

## **Kobe Institute of Computing** Graduate School of Information Technology

## Graduate School code: 15

## Web site: https://www.kic.ac.jp/en/innovator/

1. Graduate School code	15	
2. Maximum number of participants	5 participants per year	
3. Fields of Study	ICT	
Sub Fields	ICT4D (Information an • Disaster Prevention • Education • Public Administratio • Engineering • Agriculture (incl. Finder • Science • Commerce • Economics / Business • Medical Science • Political Science • Social Welfare	nd Communication Technologies for Development) on scheries, dairy, livestock) s Administration
	Program	ICT Innovator Course, Master's Degree Program
4. Program and Degree	Degree	Master of Science in Information Systems This master program provides students a wide range of valuable professional skills essential to carry out successful projects in any field without relying on their technical or ICT background.
5. Standard time table (Years needed for graduation)	2 years as a Master's S	tudent
6. Language of Program	<ul> <li>(1) Lecture: All lecture</li> <li>(2) Text: All texts are in</li> <li>(3) Laboratory work: S</li> <li>Conducting of the reading of t</li></ul>	s are in English. n English. afety instructions are written in English. search is generally instructed by the supervisor in ars are in English.
7. Desirable English level and Necessary Academic background	Linguistic Ability	TOEFL IBT: 76, PBT: 540 is desired
	EJU, IELTS, GRE or else	r At least 16 years of academic background or equivalent (with or without computer background)
8. Prior Inquiry From Applicants (Before Submission of Application Documents)	Not mandatory (glo	bbal@kic.ac.jp)
9. Website	(Web site) https://w (Facebook) https://w	ww.kic.ac.jp/en/innovator/ ww.facebook.com/KIC.GSIT

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	Contact	E-mail address for inquiries : global@kic.ac.jp
	Tuuress	Research Subject
		"Tankyu Practice" Problem Solving New Business
		Development Entrepreneurship
		Fields of Study
		Project Management
		Project Management
		Special message for the Future students
		"Tankyu Practice" has been developed by Prof. Toshiki
	SUMITANI	Sumitani, as a method of social innovation and
	Toshiki	development. It is widely recognized as a valid and effective
	(Mr.)	methodology of solving social issues by an active,
	President of	action-oriented process. It is used throughout KIC's courses,
	KIC	and also in other schools, e.g. 'i-school' of Tokyo University.
	Professor	All KIC students learn 'Tankyu Practice' to solve social
		issues with the power of ICT technologies and their own
	Note:	human skills.
	President	Note: Prof. Sumitani is not supervising students directly,
	Sumitani	while every student is supposed to take his "Tankyu
	supervising	Practice" subject.
	students.	
10. Professors and Associated		Tankyu Hypothesis Example: Bike Emergency Response Team
Professors		Issues Identified Possible Solutions
		Rescue operation tend to be delayed due to traffic provide quick rescue operation-
		information Zwith right information
		Solution Enablers Business Model Technologies Human Resources
		Publicly Funded NPO Mobile network Collaboration with Collaboration with Compared Collaboration with Compared Collaboration with Compared Collaboration with Compared Collaboration with Compared Collaboration with Compared Collaboration with Compared Collaboration with Compared Collaboration with Compared Collaboration Compared Co
		Cortomers
		An Example of "Tankyu" Chart
		Research Subject
		Interface Technologies, Simulation-Based Optimization,
		Linear Motor Elevators, Embedded Systems
		Fields of Study
		Computer Science
		Special message for the future students
	MARKON,	suitable for application in developing countries. Since
	Sandor	numerous companies require commercial software skills
	(Dr./Mr.)	(Windows, MS Office, and so on), some people sav it is
	Professor	necessary to learn the skills required for those types of
		software. That is quite correct, but it does not end there. At
		KIC, students begin with studying the fundamentals of open
		source software (OSS), for example, Linux, Apache and
		Android. By acquiring these skills, students are able to
		become active participants as opposed to passive observers.
		Instead of simply being 'users' of software developed by

