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Display System Selection

The university highly evaluated the following features of Panasonic’s narrow bezel displays, and chose to install a multi-screen system (approximately 165 inches) with nine display panels in each of the two lecture halls.

- High-brightness 800-cd/m² displays capable of showing sharp, clear images even in a well-lit room
- A wide viewing angle to ensure clear images even when viewed at an angle, such as from the end seats on the front row
- Display of motion pictures with excellent response and high visibility
- A narrow bezel creating only a 5.3-mm border between display panels
- Factory pre-calibration to reduce the time required for image adjustment during installation
Multiple display panels connected via daisy chain to configure an interactive system featuring a pen tablet.

Each newly installed multi-screen system is configured with display panels connected via daisy chain, so video and control signals can be transmitted without a distributor. The connected video source devices include a BD player, document camera and tablet PC. The PC can be connected with a pen tablet for displaying hand writing on the large screen. The large screen can also be used as a whiteboard by displaying a white screen and using a pen tablet.

All video/control signals are fed to the ET-YFB100G DIGITAL-LINK-ready digital interface box. Both DVI video signal and control signal are sent to the display through a single CAT5e. With the use of daisy-chain connection and DIGITAL LINK, the multi-screen system is configured with a dramatically reduced number of cables and video devices.

High evaluation given to multi-screen video display systems that help students concentrate on lectures in well-lit lecture halls.

Since the multi-screen systems were installed, there have been no complaints about the display being difficult to see in the bright room environments. Also, all students look squarely toward the front. This indicates that the new systems help students concentrate on the lecture. Presently, the multi-screen system and ordinary whiteboard are used in combination for hybrid operation in each room. However, since the pen tablet enables flexible writing on the multi-screen display, the university is thinking about a complete changeover to full-time display systems without using the whiteboards.