



## **For Immediate Release**

### **MIMOS AND MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION SIGN MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR CENTRE OF DOMAIN EXPERTISE ACCELERATION (CODE8) IN ICT**

**KUALA LUMPUR, 20 October 2009** – In line with the National Higher Education National Plan (NHENP) to develop human capital in the country, Ministry of Higher Education (MoHE) will work towards harnessing fresh new talents that are industry-ready.

MoHE aims to provide 75% of graduates with jobs that match their qualifications upon completion of their respective courses.

MoHE focuses on creating industry-ready graduates by developing programmes such as internships, apprenticeships and entrepreneurship training. The programmes aim to equip graduates with added value skills required to allow them to be more easily accepted in the industry, while reducing unemployment rates among graduates.

Towards this end, MIMOS and Ministry of Higher Education (MoHE) signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) today for an apprenticeship programme known as Centre of Domain Expertise Acceleration (CODE8) aimed at harnessing fresh new talents which are industry-ready in the field of information and communications technology (ICT). This is also in line with the national aspiration of increasing the number of researchers, scientists and engineers (RSE) from 18 per 10,000 workforce in 2008 to 50 per 10,000 workforce by 2010.

CODE8 is a mentoring and coaching training programme designed to provide workplace experience to fresh local and foreign qualified graduates in the fields of software engineering, computer engineering, electrical engineering, artificial intelligence, wireless communications and/or knowledge engineering.

“CODE8 is part of MIMOS efforts in growing globally competitive indigenous industries which includes developing domain experts. The development programme is aimed at ensuring Malaysia has a talent pool that have the right skills and are in the right place at the right time. The programme helps the apprentices gain valuable life skills, which in turn improves productivity and performance in the workplace. The future growth of Malaysia’s talent pool including domain experts relies on this home-built supply chain,” said Dato’ Abdul Wahab Abdullah, President and CEO, MIMOS.

Apprentices are provided the opportunity to be involved in real-life projects with a guide of a RSE to develop and evolve in their favoured discipline. It provides graduates an opportunity to earn as they learn and gain practical skills under supervision.

Under the agreement, MoHE will provide funding for CODE8 while MIMOS will provide the technical expertise. At the end of the one-year programme, MIMOS will assist in finding job placements for all apprentices in line with their competencies.

At the MoU signing ceremony, MoHE was represented by Datuk Dr. Zulkefli bin A. Hassan, Secretary General, while MIMOS was represented by its President and CEO, Dato’ Abdul Wahab Abdullah.

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**Note-to-Editor**

*MIMOS is known as MIMOS and not Malaysian Institute of Microelectronic 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 six (6) technology clusters - Knowledge Grid, Knowledge Technology, Information Security, Wireless Communications, MEMS, and Advanced Informatics.

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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