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MIMOS DRIVES DEVELOPMENT OF ASIAN CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE

Cisco's Asian Centre of Excellence in Networking Technologies (ACENT) & Agilent Technologies' Centre of Excellence in Test and Measurement Technologies in Asia (CEMTA) launched

KUALA LUMPUR, 11 March, 2008 — MIMOS today launched two (2) Centres of Excellence in networking technologies and test and measurement technologies in line with its mission to promote and license MIMOS technologies or Intellectual Property (IPs) to qualified indigenous information and communications technology (ICT) companies to strengthen their abilities to compete globally and move Malaysia higher up the value chain.

Cisco's Asian Centre of Excellence in Networking Technologies (ACENT) & Agilent Technologies' Centre of Excellence in Test and Measurement Technologies in Asia (CEMTA) are both located at MIMOS in Technology Park Malaysia.

"The Centres of Excellence will be the platform to showcase MIMOS as the National Technology Innovation Centre. It will be the catalyst in capability building particularly in developing domain experts. The added value that these Centres will bring epitomizes the style of the Centres which will focus on the development of domain experts that will empower our indigenous industries. Malaysia needs a blend of domain experts and technical experts to work in tandem to ensure comprehensive domain knowledge for the Knowledge-economy," said Dato' Abdul Wahab Abdullah, President & CEO, MIMOS.

Asian Centre of Excellence in Networking Technologies (ACENT)

Cisco's Asian Centre of Excellence in Networking Technologies (ACENT) showcases networking technologies demo of proof-of-concept such as the Cisco unified communications.

Cisco's ACENT will facilitate training to develop domain experts as well as indigenous skills and capabilities in advanced networking technologies aimed at doubling the number of skilled advanced networking personnel for the country. The centre will be equipped with training facilities for Cisco certification programmes such as the Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA), Cisco Certified Network Professionals (CCNP), Cisco Certified Design Associate (CCDA) and the Cisco Certified Internetwork Expert (CCIE).

"We, at Cisco believe that the establishment of ACENT will open up the opportunity for the country to continuously identify current and future network technology needs and contribute to the country's agenda of increasing the pool of technology and research-based human capital capable of competing on the global stage. Together with MIMOS, Cisco will continue to empower network technology innovations that transform the way we work, live and play by connecting people, media and information across all communities," said Kumaran Singaram, Managing Director, Cisco Malaysia.

IMS Asia, as the leading Cisco Learning Partner (CLP) in Malaysia will manage and operate Cisco's ACENT including providing training in an effort to ensure it becomes the advanced networking technologies learning centre of choice in the Asian region.

"IMS Asia has the largest pool of Cisco certified trainers who are local & international experts in ICT networking technologies with years of global experience. IMS Asia's consulting and engineering capabilities in guiding Fortune 500 companies in implementing best practices ICT networking deployment would be further developed in Cisco's ACENT. These best practices would be shared with local & regional network engineers, especially, for the deployment of convergence technologies (data, voice and video) with advanced functionality of high availability, security, quality of service, IPv6 and IP Multicast," said Palaniappan Alagan, Managing Director, IMS Asia Sdn Bhd.

Centre of Excellence in Test and Measurement Technologies in Asia (CEMTA)

CEMTA provides the latest test and measurement equipment and proof-of-concepts for demonstration and evaluation for small-and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in across Asia including Malaysia as well as facilitates training to develop indigenous skills and capability in advance test and measurement technologies.

CEMTA is used as a test solution for complete development lifecycle for mobile WiMAX; enables real world testing environment for triple-play environment for IPv6-enabled handheld devices; provides the best in class signal generation and analysis for design and test solution for the R&D for mobile WiMAX customer premise equipment (CPE) and base station; provides hands-on training solution in areas of radio frequency and wireless communications; and provides learning and teaching solution for electronic test instruments.

“CEMTA supports Agilent’s efforts in the creation of an R&D ecosystem that will intensify and accelerate innovation activities in Malaysia. In order to become world-class technology partners to customers like Agilent, the local companies must acquire the necessary competencies. And from this perspective, CEMTA creates an environment for dynamic sharing of knowledge, resources and technology in partnership with industry players to make Malaysia a beacon of technology innovation for the world,” said Gooi Soon Chai, President, Agilent Technologies, Malaysia & Singapore.

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About MIMOS

MIMOS pursues exploratory and industry-driven applied research through multi-stakeholder smart partnerships with universities, research institutes, Government and industries with a focus on frontier technologies. MIMOS’ applied research areas, based on real-world trends, are cyberspace security, encryption systems, grid computing, communication technologies, MEMS/NEMS, advanced informatics, knowledge technology and micro energy.

MIMOS is the recipient of 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.

About Cisco Systems

Cisco, (NASDAQ: CSCO), is the worldwide leader in networking that transforms how people connect, communicate and collaborate. Information about Cisco can be found at <http://www.cisco.com>. For ongoing news, please go to <http://newsroom.cisco.com>. Asia Pacific news and information are available at www.cisco.com/asiapac/news. Cisco products are supplied in Malaysia by Cisco Systems International, BV.

About Agilent Technologies

Agilent Technologies Inc. (NYSE: A) is the world's premier measurement company and a technology leader in communications, electronics, life sciences and chemical analysis. The company's 19,000 employees serve customers in more than 110 countries. Agilent had net revenue of US\$5.4 billion in fiscal 2007. Information about Agilent is available on the Web at www.agilent.com.

About Agilent Technologies in Malaysia

Agilent Technologies, formerly a part of Hewlett-Packard, began operations in Malaysia in 1972. Today, it occupies a 36.5-acre manufacturing site in Bayan Lepas with a workforce of more than 3,000 employees. Equipped with world-class facilities, the site's core competencies include business management, research and development, supply chain management and manufacturing. The major products manufactured here are electronic test and measurement instruments, microwave components, modules and test accessories. Agilent's sales offices in both Penang and Petaling Jaya serve customers with a broad range of products and solutions.

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