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ITE inks MOU with IBM Singapore
New Centre of Technology for Software Solutions and Systems Delivery in pipeline

Singapore, 18 November 2009 – The Institute of Technical Education (ITE) and IBM Singapore Pte Ltd today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that sees the provision of IBM software, product training and certifications, and industry attachment opportunities to ITE. The three-year collaboration, valued at an estimated S\$1,000,000, aims to enhance the training of Electronics & Info-Communications Technology staff and students across all three ITE Colleges.

The MOU also encompasses the setting up of an **ITE-IBM Centre of Technology for Software Solutions and Systems Delivery** at ITE College Central. The Centre will house the latest IBM systems and application software, and provide professional technical expertise for training in Information Technology, Info-Communications Technology and Information System Quality in ITE.

In addition, the collaboration will pave the way for ITE and IBM to work on industry projects together, as well as jointly promote Software Solutions and Systems Delivery technologies that include open technology standards like Java, XML, Eclipse, Jazz and EGL in the software engineering and development industry. Both parties will also work on developing an industry framework for Software Solutions and Systems Delivery for the Aerospace and Manufacturing sectors.

Mr Bruce Poh, Director & CEO, ITE, said: “Under the MOU, IBM will provide software, training, certifications and industry attachment opportunities to ITE staff and students. This goes well with ITE’s emphasis on developing our staff and student capabilities to industry benchmarks and standards. By acquiring relevant industry certifications, ITE students will have an edge in the marketplace.”

Ms Teresa Lim, Managing Director, IBM Singapore, said: "IBM considers it a privilege to empower learners with the knowledge and skills to become the leaders of tomorrow. The ITE-IBM Centre of Technology for Software Solutions and Systems Delivery will enhance industry-based learning for ITE students, enabling them to become skilled professionals in these areas. The ITE staff and IBM experts will also gain a unique opportunity to collaborate and create software development frameworks for non-IT industries like aerospace and manufacturing. Together, we will not only expand the horizons of knowledge for learners, but also explore new possibilities in software development."

Media Publicity

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About The Institute of Technical Education (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 key developer of national occupational skills certification and standards to enhance Singapore's workforce competitiveness. Under its "One ITE System, Three Colleges" Model of Education and Governance, ITE has three Colleges, comprising ITE College Central, ITE College East and ITE College West. For more information, please visit www.ite.edu.sg.

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