

# Innovations for Telecenter Sustainability -- Experiences in Chinese Taipei

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## Outline

- □ Problems encountered by Telecenters
- □ Experiences in Chinese Taipei an Evolutional Process
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## Problems Encountered by Telecenters

- Discontinuity of budget support for system upgrading and training materials
- Discontinuity of technical and maintenance support
- Lack of link to the daily social and economic life
- Lack of focus in the telecenter



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## mExperiences in Chinese Taipei

-- an Evolutional Process

- Promotion of Digital Concept and Knowledge
- Establishment of Digital Environment in rural areas
- **■Integration of Digital Applications**



## Promotion of Digital Concept and Knowledge

- Run IT Tradeshows Island wide
  - > Focusing on Rural Areas: Tainan, I-Lan, Chai-I, etc.
- Set up Training Courses: Computer, IT and Internet
- Host E-commerce Seminars for traditional industry & Demonstrate Successful Cases
- Highlight E-commerce Implementation
  - Selling farm products (goods from earthquake damaged areas and remote villages)

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## Demo sites

#### **Digital Aquarium**







**Digital Car Racing** 



## **TITEStablishment of Digital Environment**

- Establish Public Computer & Internet Access Points
- Provide Public with Basic Computer Training skills
- Train Volunteers to Support & Maintain local Com. Network
- Install user-friendly e-learning system to train on IT, Internet, Int'l languages, Health, ecology, etc.

## **TE-commerce for farm products**

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## Training Program for Volunteers





## Adaptive Teaching Materials

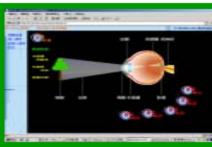
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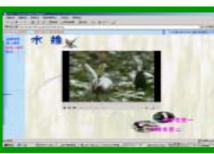
- Using multi-media and animation technology, easy to use, interesting and motivating.
- Course content can be produced on-site or off-site, emphasizing structure and process.



- A. Computer and Information Technology
- B. International Languages English and **Japanese**
- C. Health Caring
- D. Music
- E. Natural Science
- F. Ecology
- G. Environmental Conservation









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## **Chungliao DOC**





Handicap Access



**Computer Training Courses** 



**Grand Opening September 21, 2004** 





## **Chungliao DOC**

## Chungliao DOC Networking of 7 Villages in Chungliao Township, Nantou County



1	數位 機會 中心	龍眼林福利協會
2	產業 民宿 點	聚落植物園區
		下水堀農場
		清城農莊
		月桃香農場
3	景點	龍鳳瀑布
4	社區 活動 中心	永和社區
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		內城社區
		清水社區



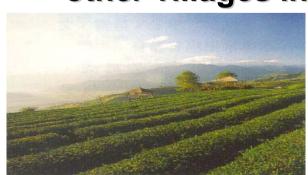




## Yulan Village

#### Yulan Village at Datung Township - I-Lan

- Small village, 40 households, 200 residents. Tea Planting, Tourism Agriculture major economic development
- A Digital Self-Learning System was installed on August 23, 2002 with a configuration of one server and 4 PCs linked with LAN
- 14 more Computer and Internet Resource Centers were established by I-Lan County Government at other villages in 2003





