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Seven years activities of the ITU eHealth Expert Training Course

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For years the ITU/BDT implemented a number of pilot projects in developing countries in order to gain experiences and
to identify the suitable technologies and practicing models. In this context, from FY2002, the eHealth Expert Training
Course, jointly launched by the ITU and Tokai University in Japan, has offered an excellent opportunity for medical
and health care workers from developing countries to understand the current trends and technologies of telemedicine
and e-health, and build up the foundation for telemedicine and eHealth services.

There were 14 researchers who have been undertaking this program, came from Indonesia, Pakistan, Bhutan, China,
Haiti, Paraguay, Fiji, Nauru and Cook islands.

Ph.D. course (1-3 years) 
- a. Dissemination of telemedicine research and implementation, especially involvement of
Tokai University in telemedicine project.
- b. To get insight into the advancement of telemedicine equipment.
- c. To enrich research capacities related to telemedicine.
- d. To contribute academic papers and a doctoral dissertation

Basic course (3 months)
- e. Sasakawa Pacific Invitation (Enhancing Distance Education for the Pacific Island Community) The Sasakawa Pacific Island Nations Fund (SPINF) carries out a program of activities aimed at building up achievements already accrued over recent years in promoting mutual understanding and cooperation between Japan and
other island nations of the Pacific. This eHealth course is one of the SPINF program.

FY 2006 two from Republic of Fiji FY 2007 two from Republic of Nauru FY 2008 two from the Cook Islands

The program was conducted in collaboration with Nakajima Laboratory of Tokai University, which has provided such
facilities as telecommunication equipment, measurement devices, internet access, and visit program to various institutions. All of the attendants have gained benefits with this program. It is expected that they will contribute to improve
their health care services, as a pioneer in telemedicine development in their country.

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