Study Together with the World: Transforming Classroom Activities to International Virtual Schooling for the 21st Century Global Citizenship

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We hear that our students should have global competencies to compete with others in different countries. The dramatic evolution of ICT has expedited the global interconnectedness of societies and the cross-cultural interactions among people. Every day, numerous mobile applications are developed and continuously updated to meet the needs of the current civilization. However, how rapidly and timely has our school been adjusted to help our students prepared for such a global and dynamic society? Would it be too complicating for schools to be upgraded in general?

Providing answers to the questions, this presentation demonstrates how easily ordinary school activities could be transformed to globally connected intercultural teaching and learning activities. Four elementary schools in a district in New York and a district in Massachusetts have joined Intercultural Virtual Exchange of Classroom Activities (IVECA) in 2012. The school classroom teachers were partnered with three schools in South Korea. The global curriculum was integrated seamlessly into the English, Science and Social Studies curricular of the two countries, and students studied together with their overseas counterparts as their daily classroom activities.

The outcomes will reveal how IVECA help the students grow interculturally competent global citizen, motivated to learn, expand global perspectives and display creativity in solving problem in global collaboration. Finally, this presentation will suggest the systematic and collaborative way for key stakeholders in education to update school education as the society constantly changes.