

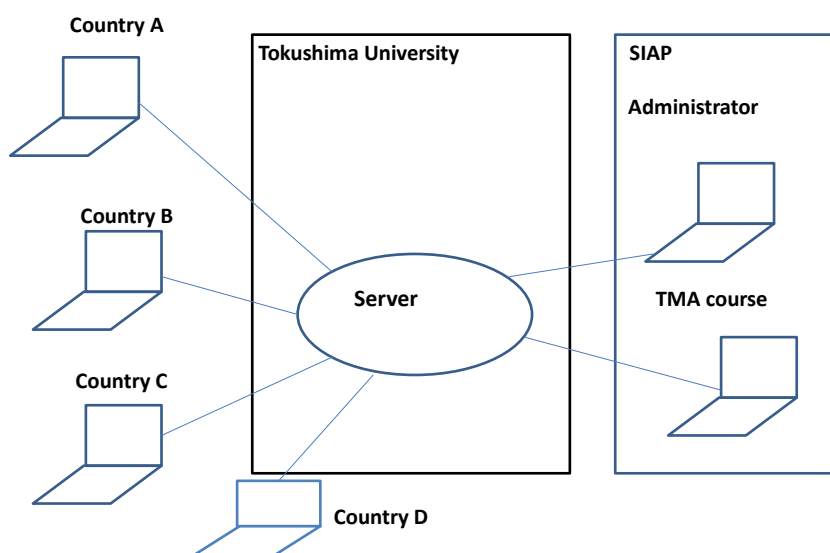
SIAP launches its new e-learning training course.

SIAP will launch a new e-learning training course on the Introduction to System of National Accounts to selected countries for the duration of two months from November 2011, using newly developed SIAP-Tokushima Univ. e-learning system.

SIAP-Tokushima Univ. e-learning system is an internet based self learning system developed by Tokushima University, a national university in Japan. It is a part of SIAP training programme on official statistics, supplementing its regular Tokyo-Metropolitan-Area (TMA) based training courses and outreach programme. Visit our website: <http://www.unsiap.or.jp/>

Through this new system, participants can receive SIAP training in their country, at their office, or anywhere where internet is accessible. They do not need to travel to Japan, where SIAP has its HQ. They may receive our training service anytime at their convenience. It would attract more potential trainees to participate in this programme. An image of the system is shown below.

Image of e-learning system



This new system was first proposed in the **SIAP Strategic Plan 2010-2014** which was endorsed at its 4th session of the Governing Council held in 2008. Paragraph 41 of the plan reads “Proposed strategies to achieve the Institute’s outcome for the planning

period are: (b) Developing complementary training modalities with increased use of ICT. SIAP will initiate e-learning and distance training. While not replacing face-to-face training at SIAP, these modalities will provide opportunities to reach a broader target group and provide continuous and sustainable training for government officials/statisticians and training institutes.....” The full text of the plan is available from the following site: <http://www.unsiap.or.jp/gc/stgplan09.pdf>

This e-learning system is currently *open only to limited number of statistical officials invited by SIAP*. The Institute will improve the service to invite wider range of stakeholders, both producers and users of official statistics, to this programme.