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2ND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (VTE) TO EXPLORE EMERGING TRENDS IN VTE AND IDENTIFY NEW OPPORTUNITIES AND POSSIBILITIES

Over 300 international delegates will come together during the 2nd International Conference on Vocational and Technical Education (VTE), where they will hear renowned VTE policy makers and experts from Canada, Germany, France, USA and Singapore share insights and innovations for transforming VTE to be relevant, responsive and ready for a dynamic global landscape. Organised by the Institute of Technical Education (ITE), the Conference will be held at the Grand Copthorne Waterfront, Singapore, from 8 to 10 July 2009.

2 **Mr S Iswaran, Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Trade & Industry and Ministry of Education**, will be the Guest-of-Honour at the Opening Ceremony of the Conference to be held on **Thursday, 9 July 2009, at 9.00 am**.

3 Centred on the theme ***“VTE Forward: Perspectives & Practices”***, the Conference aims to explore emerging trends in VTE and identify new opportunities and possibilities. It has attracted participants from over 20 countries, who will be participating in four tracks, namely VTE Governance & Leadership; Curriculum & Pedagogic Innovations; Authentic VTE Learning Environments; and Global Education & Partnerships for VTE. The Conference also provides an excellent opportunity for participants to be updated on global developments and growth in VTE, and to exchange views and dialogue with an international panel of speakers.

4 The first VTE Conference was held in August 2006. Themed “Transforming Vocational and Technical Education in a Global Economy – International Perspectives 2006”, the inaugural Conference had garnered positive feedback, with 98% of delegates indicating that the objectives of the Conference were met.

Invitation to Media Members

5 Members of the media are cordially invited to the **Opening Ceremony of the Conference on Thursday, 9 July 2009, 9.00 am at the Grand Copthorne Waterfront, Grand Ballroom (Level 4), 392 Havelock Road, Singapore 169663**. The programme for the Opening Ceremony is at Annex A.

- 6 You are also welcome to cover the Conference on
- 8 July 2009, 8.15 am – 5.30 pm (Pre-Conference Sharing);
 - 9 July 2009, 8.15 am – 5.15 pm; and
 - 10 July 2009, 8.30 am – 5 pm.

The full Conference programme (listing the speakers) is at Annex B. More information on the conference can also be found on the ITE website: www.ite.edu.sg/conference

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**OPENING CEREMONY OF
2ND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON VTE
VTE FORWARD: PERSPECTIVES & PRACTICES**

**Thursday 9 July 2009, 9.00 am
at Grand Ballroom, Level 4
Grand Copthorne Waterfront
392 Havelock Road, Singapore 169663**

PROGRAMME

- 8.50 am Guests and delegates to be seated
- 9.00 am Arrival of Guest-of-Honour
Mr S Iswaran
Senior Minister of State
Ministry of Trade & Industry and
Ministry of Education
- Welcome Performance
- 9.10 am Welcome remarks by Mr Bruce Poh
Director & Chief Executive Officer
Institute of Technical Education
- Opening Address by Guest-of-Honour
- 9.30 am Entertainment Performance
- 9.40 am Reception and End of Programme

**2ND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON VTE
VTE FORWARD: PERSPECTIVES & PRACTICES**

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Wednesday 8 Jul 09	Pre-Conference [Grand Copthorne Waterfront, Waterfront Ballroom (Level 2)]
8:15am – 9:00am	Registration and Morning Coffee
9:00am – 9:20am	Address by Dr Benjamin Tan Chairman, VTE2009 Organising Committee and Chief Executive Officer, ITE Education Services Pte Ltd <i>Video Presentation: Experiential Learners Change a Nation</i>
9:20am - 10:05am	Mr Heng Guan Teck Deputy Chief Executive Officer (Academic) Institute of Technical Education, Singapore <i>Planning and Developing Market-relevant VTE Programmes</i>
10:05am - 10:30am	Coffee Break
10:30am – 11:15am	Mr Tan Seng Hua Principal, ITE College Central <i>Infrastructure Planning for VTE</i>
11:15am – 12:00pm	Ms Sabrina Loi Senior Divisional Director, Corporate Services, Institute of Technical Education, Singapore <i>Strategic and Image Innovation – The ITE Story</i>
12:00pm - 12:30pm	Question-and-Answer Session
12:30pm – 1:30pm	Lunch
1:30pm – 5:30pm	Learning Journey to ITE College East

The Pre-Conference Sharing is partially funded by a grant from the IBM Innovations Award in Transforming Government, a programme of the Ash Institute for Democratic Governance and Innovation at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government.