	other people, students with OSS skills are capable of
	launching new projects and become 'creators' of new
	concepts for society. In the future, such students will also be
	in a position to give guidance on the use of OSS. KIC
	students themselves can become the seeds for growth in new
	industries.
	Research Subject
	IoT, Sensor Network, Network Service, Network Security
	Fields of Study
	Computer Science
	Special message for the future students
	Information and Communication Technologies are powerful
SHIMA,	tools to enhance our daily life and industries. IoT (Internet
Hisato	of Things), Sensors are used to correct information from the
(Mr.)	world. Internet and Web services are used to collect and
Professor	analyze information. Smart phones are used to provide rich
	user experiences. My lab is focused on to create actual
	working solutions using these technologies. Network
	Security is one of the key issues in implementing network
	services and its applications.
	I expect you to become an innovator who solve problems
	utilizing information and communication technologies.
	Research Subject
	Software Engineering, Project and Program Management,
	Problem Solving with ICT
	Fields of Study
	Project Management, Computer Science
	Special message for the future students
	Be a professional engineer
	We can say that professional engineers are those who will
	grash market demands properly and realize the demands in
	a realistic manner Howavar It is impossible to satisfy
	a realistic manner. nowever, it is impossible to satisfy
ITO,	various market demands by their own technical knowledge
Mamoru	and skills. It is important for us to share our wisdom and
(Mr.)	experience with the people of the world and think logically
Professor	and with flexibility in order to achieve customer satisfaction.
	Let's work together to aim to be a true professional engineer.
	Create Innovations
	If market demand can be clearly defined, we can obtain
	austomor satisfaction by developing products according to
	the demand. But the market demand is actually becoming
	the demand. But the market demand is actually becoming
	vague and ambiguous more and more. It is required by
	society, not to wait for the requirements of customers but to
	create new values by innovations that move the customers.
	ICT is a powerful tool to create innovations. Please join us to
	create innovations with courage.
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	Research Subject
	Computer Science, Electrical Power Engineering / Electrical
	Engineering
	Fields of Study
	Computer Science Fleetricel Engineering
	Somptier Science, Electrical Engineering
	Special message for the future students
	After 1980s, the invention of Internet enabled a highly
OKUDA,	reliable communication between computers. The Web based
Ryosuke	systems replaced many usual services in commercial,
(Dr./Mr.)	government, medical and so on. Although there remains a
Professor	strict constraint that one must have a computer terminal in
	order to enjoy those services.
	The technology expressed in a word as "IoT" (Internet of
	Things) and "ubiquitous" is the technology which links a
	thing besides the computer terminal to the internet, and
	realization of newer service is expected by this My
	laboratory mainly studies IoT from the elemental technology
	to application similar to achieve new services
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	How to solve social and economic problems in emerging
	economies through leadership & business innovation
	Public Administration
<b></b>	Special message for the future students
YAMANAKA,	My vision is to contribute to the economic growth in
Toshiyuki	emerging world. When I served in the Ministry of Foreign
(Dr./Mr.)	Affairs, I was posted in Egypt, UK, and Saudi Arabia. After
Professor	that, I entered the business world and had been engaged in
	reinventing many organizations and creating new
	businesses. Through these experiences, I believe that
	"leadership and innovation" are key to economic and social
	growth. My course involves not only interactive lecture but
	also many field trips. I show many cases and practical tips
	for students.
	Research Subject
	Information Security, Project and Program Management,
	Distance Learning, Training and Education, Contract and
	Procurement in Public Sectors, Information System Audit
	Fields of Study
	Project Management
TSILII	Special message for the future students
Takashi	Becently the advance of technology especially ICT has
(Mr)	played an important role for the development of oconomics
Professor	and societies not only in Japan but also in the developing
1 10108801	countries However we still have a lot of problems which
	should be solved such as advention health welfare
	anyironmont and so on ICT has abarred our world and
	has the newer to continue changing or making our world.
	has the power to continue changing or making our world
	Not in the wintual but in our real world it is received to
1	inor in the virtual but in our real world, it is necessary to

