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ITE - the Largest Dedicated Testing Centre in Singapore for Adobe Certified Associates Certification

Memorandum of Understanding signed between the ITE and Certiport Singapore Pte Ltd paves the way for more than 800 ITE students to acquire extra credentials yearly

Institute of Technical Education (ITE) students will no longer need to travel to an external authorised Certiport testing centre for their Adobe Certified Associates Certification (ACA) assessments. With two testing centres at ITE College West and ITE College Central (Tampines Campus), students who are pursuing media-related courses in the School of Electronics & Info-Comm Technology (EIT) and School of Design & Media (SDM) look set to benefit from the opportunity to obtain industry-recognised credentials upon graduation.

2 This agreement is one of the areas of cooperation inked in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between ITE and Certiport Singapore Pte Ltd. The MOU was signed on **Tuesday 5 October 2010, at 11 am, at ITE College West, 1 Choa Chu Kang Grove.** The main signatories of the MOU are Mr Goh Mong Song, Deputy Principal of ITE College West, and Mr Chang Kok Song Christopher, Managing Director, Certiport Singapore Pte Ltd.

3 Other areas of collaboration include the provision of annual Certiport Student Awards for outstanding ITE students and/or graduates, and joint projects to enhance both parties' technical capabilities through competitions, public seminars, conferences and workshops for the community, industry, staff and students. ITE will also be able to integrate the ACA Certification programme and material into its curriculum.

4 The Signing Ceremony was accompanied by the launch of the ITE-Certiport Testing Centre & Adobe Resource Centre at ITE College West, and a presentation of ACA certificates to the first batch of ITE students who had successfully completed their assessments. The Centre is equipped with 20 computers and will be managed by ITE.

5 Dr Yek Tiew Ming, Principal of ITE College West, said: “Through this partnership with Certiport Singapore Pte Ltd, ITE is delighted to be the first educational institute to have Adobe Certification Associates Certification administered within our campuses. This collaboration presents tremendous opportunities for our students to be in the driving seat of technological advances in Adobe Systems’ software and reaffirms ITE’s commitment to produce industry-ready graduates for the workforce.”

6 Said Mr Christopher Chang, Managing Director, Certiport Singapore Pte Ltd: “By bringing in globally recognised programs to the school, the students will be exposed to new and latest skills in the market. The students will have the opportunities to constantly upgrading their skills, thus also set the stage of having the habits of continue skills upgrading even after ITE. This is after all lifelong learning. As we start off with the Adobe Certified Associates certification program, what follow up next could be for Microsoft, CompTIA, to name a few.”

About the Adobe Certified Associate (ACA) Certification Programme for ITE

7 Certiport Singapore Pte Ltd is the only computer-based testing and assessment-services company in Singapore to provide such a certification programme. The ACA is an internationally-recognised certification that validates the ability to use digital media needed to plan, design, build, and maintain effective digital communications. Under the ACA Classroom License purchased by ITE, staff and students will enjoy unlimited testing of the ACA exams in “Rich Media Communication using Adobe® Flash”, Visual Communication using Adobe® Photoshop”, and “Web Communication using Adobe® Dreamweaver”.

8 More than 800 students from six media-related courses at ITE will benefit yearly from the collaboration. The other testing centre at ITE College Central will house 30 computers for administration of these tests. Please refer to **Annex A** for the list of courses and their modules.

9 ITE has been in partnership with Adobe Systems since 2006 and has utilised Adobe’s software to train its students in relevant multimedia skills. The MOU between ITE and Adobe Systems Singapore Private Limited was renewed in December 2009.

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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**.

About Certiport Singapore Pte Ltd

Certiport Singapore Pte Ltd was established in 2007, in order to look after the needs of our test candidates and testing centres in Singapore. Certiport Singapore also handles the recruitment and renewal of Certiport Centers, marketing of globally recognized certification programs such as Adobe® Certified Associate certification program, the Microsoft® Office certification programs, the Microsoft Technology Associate certification programs, the iCritical Thinking™ Certification powered by ETS, the CompTIA Strata IT Fundamentals and the Certiport Internet and Computing Core Certification (IC³®) on behalf of Certiport Inc.

Annex A

| ITE Courses | College | ITE Module Name | ACA Certification Exams |
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| <i>Nitec in Multimedia Technology</i> | ITE College West | Internet Fundamentals & Applications | Web Communication using Adobe® Dreamweaver |
| | | Multimedia Fundamentals & Digital Imaging | Visual Communication using Adobe® Photoshop |
| | | Multimedia Development Project | Rich Media Communication using Adobe® Flash |
| <i>Nitec in Interactive Media</i> | ITE College Central | Web Design & Development | Web Communication using Adobe® Dreamweaver |
| | | Digital Imaging | Visual Communication using Adobe® Photoshop |
| | | Interactive Media Application | Rich Media Communication using Adobe® Flash |
| <i>Nitec in Digital Audio & Visual Production</i> | ITE College West | Digital Photography | Visual Communication using Adobe® Photoshop |
| <i>Nitec in Visual Communication</i> | ITE College Central | Digital Imaging | |
| <i>Nitec in Visual Effects</i> | ITE College Central | Digital Imaging | |
| <i>Higher Nitec in Information Technology</i> | ITE College West | Interactive Applications Development | Rich Media Communication using Adobe® Flash |
| | | Multimedia Essentials | Visual Communication using Adobe® Photoshop |