

## Symposium in Okayama on Education utilizing Advanced IT

The Symposium in Okayama on Education utilizing Advanced IT had about 570 participants and was successfully concluded. Thank you very much.

The "Symposium in Okayama on Education utilizing Advanced IT" (organized by the Center for Educational Computing and co-organized by Okayama Prefectural Government, Okayama Prefectural Board of Education, Okayama City, Okayama City Board of Education, Kurashiki City and Kurashiki City

Board of Education) was held on the 3rd floor of Mamakari Forum in Okayama Convention Hall from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 22, 2004.

First, a greeting was given from Mr. Tatsuoki Miyajima, the chairperson of CEC, as the organizer and another greeting was given from Ms. Tomoko Nakai, the Instruction Section Manager on behalf of Mr. Shoji Miyano, the Superintendent of Education of Okayama Prefectural Education Bureau, as the representative of the co-organizers. Then, the program continued as follows: a keynote speech, presentation of cases of the consortium-style projects, presentation of cases of practices in schools, presentation by universities, presentation of practices of classes utilizing IT supported by companies, a panel discussion and exhibition by IT-related companies. About 570 education-related and business-related people in and out of Okayama Prefecture participated and explored the results, tasks and future possibility of the education utilizing IT.



The hall for the main session.

Prof. Kazuo Nagano of the University of Sacred Heart kindly made a keynote speech on a theme, "What will be changed in the education by utilization of advanced IT?".

Following the presentation of six cases of practicing utilization of advanced IT, the panel discussion was conducted with Prof. Kazuo Nagano as the MC and four members including education administrative officers and currently-working teachers as panelists, on a theme, "Sure achievement with utilization of IT: How should the classes utilizing IT be disseminated?".



The panel discussion.



Presentation of the cases in schools.

In the other room, six companies made the presentation of the cases of practicing classes utilizing IT devices and systems (six cases) and presentation of practicing classes utilizing IT supported by companies.

In the exhibition corner attached to the main hall, IT devices and systems utilized for education of 31

companies were exhibited.



The exhibition corner.