	know and consider so many factors, and utilize ICT in order
	to solve our various current issues. ICT is just a tool, and
	never be the target or our final goal. As I have been
	serving in Japan's Official Developing Assistance, it would
	be my pleasure if I could make use of my experience and
	knowledge, assist you finding a problem, planning your goal
	and combining other fields to achieve your success.
	Research Subject
	Software Engineering, Requirement Analysis and
	Management, Project and Program Management
	Fields of Study
	Project Management, Computer Science
	Special message for the future students
	Information technology (IT) is facing a conversion period
YOSHIDA,	that new businesses have been generating on web and
Chika	network. In such an environment, we are on the phase to
(Dr./Ms.)	understand our current situation and consider how ICT can
Associate	solve the problems on the situation.
Professor	In my lab, students are studying and discussing the solution
	and methods to solve the problems they found in their
	countries with understanding its possibility and limitation.
	My courses help you to achieve your goals on the projects
	with lecture of current ICT knowledge and a group
	discussion. I hope all student will be capable personalities
	that achieve their projects as Master of Science in
	Information Systems when they graduate.
	Research Subject
	ICT4D based Services Delivery in Tomorrow Urban,
	Peri-urban (Cities) and Rural areas for optimal urban
	and regional planning, design and development with a
	special emphasis on developing countries
	Fields of Study
	Urban Design, Planning and Development
	Special message for the future students
	Of all human settlements ever built by mankind, cities
	have proven to be not only the most versatile and complex
	structures, but also the most associated with the wealth of
	nations.
	Studying cities—reading, analyzing and interpreting them
	is a critical path to envision the future and its development
	at one hand, and sustaining the quality of our lives and
	viability of our living spaces at the other. ICTs afford us an
	appropriate tool for doing just that, hence my interest in
	ICT4D.
	The affordability and affordance of ICTs nowadays make
T T T T 7 T T A T T 7 T T A	them all the more attractive and annronriate as a tool for
LUKUMWENA,	development in developing countries. Subscribing to this
nsenda	L have chosen to focus on ICT/D in relation to sorrigon
(Dr./WIr.)	delivery in developing countries sities. Of the many
Associate	derivery in developing countries cities. Of the many

Professor	changes we all have seen over numerous decades of
	development worldwide, services delivery is one that is
	ever changing as technologies develop and evolve.
	Coming from a plural background—architectural training,
	urban design, regional planning and development,
	practicing, my interest in cities lies in relational aspects of
	things and their activators (enablers). Relational aspects are
	associated with societal and cultural factors while activators
	(enablers) are associable with technologies. Our choice here
	is ICTs. They are playing an increasingly critical role in our
	lives— transformational role in our societies and cities,
	enabling and empowering their users like never experienced
	before throughout the world.
	Services delivery is one such area where the impact is so
	clearly visible, delivery in healthcare, education, welfare,
	banking, transportation, to name a few. It is my belief
	that, through the reading of the city, its analysis and
	interpretation using ICTs students will gain necessary
	investigative skills allowing them to integrate ICTs into
	the planning design processes and/or implementation of
	future development projects to benefit their countries of
	origin
	Research Subject
	Requirement Engineering Software Engineering Software
	Q 1't C C D L
	Quality assurance, Software Process Improvement,
	Development of embedded software
	Fields of Study
	Software Engineering, Quality Assurance, Requirement
	Analysis
	Special message for the Future students
HIRAISHI,	In today's society, you cannot imagine a life without the
Teruhiko	system and software.
(Mr.)	In addition, it is easily supposed that considering the
Associate	proceeding the IoT not only for enterprise system engineers
Professor	but also for the embedded engineers, scale complexity and
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	further quality are required to different dimension level.
	In our laboratory, we promote the actual project
	development. Through the project activities, members are
	expected to know the pleasure of the product development,
	and to acquire the practical skills.
	In particular, our laboratory focus on extracting the
	customer's true demands and seek to build an IT system
	that is truly useful for society.
	Research Subject
	Internet Technologies and Applications
	Fields of Study

