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Japan Initiative for Student Data Portability Through Internet of Education (IoE)

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ABSTRACT

As the Tokyo Convention enables individuals to have the right to have their studies and qualifications recognized and/or assessed fairly and transparently, Internet of Education (which principally shares the mission with the Tokyo Convention) positions digitising learning records as the core part of it. Japan, however, has been almost completely quiet for the digitization of learning records for decades, while in many of the rest of other countries, it has been deployed as early as 1970s. Our consortium's research in early 2020 confirms there was no single higher education institution who had deployed digital credential in Japan.

Under the situation, our voluntary team of research consortium for international education, RECSIE (Research Consortium for Sustainable International Education), gathered around a year ago, and shared a serious concern on the Japan's behind situation especially if it is related to the participant's responsibilities of the Tokyo Convention. Our team has therefore decided to stand up to change the situation by completely bottom-up and voluntary initiative.

Since then, the initiative has been progressed very rapidly in an agile manner, and now delivered the fruits of it as early as less than a year - a few front-runner universities have launched digital credential in the last month, and followed by other higher education institutions going forward. And through the initiative's network and platform, we have capitalised on the late comer and taken the disadvantage through advanced future-oriented platform which is now being collaboratively converging as a part of the Internet of Education.

This panel shares our experiences and insights on how we have overcome and taken the behind situation through running in the front as a part of the international team of the IoE, and explores further extended international collaborations for the IoE.

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