The Distance Education Modernization Project (DEMP) is supported by a loan from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) has been commenced in December 2005 to address the government of Sri Lanka’s initiative to increase socio-economic growth and to enhance human development in Sri Lanka. The formation of the project period is to operate DEMP whilst creating means for sustainability of the successor organization after the completion of the project. The successor organization to be called the National Online Distance Education Service (NODES) will be initiated in 2008 first quarter and will be operating under DEMP until the end of 2008.

The NMIS (NODES Management Information System) will let the Universities and Institutes (Partner Institutes) around the Country to submit Study Programmes to NMIS for the students to be able to access and study online. The respective Partner Institutions are required to make payments for the students who have registered with them.

The prospective student will be able to study the Programme they have registered with via Internet at Home or by attending a preferred access outlet site formed by NODES or third-party (NODES Access Centre - NAC) or by any other online means. The NACs are formed to facilitate students with access Programme contents via suitable means of communication, student assistance and guidance and other required study-oriented benefits as well as to gain profits for NODES.
The Solution

VIDLO campus management suit have to accomplish NODES requirements as well as the functioning of the Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mechanism. This mechanism needs to be automated to serve the students and Partner Institutions around the Country. A system should be developed to serve/automate the functions that have to be transparent for the students and the Partner Institutions as well as processes that have to be carried out in the background must be identified and developed.

VIDLO campus management suit have to accommodate business processes and procedures related to NODES, which includes more specific modules like project management and document management system.

Benefits

1. Online guidance for students - VIDLO virtual campus acts as the main interface between students and lectures, and students can study in a virtual environment from anywhere. Students activities includes downloading course materials, submitting assignments, sitting for examinations (only form authorized centres), etc...

2. Flexible schedules – VIDLO system allow flexible schedules for students for their studies anywhere. If the students make use of the NAC resources, the flexibility of reserving a timeslot according to the student’s convenience.

3. Streamline the Business – VIDLO suit comes with modules to help head office and branch operations, ultimately supporting modules help to minimize human interaction in the process.

4. Accountability - Implementing a one integrated solution reduces cost and data redundancy, opportunity to lower hardware and software cost.