Digital in early childhood education: its role and potentiality.

Saturday, Sep 26th 2020
Japan time:  4pm to 7pm  
Australia time: 3pm to 6pm  
UK time:  8am to 11am

In recent years, there has been a growing interest in digital use in early childhood education, and the topic is widely discussed internationally and domestically. What are the potential and challenges of using digital as a media for supporting children’s experience and learning?

In this symposium, we will invite Professor Marilyn Fleer (Australia), who has promoted research on digital use in early childhood, and Ms. Louise Lowings (United Kingdom), who is engaged in Reggio inspired practice on using digital in early childhood education, to give lectures on the latest trends. With discussions from Japanese context, we would like to have dialogue on recent trends and future perspectives of digital and early childhood education.

This symposium will be held online using UoT Zoom account. We look forward to your participation.

**PROGRAM**

**Chair:** Sachiko Nozawa (CEDEP)

**Opening address** Toshihiko Endo (Director, CEDEP)
Shigemitsu Azuma (President, Early Childhood Care and Education Research Institution of the Japanese Private Kindergarten Federation)

**Keynote 1** Digital play and digital tools: Researching practice in early childhood settings.
Prof. Marilyn Fleer (Monash University, Australia)

**Keynote 2** ‘We Think Everywhere’ - Children investigating the world with digital tools.
Ms. Louise Lowings (Madeley Nursery School head teacher / “We Think Everywhere” (ICT for Preschools) member)

**Discussion** Shigemitsu Azuma
Kiyomi Akita (Dean of Faculty of Education, UoT)

~Panel Discussion~

**Closing address** Sachiko Asai (Vice Director, CEDEP)

**Registration** (Maximum 500 audiences)
Please register from the following link.

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