

## **ALFAE and Its Engagement in eCulture**

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The ALFAE (Area-wide e-Labortory for Food, Agriculture & Environment) is a driving force for realizing a human-based economic and social system in the world, maintaining an appropriate balance among food, agricultural and environmental objectives. Through collaboration between industry, government, universities and citizens, we aim at the creation of Paradigm Shift for social development, cultural succession and the enhancement of Quality of Life for everybody, using computer networks as a communication tool for enhancing human nature.

Among various kind of activities in the ALFAE, eCulture is one of most important fields and of particular interest. I would like to explain the reason why eCulture is critical for food, agricultural and environmental projects, and to introduce some examples including a cooperation with APAN (Asia-Pacific Advanced Network) eCulture Working Group.