



Open Education Forum

Connect – Collaborate – Contribute

Overview

- **Open Courseware**
 - Who, What, Why, Where
- **Difficulties of Open Courseware**
 - Free doesn't always mean easy...
- **The Open Education Forum**
 - What it does, how it helps

Open Courseware

- In 2001 MIT started the trend
- Six years later there are over 100 educational institutes producing open courseware
 - 14 Universities in Vietnam are members of the OCW Consortium
- The trend is obvious...

What is Courseware?

- Courseware is material used by educators to teach
- Typically includes many sources:
 - Books
 - Textbooks
 - Research papers
 - Lecture notes
 - Multimedia
 - Other resources that are relevant to the subject

What is Open Courseware?

- Information that is unencumbered
 - Licensed to allow sharing
 - Free to use and distribute (modify and change)
- Definition:

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Why Open Courseware?

- For Universities
 - A low cost, high visibility method to upgrade staff skills
 - Global awareness of university name and successes
 - Improves recruitment
- For Professors
 - Keep pace with peers globally
 - Make name known globally
 - Expand professional and personal network globally

Difficulties of Open Courseware

- Building a network
- Working in a second language
- Peer review from people that are unknown
- Little support from local community
- Lack of time to get started
- Making exiting materials presentable
- Publish without feedback

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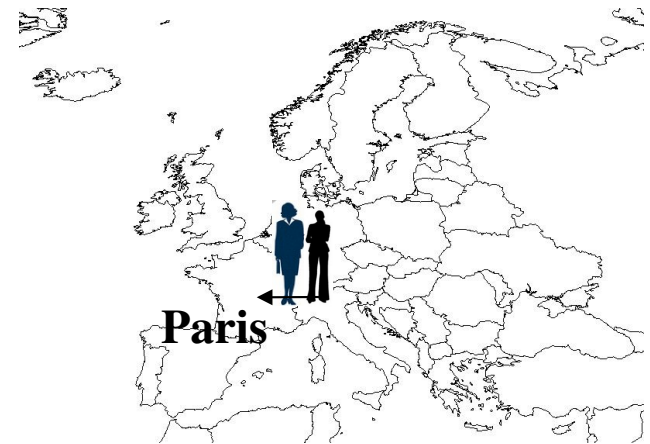
- Founded to broaden the participation in the development and use of freely available educational courseware
- Offering educators the tools and support to be successful in the development and publishing of open courseware

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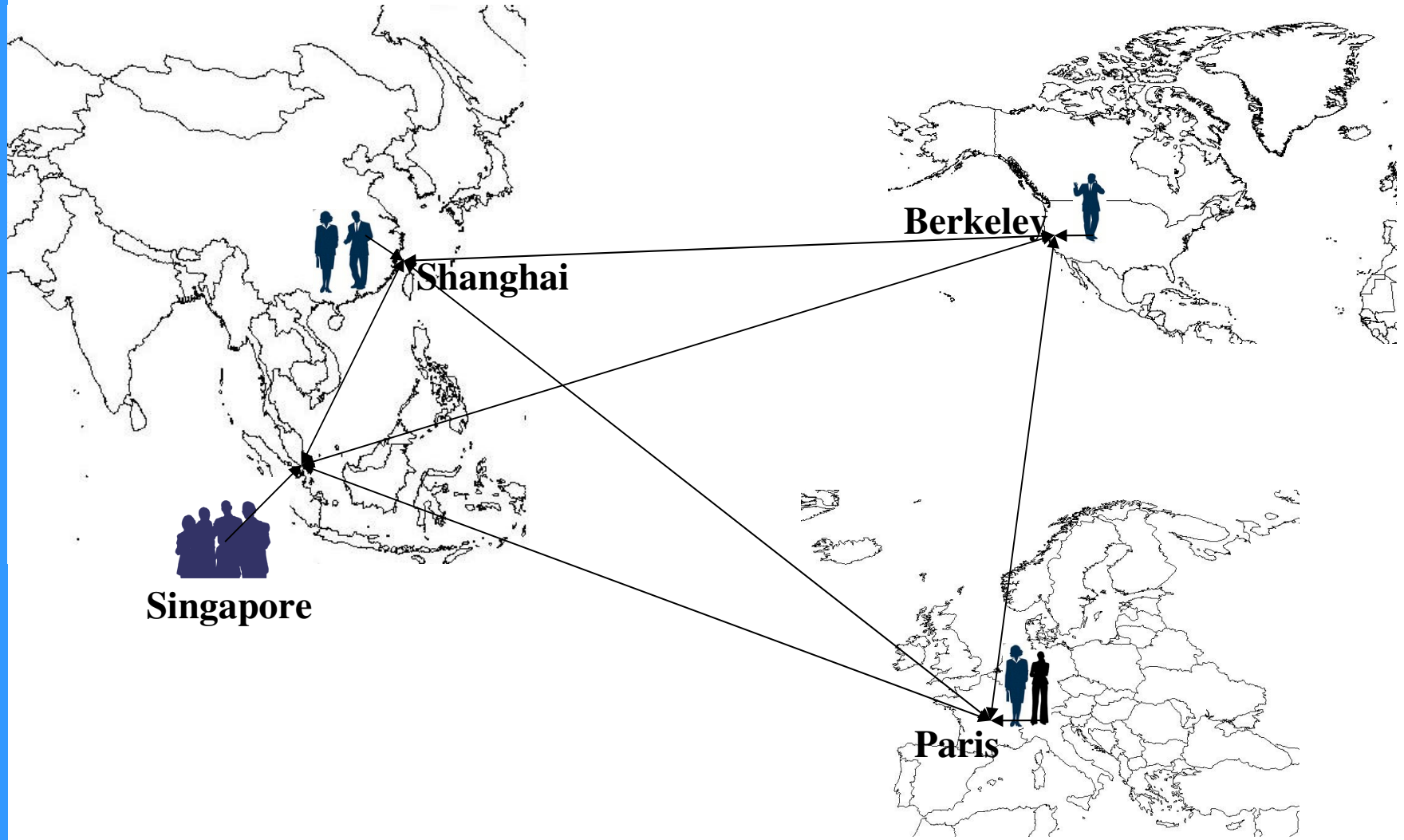
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- **Connect**
 - Linking educators and experts with complementary skills and objectives
 - Finding the right people
 - Giving introductions
 - Verifying the connection is productive