YOKOYAMA , Teruaki (Dr./Mr.) Lecturer	Computer Science Special message for the future students I research about the Internet itself and its related technologies. One of the greatest benefits of the Internet is its openness. Most of the technologies are opened to public. You can see and touch them freely. The Internet has become very popular and quite useful communication infrastructure among the various kinds of things on the Earth. If you learn how to use the Internet technologies, you can create your own services on the Internet and employ the Internet communication for your service. Let's join in and play with the technologies together.
	Besearch Subject
WANNOUS, Muhammad (Dr./Mr.) Lecturer	Research Subject Cloud Computing, Educational Technology (Virtual Laboratories), Crisis Management Technology, Web and Mobile Applications Fields of Study Computer Science, Electrical Engineering Special message for the future students I have always enjoyed learning new technologies and tried to use them in the most effective way to address real-world issues and problems. Infinite number of problems in all fields are out there, and our mission as IT professionals is to introduce technical solutions to these problems, test our solutions, and improve them. That is the reason for naming my laboratory $\infty$ -lab. Students at $\infty$ -lab have the freedom to work on topics they select, but the laboratory is engaged in collaborative projects with external partners who seek solutions to their specific issues and the students can join these projects. I encourage you to take every opportunity to learn a new technology and find new ways of adopting it to solve all kinds of issues that interest you.
YAMANAKA,	Research Subject
Atsushi	ICT for Development (e-Governance, ICT and ICT enabled
(Mr.) Specially	private sector development, ICT enabled
Appointed	etc.)
Associate	Fields of Study
Professor	Rural Development, Rural Community Development
	Project Management, Administration and Management
Note:	Public Policy, Public Administration
Lecturer	Economics, Enterprise and Privatization
Yamanaka	Special message for the Future students
18 HUL	nor development is a discipline which i hold very
students	After experiencing how ICT have contributed to the
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	mitigation and recovery of Hanshin Earthquake, I have chosen my professional career as an ICT for Development practioner and have devoted close to 20 years serving various different academic and professional disciplines which includes services. These services include a bilateral Donor Agency, at various different International Organizations, Private Sector organizations, and Civil Society Organizations. I have been supporting, both directly and indirectly, clients from over 100 countries during my career. The experience of witnessing ICT's tangible impacts in the client countries provided me with substantive understanding, real challenges, and emerging opportunities of using ICTs in the developing countries. <b>Research Subject</b> Development Informatics, Project Management, Distance Education Mobile for Development
TAKEUCHI, Tomonari (Mr.) Lecturer Note: Lecturer Takeuchi is not supervising students.	Education, Mobile for Development Fields of Study MIS (Management Information System) Special message for the future students When I was an IT teacher in Ethiopia as JOCV (Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers), satellite network distance learning system was introduced in high schools all over country by Ethiopian government. It inspired me to work for ICT4D. Then, after I acquired the Master degree in ICT4D in the UK. I worked for many kinds of ICT4D projects in JICA such as ICT infrastructure improvement and various projects utilizing ICT as a tool for development in developing countries. ICT is a powerful tool for development as well as business. However, there are not many experts who understand both development and ICT. This course provides a valuable opportunity for you to acquire knowledge and skill in the both fields. Such a Master Degree course is very few in the world. Because Subject
SUN, Yi (Dr./Mr.) Assistant Professor	<ul> <li>Research Subject</li> <li>e-Learning, Education Technology, ICT Engineering</li> <li>Education, Human-Computer Interaction, Text Analysis,</li> <li>Web/Mobile Application, Computer Science</li> <li>Fields of Study</li> <li>Computer Science</li> <li>Special message for the future students</li> <li>In recent years, ICT has made great progress. How to use</li> <li>ICT to solve the societal issues are a good challenge for</li> <li>developing countries. In my lab, we focus to the Education</li> <li>area, try to find the ICT solution for the real education</li> <li>issues. In the research process, we need to understand the</li> <li>core of the problem, and use various methods and ICT tools</li> <li>to approach a clear solution. Please keep your mind free and</li> <li>open, let us to research the real solution using ICT.</li> </ul>

11. Features of University	Kobe Institute of Computing (KIC) has 59 years of rich history. It is now one of the major institutes for professional, vocational, practice-oriented education in IT and digital technology-related industrial fields in the Western part of Japan. KIC is the alma mater to more than 20,000 students and has 1600 students. KIC Graduate School of Information Technology is founded in 2005, as one of the few graduate schools which provides 'IT professional Master degree' in Japan. The students are valued for their skills and the knowledge of IT, and as a result they are on a high demand from various firms. Kobe is blessed with natural beauty such as Mt. Rokko and the Seto Inland Sea. This city is located almost in the center in Japan. The average yearly temperature was 21.4°C (max. 37.6°C /min4.0°C), and annual rainfall amount was 1,346mm in 2016. It means that it is very comfortable, namely, warm in winter and cool in summer relatively in Japan where the four seasons are very distinct. Its population is about 1,530,000 which is the 7th-largest city in Japan. Over 46,000 foreigners includes over 3,000 students from various countries live in Kobe. It has flourished as a representative trading port of Japan with the world. It is conveniently located, for example it takes about three hours from Tokyo. The Kobe Airport has opened in Feb. 2006 to fly to various cities in Japan. Also, Kobe is very friendly for international students. There are Mosque and churches in the surroundings, particularly international food (including Muslim Halal food) is available at the restaurants and grocery stores.
	KITANO Street Kobe Mosque Ijinkan Harbortand Port Tower
	- The first ICT4D (social development utilizing ICT) course in Japan.
	This course is the first course providing the knowledge and know-how, with
12 Features of Graduate	practical expertise
	students.
	International students and Japanese students who aim to be leaders at
School	Japanese companies, and to contribute to the development of the
	international society, will be studying together in this course. This collaborative learning helps to form a human network between the
	participants' countries and Japan.
	- This is a program to develop ICT Social Innovators
	The curriculum is arranged to foster Social Innovators in ICT4D, who
	discover the social issues then develop the society with utilizing ICT. The

