





OUJ International Symposium 2015

Impacts of ICT on Supporting Students with Disabilities in Higher Education

Friday, February 13, 2015
Makuhari Messe

Theme	Impacts of ICT on Supporting Students with Disabilities in Higher Education
Date	Friday, February 13, 2015 10:00~17:00
Venue	Makuhari Messe, International Conference Room 201
Language	English and Japanese (Japanese-English simultaneous interpretation will be provided)

Overview

In Japan, the Act on the Elimination of Disability Discrimination was enacted in 2013. From 2016, public universities are legally obliged to provide reasonable accommodation to students with disabilities, while private universities are expected to make diligent efforts to provide it to them. It has been pointed out that the support systems in Japan are 30 years behind that of the USA. The Open University of Japan is being expected by universities nationwide to develop teaching materials that are easy to learn from for students with disabilities and to enhance the support systems for these students.

This symposium invites four speakers who play an active part in the practical activities and research in the field of supporting students with disabilities, utilizing ICT in higher education. We will discuss the support systems for students with disabilities, drawing on the experiences from different countries, and focusing on Japan and the use of ICT for them in the future.

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Program

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Chair: Yoko Hirose, Professor, The Open University of Japan

Opening Remark	10:00~ 10:10	Katsuhiko Shirai (Chancellor, The Open University of Japan Foundation)
Opening Speech	10:10~ 10:40	The Present Situation of OUJ Accessibility and Our New Challenges Yoko Hirose & Yoshitomo Yaginuma (Professor, The Open University of Japan)
Speech 1	10:40~ 11:20	Supporting Students with Disabilities in Higher Education in the USA - 30 Years of Advocacy Robert Stodden (Professor, Director of Center on Disability Studies, University of Hawai'i at Manoa)

Break	11:20~ 11:35	
Speech 2	11:35~ 12:15	Preparing for Accessible e-Learning Sheryl Burgstahler (Professor, Founder and Director of DO-IT Center and UW Access Technology Center, Washington University)
Lunch Break	12:15~ 13:45	
Speech3	13:45~ 14:25	Accessibility Requires an Institution Wide Response - Lessons from The Open University, UK Martyn Cooper (Senior Research Fellow, The Institute of Educational Technology, The Open University)
Break	14:25~ 14:40	
Speech4	14:40~ 15:20	Current Situation and Future Challenge of Japanese Disability Student Services and ICT Utilization Takeo Kondo (Associate Professor, Research Center for Advanced Science and Technology, The University of Tokyo)
Break	15:20~ 15:45	
Panel Discussion	15:45~ 16:50	Chair: Yoko Hirose (Professor, The Open University of Japan)
Closing Remark	16:50~ 17:00	Yoichi Okabe (President, The Open University of Japan)
Reception	17:30~ 19:30	Makuhari Messe, International Conference Hall (Reception Fee for visitors required)

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