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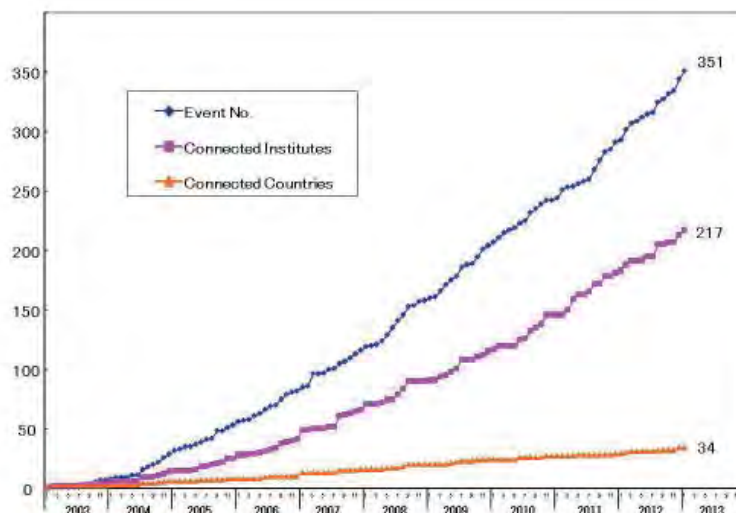
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11. Closing

Our Ten Years Milestone

Our telemedical activities started with a teleconference between Hanyang University Hospital and Kyushu University Hospital on 12th February 2003, only 2 years after the beginning of the 21st century . They say “time waits for no man” and I agree – time has gone by so fast. However, there have been many wars and acts of terrorism during this period. Many countries have suffered economic trouble, such as the Lehman's collapse. There have been many things that have had an impact on societies at the level of the individual. We have had many happy encounters, but also heartbreaking farewells. However, look at the graph below that displays our activity over the past decade (up to 1st February 2013) . At TEMDEC, we have conducted 351 events with 217 institutes in 34 countries on every continent, except Antarctica, without any interruptions. Our activities have continued for ten years despite numerous issues, because of our cooperation with groups from all over the world.



Although our activities have already been running into the 11th year, I rather feel that we are at the start pointing of the next decade . The content of telemedicine has increased, new technologies of networking have been implemented, and teleconsultations with overseas patients will start soon. I can assure you that the day will come when this system will be used routinely, and without difficulty, by medical staff and students, and patients around the world.

We shall move forward in this direction, which holds so much promise, and prepare to hand over the responsibility of undertaking these activities to next generation after another 10 or 20 years.

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