



2014 International Learning in Networked Community Carnival for K-12 Schools

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1. Introduction

APEC Cyber Academy (ACA, <http://linc.hinet.net/apec/>) is an international networked learning environment designed specifically for K-12 students. The primary goal of ACA is to leverage the affordances of ICT to provide learner-centered, collaborative, and international learning experiences to K-12 students and teachers around the world. With its outstanding networked learning environment and high quality digital content, ACA has attracted a great deal of international users. As of August 2013, ACA has over 12,000 users from the various corners of the world.

Each year, ACA hosts an international networked collaborative learning program, which is exclusively for K-12 schools. The program for 2014, entitled the 2014 International Learning in Networked Community Carnival for K-12 Schools (The iLINC Carnival), will take place between February and May of the 2014.

2. The iLINC Carnival

The iLINC Carnival will take place in the Connecting Classrooms in ACA. The program requires team work. Each team needs at least 3 members and a school teacher who will play the role of team consultant. Team members could be either from the same school or different schools in other countries.

The program features both the project-based learning and the digital storytelling (DST). Participants of this program need to use digital storytelling to tell stories about what they are



studying in their projects and share them with peers around the world. Overall, the tasks of the program encompass forming a team, designing a project, introducing your team members, and presenting results of the team project with DST.

3. Evaluation, Awards, and Prizes

For entering the program, the team has to be formed online in the Connecting Classrooms in ACA by the end of January, 2014. The team has to submit its final project DST before May 31, 2014 for being eligible to compete for the awards and prizes.

The performance of each team will be evaluated based on the quality of the project and the online learning behaviors, which including interpersonal interaction and providing feedbacks to peers, demonstrated on the ACA. In order to encourage students from different countries to work together and foster their collaborative learning skills and global awareness with ICT, teams that are composed of members from different countries will be awarded with 20 bonus points (20%) in the final evaluation.

Three best teams will be awarded with prizes. The first place team will be awarded two 10" tablet PC. The second place team will be awarded two 7" tablet PC. The third place team will be awarded one 7" tablet PC. In addition, all the participating teams will be awarded a group certificate of merit issued by National University of Tainan respectively.

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