	<ul> <li>experience obtained with the program 'Problem Resolution for Development Issues by Information-Communication Technology' commissioned by JICA has contributed to the development of this program.</li> <li>Problem solving practice 'Tankyu Practice'</li> <li>Problem solving practice called 'Tankyu Practice' is a program of enhancing one's technical and human strengths, by contributing to society through utilizing one's skills and experience. President Prof. Toshiki Sumitani, who invented the method of 'Tankyu', is also a researcher and a practitioner of this method. He dedicates himself to spreading the 'Tankyu Practice', which is a proven, student-oriented method of social entrepreneurship.</li> </ul>
13. Features and Curriculum of Program	The education system of our university has at its core the "TANKYU Practice" exercises, Specific Theme Research A, and Specific Theme Research B, and students learn the theory and skills in "social development innovator based courses" and "ICT system courses" required for practice. " The curriculum after admission is structured to acquire the knowledge and skills of practical ICT in the ICT specialized subjects group, and the knowledge for the promotion of ICT4D in the social development practice courses. The knowledge and skills learned in each subject group are overall combined in the Specific Theme Research, forming a program to improve practical ability by performing a specific problem-solving task utilizing ICT. For each of the issues in Specific Theme Research, students build a hypothesis of providing new value using ICT technology, and then perform its verification. During this time, they also perform thorough investigation and discussions. Moreover, they confirm the uniqueness of their solution by investigating similar solutions, and by also performing the verification from the point of view of income / expense balance through cost simulation, they verify the possibility of realization. Ultimately, they complete it as an action plan, as well as writing up as a master's thesis, to the point where it can be presented.
	The university, in order to develop human resources with a high practical expertise and skills, has in the faculty not only experienced practitioners from various companies such as SONY and Panasonic, and with work experience in developing countries cooperation in JICA, but also researchers and education experts familiar with the human resource development as educators, who do the research guidance.
	<u>Lectures based on "TANKYU" Practice</u> The method of teaching through "TANKYU" Practice has at its core an active learning model, by a repetition of "lectures $\rightarrow$ exercises $\rightarrow$ presentations", using case studies for hands-on lessons to experience problem-solving close to the actual real-world practice. In the offered courses, the class exercises and experimental subjects will be carried out basically in this form. Please refer to the following website for the details:
14. Academic Schedule	http://education-japan.org/africa/tmp_img/5_03.pdf One school year has 6 terms; each term is about 2 months. [Outline of the Academic Calendar] Oct. Start of the ICT4D Master's Program

	Oct Nov. Fall 1st Term
	Dec Jan. Fall 2nd Term
	Feb Mar. Fall 3rd Term
	Apr May Spring 1st Term
	Jun Jul. Spring 2nd Term
	Aug Sep. Spring 3rd Term
	Oct Nov. Fall 1st Term (2nd Year)
	Dec Jan. Fall 2nd Term (2nd Year)
	Feb Mar. Fall 3rd Term (2nd Year)
	Apr May Spring 1st Term (2nd Year)
	Jun Jul. Spring 2nd Term (2nd Year)
	Aug Sep. Spring 3rd Term (2nd Year)
	Sep. (end of 2nd school year) Graduation
15. Supporting service to Interna	ational Students
	The team of the International Students Support Center and the
International Students	English-speaking tutors give active and full support for consulting and
Support Center for Consulting	counseling about daily life, campus life, cross-cultural adjustment, etc.
or counseling about daily life,	In addition, the staff members of KIC office are mostly familiar with
campus life, cross-cultural	English, and they support the international students with the
adjustment etc.	administrative procedures in English.
	And also in KIC, the prayer's space is established for Muslim students.
	Student Dormitory is not available, however, KIC will provide full support to
Provision of Student Dormitory	find appropriate residences for each student.
Japanese Language Education	Other than a regular curriculum, Japanese class is conducted to provide the
Program for International	opportunity to learn Japanese and Japanese culture which is necessary to
Students	live in Japan.
	KIC offers many cultural activities such as tea party with Japanese
Cultural Activities	students, filed trip to Japanese garden park, and rice-cake making. Also
Cultural Activities	international students will be provided free pass for cultural and historical
	sites in Kobe and Hyogo area.
Any special attention to	Kobe is very friendly for international students. There are Mosque and
Religious Practice	churches in the surroundings; particularly international food (including
Trengious I factice	Muslim Halal food) is available at the restaurants and grocery stores.
	See the sample on the web site below:
Facilities (Library etc)	https://www.kic.ac.jp/en/index/facility/
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supporting comics you are	Writing" to improve the ability to write the thesis in English and "Dusiness
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enueavoring, ii any.	rresentation to improve the English ability in business situations.

