Handmade planetarium suitable for class lesson

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Abstract

Handmade planetarium oriented class lesson of an elementary and a junior high school was invented by the present writer. The structure is adopted cylindrical shape which have a enough strength and easy handicraft even for an elementary school student. The planetarium has a function of

a star chart, bright time scale in a dark,

bright constellation line, peojection of horizon which is usuful for understanding of appearance and disappearance of constellation in a season. Apparent magnitude of each star is represented by projected area relatively in the hemisphere.

RIKEN(The institute of physical and chemical research) had reached to contract manufacturing the planetarium to Technosystems Co. at a low price. The planetarium have been on sale on 20/Jan/2007.