Thursday 9 Jul 09	Conference Day 1 [Grand Copthorne Waterfront, Grand Ballroom (Level 4)]
8:15am – 9:00am	Registration and Morning Coffee
9:00am – 9:30am	Opening Performance Welcome Remarks by Mr Bruce Poh Geok Huat Director and Chief Executive Officer Institute of Technical Education, Singapore Opening Address by Mr S Iswaran Senior Minister of State Ministry of Trade & Industry and Ministry of Education, Singapore Entertainment by ITE’s Centre for Music & The Arts
9:30am – 10:15am	Reception and Networking
	<i>Track 1 – VTE Governance and Leadership</i>
10:15am – 11:00am	Dr Paul Elsner Chancellor Emeritus / Senior Advisor Maricopa Community Colleges, USA <i>Leadership Challenges and Imperatives in the Global Economy</i>
11:00am – 11:45am	Ms Irene Lewis President and Chief Executive Officer Southern Alberta Institute of Technology (SAIT) Polytechnic, Canada <i>Leading the Way: Translating Strategy into Action</i>
11:45am – 12:30pm	Question-and-Answer Session Led by Mr Lee Kwok Cheong Chief Executive Officer SIM Pte Ltd, Singapore
12:30pm – 1:45pm	Lunch
	<i>Track 2 – Curriculum and Pedagogic Innovations</i>
1:45pm – 2:30pm	Mr Bryan Albrecht President Gateway Community College, USA <i>Designing Global Education and Training Systems</i>
2:30pm – 3:15pm	Mr Samuel Ng Divisional Director, Educational Design and Technology Institute of Technical Education, Singapore Mr Goh Mong Song Deputy Principal (Development) and Director, School of Business & Services ITE College West, Singapore <i>iDe’Lite® for Professional Excellence</i>
3:15pm – 3:45pm	Coffee Break
3:45pm – 4:30pm	Case Study Dr Ang Kiam Wee

Project Director, ITE-METI Centre for Healthcare Simulation Training, Singapore

Necessity is the Mother of Pedagogic Innovation – A Case Study on Introducing Simulation into Healthcare Training

4:30pm – 5:15pm

**Question-and-Answer Session Led by
Dr Gary Willmott**
Executive Director
Institute of Adult Learning, Singapore

5:15pm

End of Conference Day 1

Friday 10 Jul 09

Conference Day 2

8:30am – 9:15am

Morning Coffee

Track 3 – Authentic VTE Learning Environments

9:15am – 10:00am

Ms Patricia Sullivan
Education Solutions Executive, Global Education Industry
IBM Corporation, UNITED STATES

Education for a Smarter Planet: Integrated Education Systems

10:00am – 10:45am

Professor Thomas Reeves
Professor of Learning, Design and Technology
The University of Georgia, USA

Enhancing VTE through Traditional, Blended and Online Learning Environments Based Upon Authentic Activities

10:45am – 11:15am

Coffee Break

11:15am – 12:00pm

Case Study
Mr Edward Ho
Deputy Principal (Development)
Nanyang Polytechnic, Singapore

The Teaching Factory™ at Nanyang Polytechnic (NYP)

12:00pm – 12:45pm

**Question-and-Answer Session Led by
Mr Heng Guan Teck**
Deputy Chief Executive Officer (Academic)
Institute of Technical Education, Singapore

12:45pm – 2:00pm

Lunch

2:00pm – 2:15pm

Light Entertainment

Track 4 – Global Education and Partnerships for VTE

2:15pm – 3:00pm

Mr Hartmut Mattes
Minister Advisor
Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports
Baden-Württemberg, Germany

The Dual System of Training: Challenges and Opportunities

3:00pm – 3:30pm

Coffee Break

3:30pm – 4:15pm

Mr Hervé Fleury

Chief Executive Officer
Institut Paul Bocuse, France

Sustainable Employment: Retaining Human Capital

4:15pm – 5:00pm

Question-and-Answer Session Led by

Mr Tom Cheong

Managing Director, Singapore & Brunei
Cisco Systems (USA) Pte Ltd

5:00pm

End of Conference Day 2