International Application

This page contains information about the usefulness of TeacherTube outside the United States.

Questions to be addressed:

-How is TeacherTube being used outside of the United States?

TeacherTube is not really used outside of the United States, mainly because it is fairly new and is most of the videos are in English and not all countries speak English as their first language. There are videos on TeacherTube that help people learn English and that is very helpful to learners. Most people are familiar with YouTube and since TeacherTube is similar yet newer, people may start to familiarize themselves with it in the classroom.

-Are there any advantages that can be seen internationally that may not be present in the U.S.?

Some people use this site for studying English. Using English in the site is one of the international advantages. TeacherTube's productions are made from Americans who speak English and if the site makes an 'English Study Category', other non-English speaking users will go to TeacherTube more often for English education.

When comparing TeacherTube with other similar sites in Korea. It is noted that Korean sites have contents related mainly with elementary school and middle school. High school students and teachers do use them, but the number of users in high school is less than those of elementary school's students and teachers. Also, it is difficult to find websites for University students or Professors. On the other hand, in TeacherTube's case, many various people from elementary school to the university level use the site. Therefore, TeacherTube can be used for many different people all around the world.

-Are there any disadvantages that may occur internationally that are not present in the U.S.?

Not everyone speaks English, so elementary and secondary students may not understand the video unless their teacher explains everything or makes subtitles.

Each nation has its own curriculum for schools. Curriculums in each nation may be different from U.S. Since TeacherTube's users are mainly Americans, other countries' teacher may not be apt for their materials. For example, when other nation's elementary school teachers find contents which are proper to their curriculum in TeacherTube, they cannot find appropriate contents in a category for "elementary" in the site. So, in order to find materials which they want, they will search all categories in the site.

-Are there any unique international features for TeacherTube?

This might be one way on 'How to make Teacher Tube international'.

1. Make 'How to study English' for students and teachers. For example 'wrong expressions in life' or 'Grade of English study for 5 year-old child'.

2. Make 'How to teach in America' for teachers. In Korea, It is usual lesson that teacher cram study for the student. So young teachers want to study more a democratic solution like American education. TeacherTube can extend educational skills of Korean (or other non-Korea country) teachers. For example, 'announcement lesson to encourage free expression of student'.

And it is sad to say, in Korea there are few sites for high school and university students like TeacherTube. Though there are thousands of site providing good educational movie clips for secondary and higher students, but they are not free. This is good chance for TeacherTube. Open space for secondary and higher education is Blue Ocean in Korea. Students in secondary and higher education are good at English in some degree. So, In this case, a language obstacle can be smaller.

-Here is a unique educational site in Korea.

http://www.batu.or.kr/

'Batu' is a media educational site for the disabled. Batu educates the disabled about 'How to make a media by oneself' and 'How to access media' using various UCC. Furthermore it offers a lot of information for the disabled using UCC, too. Because, in Korea, getting a good job is not easy for the disabled. This site shows -

1. Teacher Tube can teach for the disabled, too.

2. Teacher Tube can give new helpful information from Americans to Koreans for the disabled.