The Report of e-Learning in China Higher Education

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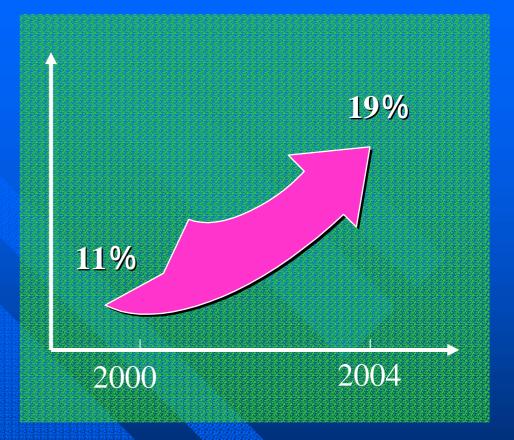
Agenda

- Brief Description of Higher Education
- Brief Description of Networked Education
- National Pilot Curriculum Sharing Project
- The Mechanism of Quality Assurance on e-Learning

Brief Description of Higher Education

- Public universities and colleges: <u>1552</u>
 - Universities to offer master and/or doctor degree: 407 (+313 R&D institutions)
 - Universities to offer bachelor degree: <u>644</u>
 - Institutes with 3-year undergraduate (Senior vocational schools): 908 (711)
 - Adults schools: <u>607</u>
- Private universities and colleges: <u>1104</u>
 - Schools and testing organizations to offer diploma: <u>384</u>
 - registered Students : 664 thousand

In recent years, the scope of China's higher education is increased rapidly. In 2004, the gross enrollment rate for higher education in China has been reached 19%.



Gross enrollment rate for higher education

The enrollment rate of Higher education around world from 1970 to 1997 (%)

| year | 1970 | 1980 | 1990 | 1997 |
|----------------------|------|---------|------|------|
| All over the world | 8.5 | 11.0 | 12.7 | 17.4 |
| Developing Countries | 3.0 | 5.1 | 6.9 | 10.3 |
| Developed Countries | 23.4 | 30.3 | 37.9 | 61.1 |
| North America | 45.4 | 54.2 | 75.2 | 80.7 |
| Asia /Pacific area | 17.5 | 29.7 | 30.4 | 42.1 |
| Europe | 17.3 | 10 22.0 | 28.3 | 50.7 |

⁻⁻⁻⁻ from World Education Report 2000, UNESCO

Undergraduate students in 2003

| | Total (million) | Graduate students | Undergraduate students | 3-year undergraduates | |
|---------|--------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| Total | 11.73 | 0.65 | 6.29 | 4.79 | |
| Fresher | 4.10 | 0.27 | 1.83 | 2.00 | |
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The enrollment rate: around 17% (2003) 19% (2004)

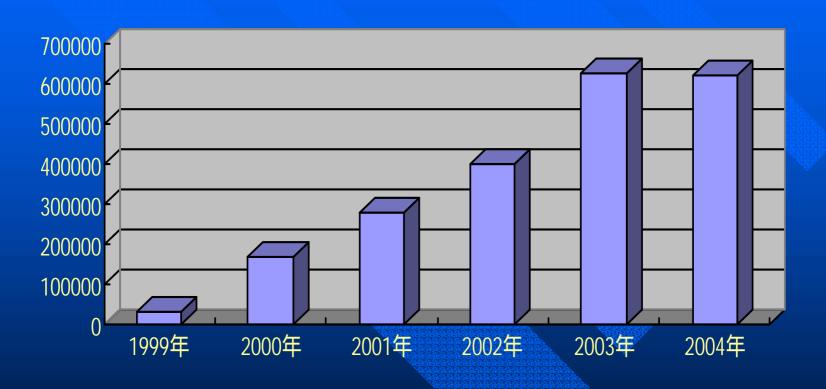
Brief Description of Networked Education

- Since March of 1999, 4 universities being engaged in Networked Education (NE): Tsinghua Uni., Zhejiang Uni., Beijing Post & Communication Uni., Hunan Uni. Being 68 Pilot Universities currently.
- about 2.3 million registered students in 2004, with 86% in Part-time
- about 3400 Learning Centers all over the country
- about 46 thousand Instructors, Tutors and mentors (including parttime staff)
- the most popular specialties: Computer, Law, Business
 Administration, English language, International Economy & Trade.

Specialties and Recruitments

| Years | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 |
|-----------------------------|------|------|---------------------|------|
| # of specialties | 40 | 77 | <u>1</u> 4 <u>1</u> | 158 |
| # of fresher (thousands) | 170 | 360 | 740 | 980 |

