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Ladies and Gentlemen

**Introduction**

1 Good morning and a warm welcome to ITE.

2 It is my pleasure to be here this morning to sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Hewlett-Packard Singapore (Sales) Pte Ltd for the setting up of the ITE-HP Infocomm Security Resource Centre.

**IT Security Industry**

3 IT Security is a major concern for many enterprises today. In particular, governments and industries worldwide have forecasted a shortage of, and high demand for infocomm security professionals. In Singapore, the Government's five-year infocomm security roadmap (2008 - 2012) will build on Singapore's existing efforts to focus on more international collaborations to improve Singapore's ability to combat cyber threats.

4 The ITE-HP collaboration is in support of iDA's iN2015 Masterplan to nurture a pool of competent infocomm Security professionals in handling next-generation wireless and wired infrastructure, which will deliver more innovative and trusted services where streamlined e-processes, security and access control will be an integral part of life.

#### **Developing “Technopreneurship” Talents in Students**

5 The key aspect in the ITE-HP partnership is in nurturing highly marketable infocomm talents with an emphasis on IT Security service-oriented training. The ITE training focus will enhance the integration of technology applications as well as develop the technopreneurial skills in students with a mind for innovation and enterprise.

6 This partnership is also significant as it coincides with the intake of 160 students into the newly launched *Higher Nitec* in Network Security Technology course on 14 Apr 2008 to meet the local manpower demand.

#### **ITE-HP Strategic Partnership**

7 The strategic partnership between ITE and HP is timely and will see the setting up of a new **ITE-HP Infocomm Security Resource Centre** at ITE College East in IT Security, Intrusion, Audit and Application Testing.

8 The Centre will provide a hands-on experiential learning environment for ITE students on the application of security technology in four main areas, namely, best practices framework; identity management; proactive and on-going system management, and enabling a trusted infrastructure.

9 In alignment with the iN2015 plan, the Centre will support competency building of ITE staff, students and HP partners in the area of infocomm security. It will also offer security technology services to Small Medium Enterprises (SMEs) with the aim to develop their technology capabilities and enhance their competitiveness in the global economy. The Centre will also help build communities in hosting user forums and groups in technology seminars.

10 Today's signing of the MOU marks a new milestone in our collaboration and reflects ITE's commitment in forging strong partnerships with the industry.

### **Conclusion**

11 On a more personal note, some of you might know that I used to be an HP staff for a short period. I was cajoled by Han Jok Kwang to join the HP Alumni last year. What impresses me most about HP was the HP Way. In many respect, ITE's set of core values - ITE CARE, reflect that.

12 To draw an example, the HP Way states that HP conducts its business with uncompromising integrity; in ITE, that's I for Integrity. HP Way states that HP achieves its common objectives through teamwork; in ITE, that's T for Teamwork. HP Way advocates the focus on a high level of achievement and contribution; in ITE, that's E for Excellence. And similar to HP's trust and respect for individuals, ITE integrates CARE in its working environment, too. The HP Way also encourages flexibility and innovation. HP staff accept responsibility and are encouraged to upgrade their skills and capabilities – that too, is reflected in ITE's Total Systems Capability. And of course, in the spirit of HP's MBWA – Management By Walking Around, we'll soon be walking about in a while too, to tour the facilities here.

13 In conclusion, on behalf of ITE, let me thank HP for this partnership in the transfer of technology and expertise in the infocomm security domain, consultancy services, and their strong support on this collaboration. We value this win-win partnership and look forward to working closely with HP to provide the best in teaching and learning for our students as well as joint engagements with the industry.

Thank you.