Title: Outlines of National Institute of Informatics Tokyo, its main research activities and International Cooperation policy

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Abstract:

The National Institute of Informatics in Tokyo, an interuniversity research institute, is the only national academic research institute for Informatics in Japan. Its activities deal with:

- "Fundamental" research performed in one of the 4 research divisions (Principles of Informatics, Information Systems Architecture Science, Digital Content and Media Sciences, Information and Society)
- "Strategic" research in one of the 7 "research centers",
- "Construction/Operation" of Cyber Science infrastructure academic network and contents to operate a wide-area network, SINET4, linking universities and research institutes, to create an academic information infrastructure necessary for research and educational activities in the academic community, and provide academic content and service platforms.
- "Education" for graduate students in the frame of the Department of Informatics of SOKENDAI.

After a general presentation of NII and research activities in the four research Divisions and some research Centers, NII policy for International cooperation will be presented. In particular some aspects will be discussed that are implemented in the frame of MOU with partner institutions using NII financial support:

- Invitation/visit of academic staff or researchers including post-docs up to 3 months
- Support for workshops.
- "NII International Internship" program to receive Master or PhD students for a short period 2-6 months, supported by NII (call for applications twice a year).
Biodata:

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