## 16. Message to Prospective International Students

	The ICT Innovator Course is a cutting-edge graduate program we are proud of and already boasts an excellent track record. Our faculty is comprised of
Message from University	what could be described as the best line-up of lecturers in the field.
	Our vision is to see KIC nurture as many future leaders as possible.

	Ngugi Victor Njoroge (Kenya)
	My name is Ngugi Victor Njoroge and I am from Kenya. I am pursuing a
	Masters in Information technology here at the graduate school of
	Information Technology at Kobe Institute of Computing. The theme of my
	research paper is 'ICT and digital media in Marketing: Creating applications
	to enhance market access in SMEs.'
	My study is about finding how successful Japanese SMEs and companies
	have embraced ICT to enable them to get a head start and boost their
	growth and cement their position in the market. Specifically digital media
	technology can improve efficiency, to stay ahead of game.
	Chika Yoshida is my laboratory Professor. Her knowledge about the business
	of Japanese companies has helped me with my study. Studying with my
	other lab members broadens my thought process.
	I have done a lot of literature research; this is a very key step in my theme
	study. My lab has regular meetings with my Professor to go over my findings
	and look at what needs to be done next.
	With the research that I have been doing, introducing my product into the
	market is the next step. I will have enough data about the market and
	development skills of building an augmented reality application and
	commercializing it will be very possible and near future. With this I hope to
	work with a Japanese company to realize this goal.
	• Simon Dedjo (Ivory Coast)
	Hello, this is SIMON Dedjo Yao from Ivory Coast, I completed a Master
Voice of International Students	Degree in Geography and a Master degree in GIS & Remote Sensing at
	University Felix Houphouet of Abidjan. After a few years of professional
	experience in different projects and especially in the JICAs project of the
	Development of the Orban Master Plan and Transport Master plan of the
	Greater Ablajan within the multidisciplinary team of Oriental Consultants
	Engineering Programming Network technology) and ICT(D in order to
	increase my officiency and he able to handle real word problems in their
	holistic dimension Through IICA's ABE Initiative (African Business
	Education Initiative for Youth) program I got a scholarship and I made the
	choice to study at Kobe Institute of Computing (KIC) to fulfill my caroor
	choice to study at Robe institute of computing (RO) to fulling indicate of computing (RO) to full indicate of co
	researches about utilization of ICT for efficient Management of Urban Issues
	and its Development. The research axes of the Lab motivate my choice of
	that Lab Personally I research about the "development of a Flood Alert
	system for a quasi-real time flood risk information sharing in Abidian". I
	appreciate my Lab research activities which are based on Lab activities with
	my Supervisor, collaboration with other Labs of KIC and a Lab at Osaka
	University (Division of Global Architecture), writing papers and attending
	conferences and workshops. I hope to get valuable skills during my
	graduation in order to apply them back to my home country and to set up
	innovative businesses.
	• GHARANAI Mohammad Hanif (Islamic Republic of Afghanistan)
	Hi I'm M H Gharanai from Afghanistan I am Master's degree student of
	ICT innovators program at the Graduate School of IT. Kobe Institute of

Computing (KIC). The reason that I chose Japan for my academic pursuits is
firstly, it is an epitome of successful post World War II reconstruction,
peace-building, and social cohesion. Secondly, it is also a post war
economic-miracle, because Japan had risen from the ashes of World War II to
achieve an astoundingly rapid and complete economic recovery. Afghanistan
can draw on the Japanese experience and learn from the achievements it
has made in peace, education, and economic stability. Throughout my life, I
have been driven by a yearning to effect beneficial changes in the society.
Education is key to peace and development; I therefore, opted for ICT in
education at KIC. My hope is that by understanding the underpinnings of
e-learning, I can work to improve the educational sector in Afghanistan,
after returning home. Not only that I'd be technically proficient, but I'd also
be able to lead change, think critically, work in team, create and quickly
adapt to new technology, communicate effectively in a global economy, and
understand the needs of the communities.