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Informatics Centres Proliferate in Middle East

NEWS RELEASE

Singapore, 5 July 2005 – As Singapore explores economic opportunities with the Middle East, Informatics has already taken the lead to enhance its position in the international education arena and to boost the employability of the locals in the region both locally and internationally.

In its quest to become a global school house, Informatics has seized the opportunity to establish its network and presence globally to provide quality internationally recognized qualifications. It has attained great success in providing quality educational services globally especially in the Middle East and African countries where gender issues and civil wars constantly plague. There are over 10 Informatics centres operating in Dubai, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Jordan and other countries in the Middle East for more than 10 years at this moment.

By understanding the current social issues, Informatics is able to provide an alternative education route to those who are otherwise restricted by social, economic and religious factors. Since the launched of Informatics Capstone, the high flexibility mode of studies have attracted housewives in the Middle East countries particularly in Dubai where housewives seize this opportunity to upgrade their education without traveling and given an option to study in the comfort of their homes. The Informatics Capstone also benefited those who can't afford to further their studies in overseas as the integrated learning methodology allows them to attain internationally recognized qualifications locally in their home country.

"The Informatics Capstone programmes attracted many working professionals in Dubai who begin to query more on e-learning to leverage their busy schedule in order to remain competitive in the global job market." Said Mr Amir Pishyar, Vice President of The 32Group Company, Informatics Centre in Dubai.

"The Informatics Capstone provides a good platform for all learners who wish to further their studies locally in their home country. Woman in the Middle East can take advantage of this platform to pursue

higher education qualifications and at the same time looking after their family. The flexible mode of learning we provide through e-learning and tutorial support allows learners from all over the world to pace their studies, accommodating various lifestyle of different culture," says Mr. Lawrence Wee, Vice President of Global Higher Education, Informatics Holdings Ltd.

The academic programmes provided through Informatics Capstone are awarded by popular universities from the UK, Australia and in US. "The Informatics Capstone programmes we are offering consist of diverse disciplines such as Computing, Business, Nursing and other highly demand field of studies to meet the demands of globalization. Students with local qualifications are able to globalize their qualification through our Informatics Capstone programmes," commented Mr Val Ortega , Vice President of Academic Affairs.

For more information on Informatics Capstone programmes, visit the Informatics global website at www.informaticsgroup.com

About Informatics Capstone

Informatics Capstone offers a high degree of flexibility and convenience , incorporating elements of face to face tutorials, integrated with the online e-learning methodology of a virtual campus powered by PurpleTrain.com and an option for students to attend on Campus sandwiched programmes at Informatics Campus in Singapore. Students will enjoy having the option to select some of the programme modules to do e-learning powered by PurpleTrain.com.The convenience of accessing the lecture notes 24 hours and other virtual classroom facilities. They can attend their tutorials online through PurpleTrain.com as long as there's an internet connection.At PurpleTrain.com, students will also get to interact with qualified lecturers and learners from all over the world. Informatics Capstone also allows students to have a choice to select some modules to attend tutorials at any of the informatics centre locally at their home country and choose to attend on campus sandwiched programmes at Informatics Campus in Singapore. The sandwich programme offers you an option to attend the last module at the Informatics Campus in Singapore. Special arrangements can also be made for students to attend their examination at other Informatics centres globally.

PurpleTrain.com, the global e-Learning provider, started out as Asia's first e-Learning provider in 1999. It is the largest e-Learning provider outside the US, with over 72,000 e-users, and offers Business, IT education and Health Sciences programmes, corporate training courses and education-related services.

About Informatics Group

The Informatics Group, listed on the main board of the Stock Exchange of Singapore, was established in 1983, and is a multinational corporation providing lifelong learning services in information technology and business management. Informatics presently has a global network spanning more than 50 countries, offering programmes from O/A Levels (for international students) to undergraduate and postgraduate degree completions. The Company has won many awards including the Singapore Brand Awards 2002 and 2003, the Singapore Quality Class for Private Education Organisations (SQC for PEO) as well as the People Developer Standards Award. For more information, please visit <http://www.informaticsgroup.com> .

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