Recruitment Changes in CRTVU Recently



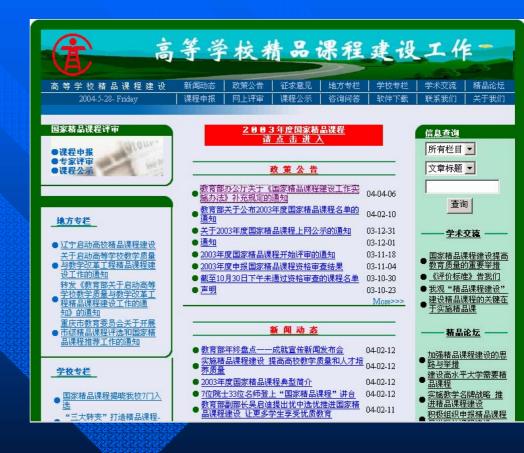
of fresher in CRTVU from 1999 to 2004

The scope of CRTVU in 2003

- the CRTVU makes experiment in all the mainland
- Total specialties: 42 (15 for 4 yrs, 27 for 3 yrs)
- Total registered students : 2.1 million (918 thousands for 4-yrs)
- Total graduated students: 361 thousands

National Pilot Curriculum Sharing (NPCS) project

- 1. Basic Concept: To promote the quality of curriculum nationwide via curriculum resources sharing
- 2. Target: To create 1500 national pilot curriculum in 5 years(2003-2007) (at the level of foundation or technology foundation)



3. Effect

- To pop out the position of instruction in HEIs (to create the database of curriculum quality, to increase the ability of instruction)
- To promote ICT application in HEIs (including ICT infrastructure, methodology, resource sharing)
- To encourage professors giving lectures to undergraduates (to let their instruction close to research, to take charge of curriculum development)

4. Scale and functions

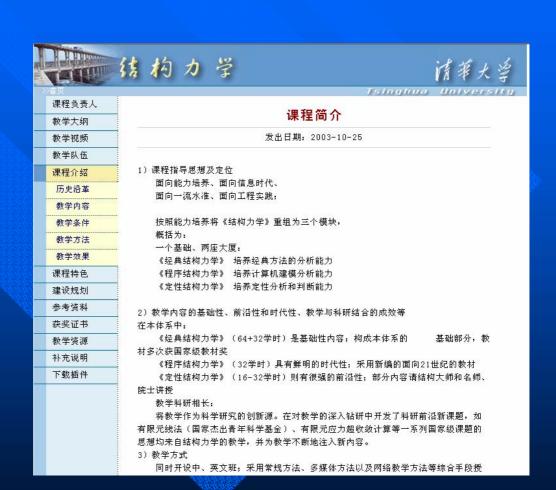
- High quality with 5 first-class (teachers, content, methodology, textbook, management)
- Sharing in Internet
- Giving demonstration in its own institute
- Giving demonstration in same type of courses

5. Mode of construction and assessment

- Be created by the institute
- Be recommended by education bureau at the province level
- Be evaluated by MOE
- Be given the honor and balance the budget

Site Highlights

- Syllabus
- Course Calendar
- ▶ Lecture Notes
- Assignments
- Exams
- Problem/Solution Sets
- Labs and Projects
- Simulations
- Tools and Tutorials
- Video Lectures



- To share Course Content
- To share Experience of Teaching & Learning
- ✓ To share Knowledge of Pedagogy in New Era
- To share Culture of Campus

Off-campus

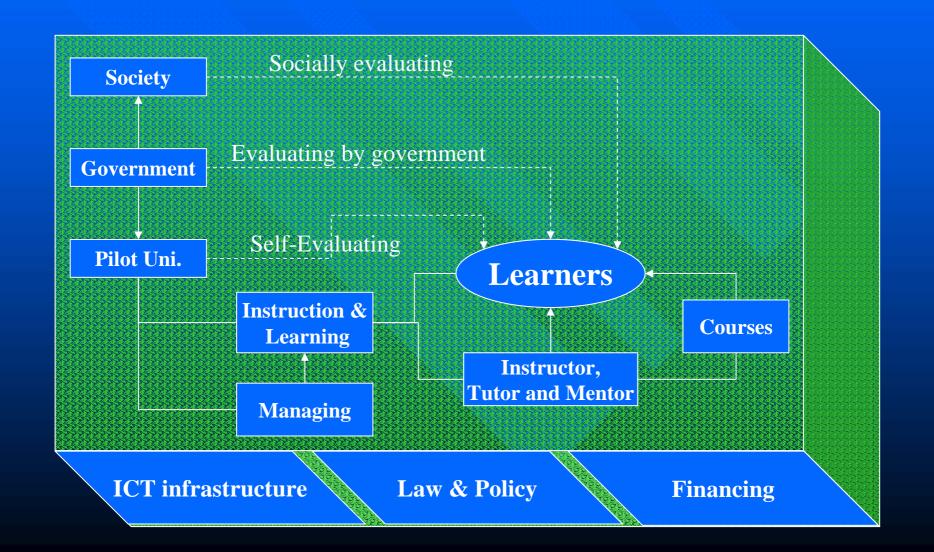
Bridge and Link

On-campus

New mode!?
Study by themselves!
Alone!
And Alone!

Traditional!
Lecture!
Lecture!
And lecture!

The Mechanism of Quality Assurance on e-Learning



Some works concerning QA

- To make Annual Report & inspect the schools of Networked Education
- To evaluate all the Learning Centers on the Provincelevel
- To test some fundamental curriculum on State-level (hosted by the Alliance of Networked Education)
- To encourage the certification of web-based courses

Thank you!

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