Introduction to i-Podium™ and World-Classroom™

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What is i-Podium™ and World-Classroom™?

- Equipped with existing IT-based educational technology, i-Podium™ is committed to establish a revolutionary, borderless, global e-Learning paradigm in a economical, scalable and efficient way aiming at connecting classrooms globally, World-Classroom™.

- Based on the IT technology and video-conference software, i-Podium™ facility is a modern, high-fidelity, always-on, online e-Learning infrastructure.
How it break down the boundary?

- promoting community-based learning across cultures and disciplines;
- aggregating knowledge among membership universities, enabling sharing of the best students, courses and teachers globally;
- providing a global e-Learning community driven by students.
An Example “World-Classroom™” – the PKU-USC i-Podium Program

PKU-USC i-Podium is the first i-Podium™ program under the PKU World-classroom© initiative. In spring 2010, the PKU-USC i-Podium pilot course is “Principle and Practice of Global Innovation Teams” which was attended by 12 PKU and 12 USC selected undergraduate students.
Innovative Global Project Team Experiences

24 Chinese and American students, six student project teams, work on a series of practical problems: how to stimulate the innovation by taking advantage of the cultural diversity and then make PKU a greener and low carbon campus in the future.
As a brand-new global education paradigm, PKU-USC i-Podium creates a “learner-centered, cross-culture and no-distance” teaching method and learning environment, which is of great significance of the reform of undergraduate education and the construction of curriculum in PKU. We plan to promote it into the diverse system of undergraduate education as a organic part in PKU.