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Institute of Technical Education



ITE AND HP TO BOOST IT SECURITY COMPETENCY IN SINGAPORE
Infocomm Security Resource Centre launched to serve local SMEs and train up to 500 ITE Students over five years

SINGAPORE, April 15, 2008 – The Institute of Technical Education (ITE) and Hewlett-Packard (HP) today announced collaboration in the areas of security and trusted information communications infrastructure with the establishment of the ITE-HP Infocomm Security Resource Centre at ITE College East.

2 Aligned to the Singapore Government's iN2015, a 10-year plan to grow the infocomm sector, the collaboration highlights joint industry-education efforts at creating a sustainable pipeline of entry-level infocomm professionals trained in information security, and the establishment of the ITE-HP Infocomm Security Resource Centre as a hub for small-medium enterprises (SMEs) looking for information risk assessment services, and deployment of IT security projects.

Building a Sustainable Pipeline of Local Infocomm Security Professionals

3 For the 160 students who have signed up for the **new Higher Nitec** in Network Security course the collaboration with HP will mean that besides an ITE Certificate, they will graduate with an internationally-recognised **HP-UNIX Certification in IT Security** - a first for Singapore. It is the first time that HP is offering this course for technical and vocational students.

4 Mr Bruce Poh, Director & CEO of ITE, said, "With the ITE-HP industry-collaboration on IT security, we are now leveling up the infocomms manpower competency. Previously, IT security system was a specialised field of study reserved only for polytechnic and university graduates. Now, ITE graduates will be equipped with a solid foundation in security, including threat and vulnerability mitigation, privacy and governance. This is a strong endorsement of the stature and quality of the ITE education. They can either service the industry or even launch their own start-ups as they develop new security solutions with the support of technology companies such as HP."

5 "With the ITE-HP alliance, we are taking the blueprint of our long-established strategic collaborations with the institutes of higher learning in Singapore to ITE, to ensure that we deliver high-impact projects that meet the business objectives of the industry. Together we will train a new breed of ICT Security Specialists who will have both the technical and business smarts and who will use HP-UX as the platform to build a trusted security infrastructure for Singapore," said Ms Tan Yen Yen, Vice President and Managing Director, HP Singapore.

Staying Relevant to the SME Industry

6 According to a recent report by Access Market International (AMI) Partners, IT security enhancement is an area of priority for SMEs in Singapore. SMEs in general will increasingly look at setting up network-based security tools as they evolve from building basic IT infrastructures to deploying technologies that enable intra-enterprise connectivity servers, Web sites and high-speed broadband.

7 The ITE-HP Infocomm Security Resource Centre is equipped with a proof-of-concept technology lab to provide SMEs with real-life feasibility studies, technical evaluations and try out new security solutions. SMEs can leverage the expertise of ITE faculty members, students and HP security-trained experts before they make the decision to implement the solutions for their businesses.

Strong Support from Industry Players

8 Commenting on the joint effort, Ms Tham Ai Chyn, Assistant Chief Executive, Industry and Cluster Development, Infocomm Development Authority

of Singapore said, "Such efforts by HP and ITE will contribute positively to raising the competency level of infocomm professionals and providing SMEs with IT security resources to enhance their businesses."

9 Industry players also commended the ITE-HP collaboration. Mr Saw Ken Wye, Vice President (Sales and Marketing), Asia Pacific, Microsoft Operations Pte Ltd, said, "I applaud the ITE-HP initiative to bring the security message home to SMEs and ensure that there is a talent pool to make the connected world safer." Mr Lee Kong Hung, Vice-President, Infrastructure, Singapore Computer Systems Limited added, "This is an excellent win-win initiative to engage the SMEs, the ITE lecturers and students can gain hands-on experience that will enhance their IT security competency."

10 Students from ITE will be assigned to work in HP for a minimum period of three months, covering areas such as IT Security Audits and Controls, Incident Handling and Response, Threat Monitoring and Patch Management, Vulnerability Assessment and Handling, Security Risk Assessment and Log Review.

Invitation to Media on 15 April 08

11 Members of the media are invited to attend and cover the Signing Ceremony. on **15 April 08 at 1030 hours**, at the **ITE College East Conference Room, Level 5, 10 Simei Avenue, Singapore 486047**.

12 The Ceremony Programme & Location Map are attached at **Annexes A and B respectively**. For confirmation on attendance and arrangements for interviews and photography, please contact:

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Institute of Technical Education

The Institute of Technical Education (ITE), Singapore, was established as a post-secondary education institution in 1992 under the Ministry of Education. ITE is a principal provider of career and technical education and principal authority in developing national occupational skills certification and standards to enhance Singapore's workforce competitiveness. Under its "One ITE System, Three Colleges" Model of Education, ITE governs three Colleges, comprising ITE College Central, ITE College East and ITE College West.

About HP

HP focuses on simplifying technology experiences for all of its customers – from individual consumers to the largest businesses. With a portfolio that spans printing, personal computing, software, services and IT infrastructure, HP is among the world's largest IT companies, with revenue totaling US\$107.7 billion for the four fiscal quarters ended Jan. 31, 2008.

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING SIGNING CEREMONY
BETWEEN
INSTITUTE OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION
& HEWLETT- PACKARD SINGAPORE (SALES) PTE LTD**

**TUESDAY, 15 APRIL 2008
1030 HOURS**

**CONFERENCE ROOM, ADMINISTRATION BLOCK
LEVEL 5, ITE COLLEGE EAST
10 SIMEI AVENUE, SINGAPORE 486047**

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| 1025 hrs | Arrival of Officials from Hewlett-Packard Singapore (Sales) Pte Ltd |
| 1030 hrs | <p>Welcome and Introduction</p> <p>Screening of ITE Corporate Video</p> <p>Welcome Address by Mr Bruce Poh, Director and Chief Executive Officer, ITE</p> <p>Speech by Ms Tan Yen Yen, Vice President and Managing Director, Hewlett-Packard Singapore (Sales) Pte Ltd</p> <p>Signing of Memorandum of Understanding</p> <p>Facility Tour of ITE College East:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ITE-METI Centre for Healthcare Simulation Training - ITE-Microsoft Business IT Solutions Centre - ITE-ABB Automation Technology Solutions Centre - Beauty Therapy Training Centre - Hair Design Training Centre |
| 1215 hrs | Lunch at Club ITE (Simei) |
| 1315 hrs | End of Programme |

**Location Map of ITE College East
10 Simei Avenue, Spore 486047**

