



HP and MIMOS to Collaborate on Cloud Computing Research & Education

Kuala Lumpur, July 6, 2009 – HP Malaysia and MIMOS today announced their collaboration on the global multi-data centre, open source test bed created by HP, Intel Corporation and Yahoo! Inc called Open Cirrus™. They formalised the collaboration in a signing ceremony which was witnessed by Science, Technology & Innovation Minister Datuk Dr. Maximus Ongkili.

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MIMOS joins Open Cirrus as a test bed site to help advance cloud computing research and education. It will develop a national cloud computing platform to deploy services throughout Malaysia, focusing on enabling services through software, security frameworks and mobile interactivity, as well as testing new cloud tools and methodologies.

Launched in July 2008, the Open Cirrus initiative is aimed at promoting open collaboration among industry, academia and governments by removing the financial and logistical barriers to research in data-intensive, Internet-scale computing.

The cloud is the next stage in the evolution of the Internet — the means through which everything will be delivered to you as a service — from computing power to business processes to personal interactions — wherever, however, and whenever you need it..

Speaking at the signing ceremony, Mr. TF Chong, Managing Director, HP Malaysia said: “At HP, we have the technology and capabilities to power cloud computing, to help companies build enterprise clouds. But we believe to advance cloud computing research, HP can’t do it alone. We have to bring together the brightest minds in the industry, academia and governments. Therefore we are very excited to have MIMOS join the test bed.”

“I am confident MIMOS and HP will be able to elevate research done in Malaysia to a world-class level. More importantly, the creation of dynamic cloud services from our collaboration has the potential to enrich, even transform, the everyday lives of the general public in Malaysia.”

Dato’ Abdul Wahab Abdullah, President and CEO, MIMOS, said the collaboration provides the opportunity to place Malaysia on the cloud computing research community world map.

“MIMOS gets to contribute to world-class research and provide our local research community with a platform to collaborate with the global community,” he explained.

“Malaysia has made major strides in advancing ICT development in the country with the establishment of MSC Malaysia and the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation’s emphasis on advanced technology R&D and building a knowledge society. Cloud computing is the next step. With a headstart in our involvement in cloud computing research, Malaysia will be able to reap the benefits as an early

adopter.”

Besides Malaysia, Open Cirrus has test bed sites in the US, Singapore, Germany, the UK, Russia and South Korea. The test bed, which has more than 50 research projects currently underway, simulates a real-life, global, Internet-scale environment and gives researchers an unprecedented ability to test applications and measure the performance of infrastructure and services built to run on large-scale cloud systems.

About MIMOS

MIMOS is the premier applied research centre in frontier technologies aimed at growing globally competitive indigenous industries. MIMOS pursues exploratory and industry-driven applied research through multi-stakeholder smart partnerships with local and international universities, research institutes and industries and the Malaysia Government with a focus on frontier technologies. MIMOS' applied research / technology areas are refined into seven (7) technology clusters – Grid Computing, Knowledge Technology, Information Security, Wireless Communications, Micro Energy & MEMS, Advanced Informatics and Nano Clusters.

MIMOS' focus is on driving globally recognized Centres of Excellence to promote and license MIMOS technologies or IPs to qualified indigenous ICT companies to strengthen their abilities to compete globally and move Malaysian ICT industry higher up the value chain.

MIMOS is the recipient of two (2) National Intellectual Property Award 2009 under the 'Trademark' and 'Industrial Design Award' categories and three (3) Malaysia Good Design Mark Awards 2008 under the 'Media and Home Electronics' category. The organisation also won the Asia HRD Congress 2008 Award under the 'Contribution to the Organisation' category for outstanding contribution to the field of Human Resource Development and the Frost & Sullivan's Growth Excellence Award 2007 for Industry Innovation & Advancement (Precision Agriculture) for its application and development of Micro Electro Mechanical System (MEMS) in the field of precision agriculture.

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