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SINGAPORE HOSTS ITS FIRST HUMAN PATIENT SIMULATION NETWORK ASIA PACIFIC MEDICAL EDUCATION AND SIMULATION CONFERENCE

Come 10 Oct 2008, some 300 healthcare professionals and medical practitioners from the Asia Pacific Region will converge at the Human Patient Simulation Network (HPSN) Asia Pacific Medical Education and Simulation Conference to be held for the first time in Singapore. HPSN is the premier education conference for medical simulation users from all ends of the globe and this two-day event, to be held at ITE College East, is aimed at enhancing knowledge on the applications of human simulation to learning in healthcare.

2 The HPSN Conference is jointly organised by the Institute of Technical Education (ITE), Medical Education Technologies, Inc (METI), USA and Kestrel Technologies.

3 In addition to plenary lectures, hands-on workshops and presentations, the HPSN Conference offers participants the opportunity to network and to share ideas with medical education experts on how human patient simulation can be integrated into pedagogic training in the healthcare industry.

Keynote Speakers

4 The keynote speakers at the HPSN Conference include:

Mr Thomas J Doyle
Vice-President, Education and Training
METI, USA

Prof V Anantharaman
Senior Consultant, Department of Emergency
Singapore General Hospital

Assoc Prof Chen Fun-Gee
Head of Department of Anaesthesia
National University Hospital

Ms Suppiah Nagammal
Section Head/Nursing
ITE College East

Developing Healthcare Personnel for Challenges Ahead

5 Mr Bruce Poh, Director & CEO, ITE, said: “As an education institution, ITE has the responsibility of training and developing healthcare personnel for the challenges ahead. Simulation pedagogy and technology is one way to achieve this goal. This Conference is a step towards our goal of providing a multi-disciplinary approach to authentic learning for our students. It will also be an opportunity for professionals to learn and share ideas that will impact on areas of healthcare education and professional practice.”

Invitation to Media - Opening Ceremony of HPSN Conference

6 The HPSN Conference will be officially opened by Mr Bruce Poh, Director & CEO, ITE, and Mr Thomas Doyle, Vice-President, METI, USA, at a Ceremony to be held on **10 October 2008 at 0900 hours at ITE College East**. Members of the media are invited to cover the Opening Ceremony and Conference. The Ceremony programme and Conference schedule are enclosed at **Annexes A and B** respectively.

7 For confirmation of attendance and arrangements for interviews/ photography, please contact:

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About ITE

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**.

**Opening Ceremony
Inaugural HPSN Asia Pacific
Medical Education & Simulation Conference**

**10 October 2008
0900 hours**

**ITE College East
10 Simei Avenue
Singapore 486047**

PROGRAMME

0800 hours	Registration
0845 hours	Guests and Participants to be Seated
0900 hours	Arrival of VIP and Welcome Performance Welcome Address by Mr Bruce Poh Director & CEO, ITE Address by Mr Lou Oberndorf President, Medical Education Technologies, Inc, USA Opening of Conference Presentation of Plaques Entertainment – Chinese Orchestra Performance
1000 hours	Tea Reception

Conference Schedule

OCTOBER 10 FRIDAY

- 0800 — 0845 **REGISTRATION - Auditorium Foyer**
- 0855 — 0910 Welcome Speech - Auditorium: **Mr Bruce Poh**
- 0910 — 0950 Opening Speech - Auditorium: **Mr Lou Oberndorf**
- 0950 — 1000 Opening Ceremony & Performance - Auditorium
- 1000 — 1030 **COFFEE BREAK - Function Hall**
- 1030 — 1115 Plenary Session - Auditorium: **Professor V. Anantharaman**
- 1115 — 1200 Plenary Session - Auditorium: **Associate Professor Chen Fun Gee**
- 1200 — 1330 **LUNCH - Function Hall**
- 1330 — 1430 Emergency Simulation Exercise - Foyer
Level One Technology Block
- 1430 — 1500 ITE-METI Centre for Healthcare Simulation Training Tour -
Level Six Technology Block
- 1500 — 1530 **COFFEE BREAK - Function Hall**
- 1530 — 1615 Breakout Session A
- 1615 — 1700 Breakout Session B
- 1800 — 2000 Welcome Reception: Mandarin Oriental Hotel

OCTOBER 11 SATURDAY

- 0830 — 0900 **REGISTRATION – Auditorium Foyer**
- 0900 — 0945 Plenary Session - Auditorium: **Ms Suppiah Nagammal**
- 0945 — 1030 Breakout Session C
- 1030 — 1100 **COFFEE BREAK - Function Hall**
- 1100 — 1145 Breakout Session D
- 1145 — 1230 Plenary Session - Auditorium: **Mr Thomas Doyle**
- 1230 — 1400 **LUNCH - Function Hall**
- 1400 — 1445 Breakout Session E
- 1445 — 1530 Breakout Session F
- 1530 — 1600 Closing Ceremony & Performance - Auditorium