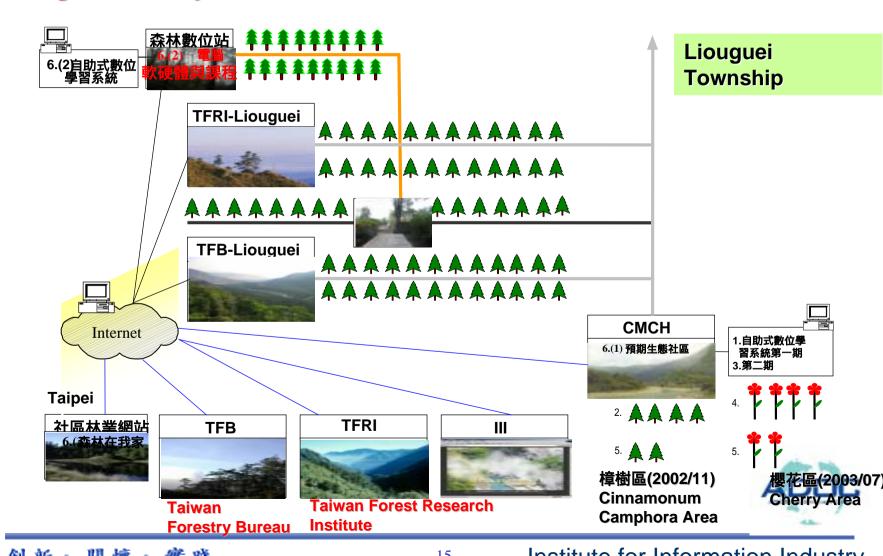


## TINTEGRATION of Digital Applications

- Education: To improve education quality in village
  - Conduct computer assisted science courses in elementary school
- Economy: To improve individual economic capability for residents of villages
  - marketing and selling agricultural products through EC
- Environment:To establish digital infrastructure
  - Establish a public computer service center with computers and e-learning system installed and can be accessed by public for free
  - Provide basic computer and Internet training for villagers
  - Provide used computers with software and applications
  - Volunteer training program for hardware maintenance and networking

## TILiu Guei Digital Forest Station

#### **Digital Forestry Station**





## Conclusions





## Key Successful Factors of Sustainability

#### Technical Support:

Solve the problems of acquiring, using and maintaining computers and internet for community residents

#### • Integral applications:

Help improve the economic and educational environment

#### Wider coverage:

Help establish a digital living environment for students, teachers and householders

## m Review from 3 Angles

- The role and positioning of Telecenter itself
- The role an functions of Service providers
- The role and expectations of donors and/or governmental agencies





## **Key Successful Factors of**

### Sustainability

- Bridging digital divide has to be based on the local culture and brings the benefit for the livelihood
- Combining the force from digital service team, volunteers and local enthusiastic residents together will be an important key successful factor
- Using "Digital Priority Area" concept to integrate all resources will bridge digital divide comprehensively and efficiently.
- Donation is transient; the permanent way of bridging digital divide in remote areas is to assist community residents to make their livings by using digital information technology

Digital priority area: the area where all possible resources being allocated to and integrated based on the local needs, then expanded to villages in the vicinity.

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## **Belief**

## Motives involved in the operation of Telecenter:

- Initiate by the concept of expanding public warfare for the community
- Sustain by the drive of making profit for the service provider





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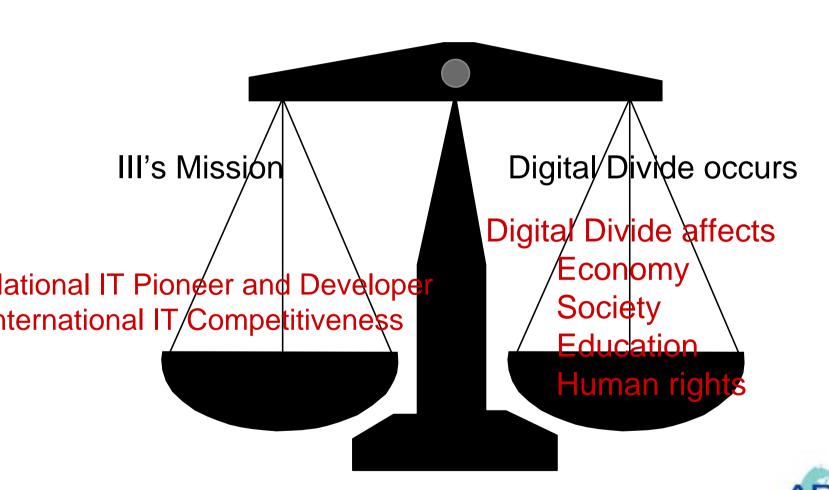


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