

**The Symposium in Miyagi on Education Utilizing Advanced IT had about 380 participants and was successfully concluded. Thank you very much.**

The "Symposium in Miyagi on Education Utilizing Advanced IT" (organized by the Center for Educational Computing and co-organized by Miyagi Prefectural Board of Education and Sendai City Board of Education) was held in Sendai City Information & Industrial Center from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 1, 2005.

First, a greeting was given from Mr. Tatsuoki Miyajima, the chairperson of CEC, as the organizer and another greeting was given from Mr. Takashi Yabuki, deputy superintendent on behalf of Mr. Akira Shiraishi, the superintendent of Education of Miyagi Prefectural Education Bureau, as the representative of the co-organizers. Also a greeting was given from Mr. Tadashi Noguchi, director, Computerization Human Resources Office, Commerce and Information Policy Bureau, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI).

Then, the program continued as follows: a keynote speech, presentation of cases of the consortium-style projects, presentation of cases of practices in schools, workshops, presentation by companies in the sectional meetings, and a panel discussion in the general meeting. About 380 education-related and business-related people in and out of Miyagi prefecture participated and explored the future possibilities with the theme, " Rich Minds and Solid Academic Capabilities developed with IT".



The hall for the main session.

Prof. Kazuo Nagano of the University of Sacred Heart kindly made a keynote speech on a theme, " Utilization of IT in Classrooms after 2005 and learning of children".

Following the presentation of 15 cases of practicing utilization of advanced IT and 6 workshops, the panel discussion was conducted with Prof. Yoshihiro Ukawa of Miyagi University of Education as the MC and five members including education administrative officers, a currently-working teacher and a IT-related businessperson and a college teacher as panelists, on a theme, "How to use IT to enhance kids' learning".



The workshop



Presentation of the cases in schools.

In the exhibition corner attached to the main hall, IT devices and systems utilized for education of 20 companies were exhibited.



The exhibition corner.