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Budget of 700,000 Yen, funding to be released November 2004



milling machine (below) creation applet (left) and desktop HyperFun Modeling Program model



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current technology, educate and promote the adoption of open digital fabrication standards. research and suggest new key technologies with emphasis on medical simulation and monitoring devices, enhance The purpose of the research is to build a fabrication facility to "test bed" fabrication processes and technology,

Goal :

- Purchase and installation of 3D printer and set up digital fabrication facility at the University of Aizu.
- Create real physical objects from the University of Aizu's extensive repository of medical data for medical
- simulation and digital cultural heritage data from cultural properties of the local Aizu region. Create a curriculum based on the design and manufacturing of real objects from digital structures
- Create rings or circles that will initiate students and researchers to create objects of their own design
- . . Scan objects created with the system, thereby returning them to digital formats and establishing a fine grain, closed control loop.

Budget of 3,200,000 Yen, funding released October 2004.

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III. New Personal Fabrication Machines

- Task 8 Create a working open standards group for industry. PF with invitations to academics as well as
- Task 9 environmental materials for use in multi-material fabricators. Investigation into research and development for the discovery and creation of new robust,
- Task 10 fabricators Begin to set the specifications and design for inexpensive, fast, eco-friendly, multi-material



Figure 2: Schedule of Research Tasks / Milestones.

The Computer Arts Lab at the University of Aizu will assume the bulk of the research as follows

- Creation of Personal Fabrication facilities.
- · Constructive based fabrication and design software.
- Open standards and ethical communities and rules for Personal Fabrication and synthetic environments.
- The Center for Bits and Atoms, MIT, Boston, USA, will provide the following
- Connectivity to the largest community of fabrication specialists in the world.
- Specific fabrication hardware created by the MIT Center for Bits and Atoms
- A test bed for software created by the University of Aizu Computer Arts Lab
- Joint creation with the Computer Arts Lab of a open standards group for PF

I. ④ Overseas Collaboration

Bits and Atoms has initiated and directed in an effort to reduce the costs and environmental impact of PF students and faculty. Furthermore, the Computer Arts Lab will be learning and benefiting from the collective knowledge of other established Personal Fabrication facilities around the world which the MIT Center for software will be provided to several classes being taught at MIT for real world testing and evaluation by MIT Researchers at MIT will be integral in helping to provide tools and setup an initial 'Fab Lab'. In addition, they will be aiding in design and testing of software developed at the Computer Arts Lab. The developed

During this research, at least once per year, a representative visit by the Computer Arts Lab will be made to the Center for Bits and Atoms at MIT in Boston, Massachusetts. An initial meeting in early 2005 will take place in Tokyo (to accommodate other contributing members of the Japan based research group affiliated with academic institutions spread throughout Japan) and at the University of Aizu to coordinate the research between the University of Aizu and MIT. All travel expenses of the collaborating teams not directly affiliated with the University of Aizu are not to be covered by this proposal and are expected to be provided by the visiting researchers themselves.

will serve exchanged Center for Bits and Atoms will be in English. Research data and corresponding communications will be All communication regarding the research between the University of Aizu Computer Arts Lab and the MIT as additional support between the Computer Arts Lab and the MIT Center for Bits and Atoms electronically and over the Internet. An active online archive, CVS server and groupware website

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研究計画·方法 As can be seen from Figure 2 on page 7, the second year will focus on the creation of the software tools and interface for the geometry engine framework. In Tasks 5 and 6, we begin with creating a modeling interface to design simple objects, then creating the interface to mill and scan the designs on the ROLAND 3D Mill and Scanner. By the middle of the second year, we begin laying the foundations and design of the geometry engine for a microchip to be used on Personal Fabrication machines. Toward the end of that phase, we begin to create an open standards group for Personal Fabrication Systems. Lastly, we should set specifications and publish our results after visiting and discussion with the MIT Center for Bits and Atoms. Outline of Second Year Budget and Plan (平成18年度以降) 基盤 A · B · C (一般) b

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technologies, including the fabrication of three-dimensional structures, logic, sensing, actua-tion, and displays. These capabilities would be deployed in field "fab labs" in the Aizu valley. We fully support this effort, and expect to join the Computer Arts Lab in grant applications in Japan and the US. deploy hardware and software tools to enable end-users to create as well as use information This is to confirm that MIT's Center for Bits and Atoms is interested in collaborating with the Computer Arts Lab in joint research on personal fabrication. We together seek to develop and

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