A first step towards this end is the preparation of a working document (in paper and electronic form) in Portuguese, about GLAU, which can be shared with the scientific community of Latin America (and translated to some English speakers) — an initiative of Villarreal (1992). Next, we will identify the documentation and conduct a feasibility study along with the feasibility study about a course exchange system not only among Latin American and the Caribbean countries, but also with European countries.

**X. ESTABLISHMENT OF GLOBAL**

There is now a strong interest in the Community of Mediterranean Universities in the **Global/European (electronic) University** project. Conducting a series of "Global Lectures" by GLOSAS/USA and other prominent institutions, the Association for the Use of Satellites in Education (AUSE) in June, 1991, at the University of Bari, will interlink not only member states of the Mediterranean, African, and Arab world, but also the Americas.

The WAUSE aims to guarantee the use of satellites in global education and to coordinate organizations which are active in the field. WAUSE will not concern itself with the problems associated to worldwide teleconferencing programs delivered via satellites. The problems of using satellite for educational purposes, economic or technical, would be the same for the benefit of its members. The WAUSE will provide training in general (Gentile 1990).

The WAUSE and GLOSAS/USA will meet at the occasion of the "Computer in Education" conference at the University of Lecce, in Lecce, Italy, in October. Teleconferencings, two of them as two-way, will be held in the United States. The video signals uplinked from the stations in Izmir in Turkey, Zagreb in Croatia, and Bari in Italy, Paris in France, etc.

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### *F. Formation of Provisional Committee to Establish GLAU*

Thanks to inexpensive telecommunication facilities provided by SprintMail, GLOSAS colleagues in Latin American countries have now formed a provisional committee to establish a Global/Latin American (electronic) University (GLAU) to discuss daily various necessary matters via electronic-mail.

A first step towards this end is to prepare a brochure and a basic working document (in paper and electronic form), in English, Spanish and Portuguese, about GLAU, which can be distributed among the academic and scientific community of Latin America and the Caribbean (and also, of course, to some English speakers) — an example is the reference (Utsumi and Villarroel 1992). Next, we will identify the appropriate population to distribute the documentation and conduct a consultation survey about GLAU along with the feasibility study about the international educational and training course exchange system not only among the regional countries but also between Latin American and the Caribbean countries and North American and European countries.

## **X. ESTABLISHMENT OF GLOBAL/EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY (GEU)**

There is now a strong interest among over 120 member institutions of the Community of Mediterranean Universities (CMU) in establishing a **Global/European (electronic) University (GEU)** with GLOSAS after conducting a series of "Global Lecture Hall" demonstrations. CMU, GLOSAS/USA and other prominent organizations established the World Association for the Use of Satellites in Education (WAUSE) at a conference in June, 1991, at the University of Bari, Italy (De Blasi 1990b). The GEU will interlink not only member schools of the CMU in European, Mediterranean, African, and Arab countries, but also schools in North America.

The WAUSE aims to guarantee an orderly development of the application of satellites in global education and of favoring cooperation between organizations which are active in the fields of education and satellites. The WAUSE will not concern itself with the production of programs, but rather with the problems associated to worldwide promotion of education and training programs delivered via satellites. It will be a forum where solutions to the problems of using satellite for education, be they legal, administrative, regulatory, economic or technical, would be identified and actions taken to solve the same for the benefit of its members and the easy access to education and training in general (Gentile 1990).

The WAUSE and GLOSAS/USA conducted first joint GLH demonstrations at the occasion of the "Computer Architecture Conference" held at the University of Lecce, in Lecce, Italy, in October, 1991. There were four video teleconferencings, two of them as two-way between Italy and the United States. The video signals uplinked from Lecce were viewed at many universities in Izmir in Turkey, Zagreb in Croatia, Yugoslavia, Lecce, Rome, Venice and Bari in Italy, Paris in France, etc., in Eastern and Western Europe,

Mediterranean countries and Ohio, New Jersey, Florida, etc., in the North America. Panelists and participants at Bell Laboratory in New Jersey and Barry University in Miami, Florida also sent their voice or video images to the University of Lecce, so that other downlinking participants could hear or view them (Utsumi 1991b).

### XI. ESTABLISHMENT OF GLOBAL/INDIAN UNIVERSITY (GIU)

GLOSAS/USA recently initiated Project DAWN for the extension of American educational services overseas. Together with interested parties, GLOSAS/USA will prepare an application to Project ACCESS of INTELSAT for free satellite time — narrow band service (for audio, data, facsimile, slow-scan TV, graphics, etc.). Arthur C. Clarke Center in Sri Lanka requested support of GLOSAS/USA to receive this benefit. This project may be another step to establishing a **Global/Indian (electronic) University (GIU)**.

### XII. CONCLUSION

*Global education* via satellite and other telecommunication media is the way towards the 21st century Age of Knowledge, laying a social infrastructure for *global citizenship* of the *global village*. Extending communications through a global network and sharing ideas and educational opportunities with other locations is of paramount interest. The exchange of knowledge among countries can make major contributions to world peace, helping to ease frictions, promoting joint research and development, and mutual exchange and understanding. Developments in global electronic education can transform education at all levels around the world, and can enrich and transform human society.

There exist today several factors for the development of global educational and training course exchange. One factor is the persistent and fundamental requirement for accelerating the restructure of manufacturing sector in terms of quality and productivity. The recent achievements of technological progresses, notably in telecommunication and information fields, fulfill this need in education. This process of global electronic educational exchange, an exciting challenge to the present generation, will contribute to build a new world-order of opportunity for accessing knowledge, science and technology, in order to assure sustained and healthy development amongst all peoples.

**Global (electronic) University** is an evolutionary concept with no global precedent. It can now take shape gradually through parallel steps and many kinds of initiatives in many regions, encouraging a sense of universally *shared* responsibility, a spirit of participation, and of genuine collaboration, in an enterprise truly global in scope.

Seen in a global context, the proposal for a global university consortium may be understood as one of the ways that humankind is responding to the critical challenges that confront us at this time in the history of humanity. Global education is a major key to sustainable survival. The world is "shrink-

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The time is ripe for global education. Technology is now available. What we need now are people who are eager to face the challenges of our time and to forge ahead toward the 21st century education.

### XIII. SUPPORT

We have already received overwhelmingly enthusiastic mutual support/encouragement for our project from over 150 educational institutions and prominent persons around the world, including the world-renowned Dr. Arthur Clarke's research center in Sri Lanka (who originated the idea of a geosynchronous communication satellite) and Dr. Paul Baran in Cupertino, CA, (who originated the packet-switching technology), etc. Considerable interest in the results has also been generated as far as the Pacific Rim, Sri Lanka, Latin America, and Europe. All was accomplished by a non-profit organization, GLOSAS/USA, on a small budget and relying on cooperation and external support. Perhaps that is the greatest lesson of all (Ljusic and Utsumi 1991).

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