

SPEECH BY MR BRUCE POH, DIRECTOR & CEO, ITE, AT THE SIGNING OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH YOKOGAWA ENGINEERING ASIA PTE LTD ON FRIDAY, 25 SEP 2009, AT 1000 HRS AT CONFERENCE ROOM, LEVEL 5, ADMINISTRATION BLOCK, ITE COLLEGE EAST

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Friends and colleagues from ITE and Yokogawa

Ladies and gentlemen

Introduction

Good morning and a warm welcome to ITE College East. It is my pleasure to be here today to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Yokogawa Engineering Asia Pte Ltd, a global leader in Industrial Process Automation.

2 This MOU marks the beginning of a rewarding three-year collaboration between ITE and Yokogawa to develop the competencies of ITE staff and students, as well as industry technicians in the area of process gas chromatography, or PGC. We have a number of industry experts here, so I don't have to elaborate on what PGC is about. The common knowledge is that PGC is widely used in many industries, such as the petrochemical industry for the accurate measurement of gaseous streams.

The New ITE-Yokogawa Centre of Technology

3 Under the scope of the MOU, a new ITE-Yokogawa Centre of Technology has been set up in this College to equip ITE students from the *Nitec* in Chemical Process Technology course and adult learners from the industry with the cutting-edge knowledge and skills associated with PGC, and to allow them to better contribute to the chemical process industry.

4 I am delighted to note that Yokogawa will be installing a complete set of PGC equipment in the Centre of Technology, which will enrich students' learning experiences through authentic hands-on sessions.

5 Apart from setting up facilities with the most current hardware, the ITE-Yokogawa collaboration will also involve the joint development of a new training elective in PGC to augment our graduates' readiness for the workforce.

6 The ITE-Yokogawa Centre of Technology also facilitates the sharing and transferring of technology and expertise between ITE and Yokogawa. Through joint industrial and development projects, ITE lecturers will be able to develop and enhance their level of professionalism and technical capabilities in PGC and other areas of process instrumentation.

7 Through such opportunities for joint training and development provided by the Centre of Technology, ITE staff and students will be able to better understand the demands and challenges faced by industry in providing timely technology solutions to their customers.

Enhancing Staff Capability Development

8 This collaboration also signifies a boost to staff capability development at ITE. Yokogawa will support training for ITE staff in the fields of Process Analysers, Gas Chromatography and other related technology areas. The training can be done locally, or in Yokogawa's Headquarters in Japan. The exposure would help to further raise the competency and proficiency of ITE staff.

9 Through the various collaborative initiatives which I have mentioned thus far, and with more avenues for synergy that have yet to be explored, I am confident that both ITE and Yokogawa will reap maximum benefits through this win-win partnership.

Conclusion

10 On behalf of ITE, let me thank Mr Lim Boon Choon and his team for their strong support of ITE, and contributions towards enhancing the competitiveness of our workforce. Our appreciation also goes to the staff from both Yokogawa and ITE for their professionalism, commitment and passion towards making this collaboration a reality.

Thank you.