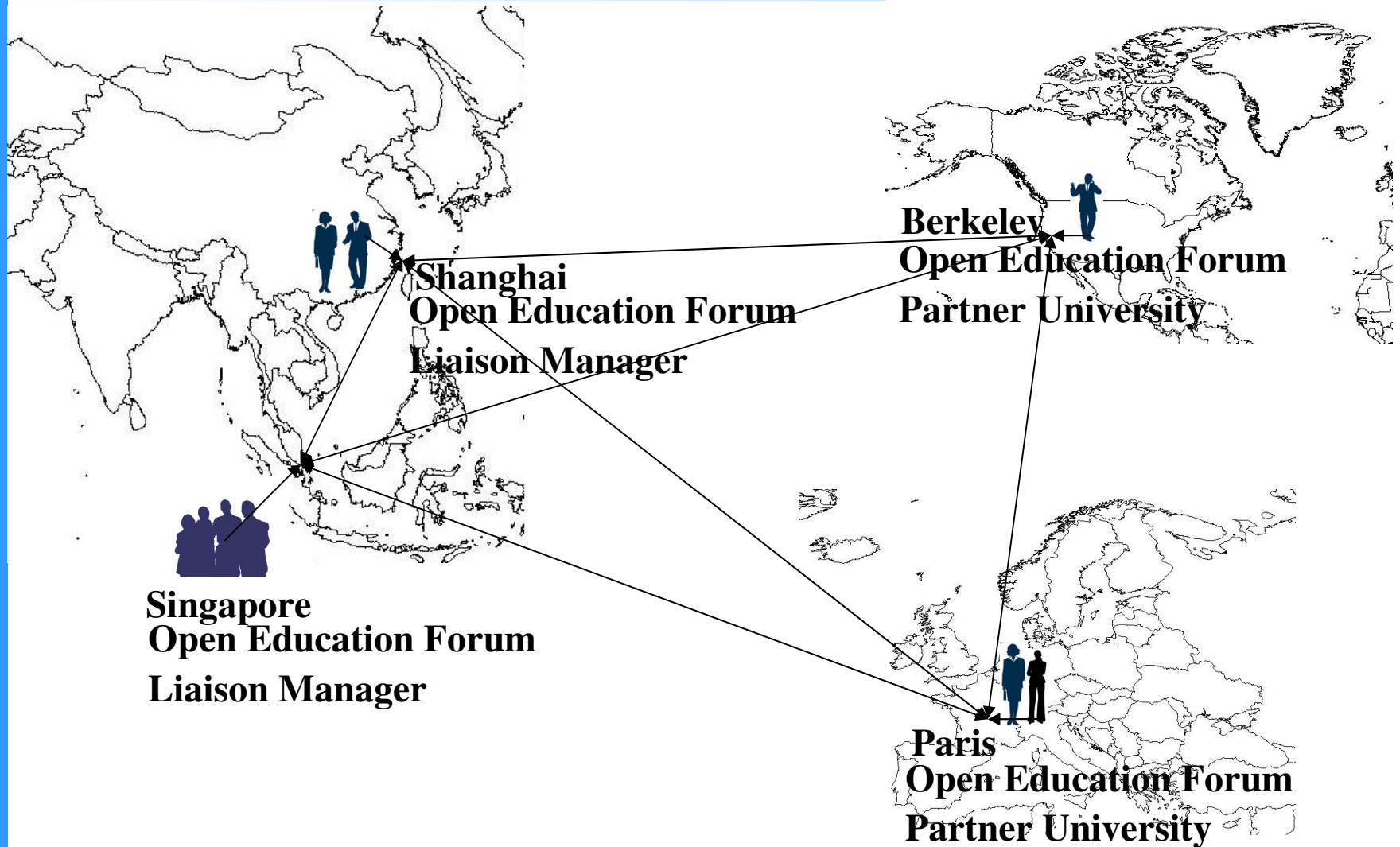
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Collaborate



Singapore
Open Education Forum
Liaison Manager

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- **Collaborate**
 - Hands on project management
 - Locally hired Liaison Managers offer support and continuity
 - Internet based tools for distributed courseware development
 - Building nascent groups into communities, communities into self governing meritocracies

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- **Contribute**

- Works are published on multiple educational sites
- Feedback is elicited through use and updates by others
- Authors acknowledgment by peers
- Contributors globally known for advancing knowledge and being experts

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- **When?**
 - The Open Education Forum is just starting, with work scheduled to begin in September 2007
- **Where?**
 - Office located in Hong Kong, Liaison Managers in higher education hubs of Asia
- **How Much?**
 - A nonprofit organization with funding from educational foundations

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- **Next steps**
 - Let us know if you are interested!
 - We will put your university on the list to receive support
 - Next steps:
 - Survey, roadmap, partner proposal, workshops, Liaison Manager
 - The Open Education Forum is a nonprofit organization

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