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NEWS RELEASE

Informatics Launches Full-Time Degree Programme awarded by University of Portsmouth in UK

> *Students can complete their studies for an internationally recognized computing degree within One Term!*

Singapore, 7 September 2005 – Informatics, a provider of quality lifelong learning services, now offers college going students a full-time computing degree programme that can be completed within one term. The programme is internationally recognised computing degree awarded by University of Portsmouth, one of the most reputable universities in UK.

Students who wish to complete an internationally recognized degree in the shortest period and intend to expedite the process of embarking into an IT career could sign up for the Bachelor of Science in Computing awarded by The University of Portsmouth. The programme will consist of three core modules with intensive course structure.

Students graduating from this programme can continue to obtain an Honours Degree by topping up a minimum of 3 more modules. The graduates of this programme will also be offered job placement opportunities provided by Informatics Global Employment Services to assist them in sourcing for suitable jobs.

Said Mr. Val Ortega, Vice President of Academic Affairs at Informatics Group: “We have specially developed this fast track degree programme with our university partner, without compromising on the quality of the qualifications awarded. Many IT and computing professionals in the market have good knowledge and skills

in their specialised fields, but they lack the academic qualifications to formalise their expertise. This Bachelor of Science in Computing Degree could well be the stepping stone to their career advancement.”

“Today’s students not only want to have a degree, which has increasingly become the entry-level requirements in many companies, but they are also eager to enter the workforce early to get a head start over others, and to gain as much experience as possible to climb the career ladder faster. Hence, we believe that it is timely to offer this accelerated degree programme,” said Dr Jonathan Britt, Head of Department, Technology Extended Campus, University of Portsmouth.

“Computing is a popular discipline and it makes sense to offer it first. We expect a good response for this programme, and will look at offering similar accelerated degree completion programmes in other disciplines in the near future,” added Mr. Val Ortega.

The Bachelor of Science in Computing programme takes a minimum of 4 months to complete and involves coursework and written examination components. Students may continue to pursue a Master’s Degree from the University of Portsmouth after the completion of the 4-month Ordinary Degree programme, if they have a minimum of 5 years of working experience.

For more information about the programme, please visit our global website at www.informaticsgroup.com

Worldwide IT Spending Increases. IT Jobs Are Here To Stay!

With the increase in worldwide spending on Information Technology, there will be an increase demand for IT professionals required from various industry sectors for IT professional IT services. IT professionals will enjoy good prospects provided from all industry around the world.

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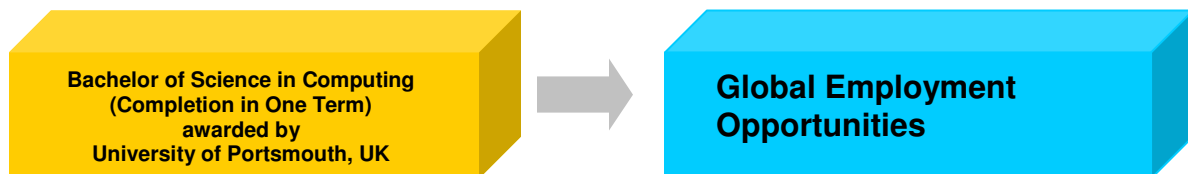
Worldwide IT spending will increase to \$1.3 trillion by the end of 2009, with a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 5.9% from 2005-2009, according to IDC. Government, manufacturing, and banking will be the industries that provide the most attractive opportunities for IT vendors worldwide.

15 Aug 2005, International Data Corp

A strengthening economy that is fueling higher IT spending and a tight labor market for U.S. IT workers is creating moderate pay gains for technical workers such as application developers and database administrators, according to new research and interviews with IT executives and analysts.

"There is a noticeable wage increase" for technical skills, said David Myers, director of project management at Solo Cup Co. in Highland Park, Ill. Myers believes that the gains are the result of a general rise in IT spending, which has led to the launch of more IT projects; a decreasing supply of available domestic IT labor; and the maturation of IT offshore outsourcing, where foreign labor costs are rising.

21 July, 2005 Computerworld



Global Employment Services at Informatics

Informatics has provided the global employment services to its students and graduates to keep them informed of the opportunities in the current job market. Even for those who are not currently looking for a job, the services provide insight into the variety of jobs related to their interest, job demand of the different industry and possible opportunities for career change.

The global employment services platform, powered by JobStreet.com offers more than 40,000 positions around the world. Useful services like career counseling, career articles, daily job alerts are available.

On the global employment services platform, as at 30 August 2005, there are:

- 11,016 positions in Singapore
- 6903 positions in Malaysia
- 6481 positions in Philippines
- 11,102 positions in India
- 11,037 from other countries like Vietnam, China, Hong Kong, Australia and more.

"I got myself a job in a software development company right after I have completed my studies..." Mohsin Iqbal, a student of Informatics who has completed his Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Computing awarded by the University of Portsmouth.

About University of Portsmouth

University of Portsmouth has a record of 125 years of higher education. Since its foundation in 1869, the institution has grown considerably, linking up with other educational establishments to build its reputation as a centre of academic excellence. Since the award of the first degree in 1900, the University of Portsmouth has maintained its commitment to promoting excellence in teaching research and scholarship across a wide range of disciplines.

- The University of Portsmouth is "One of the top new universities in the UK" - The Times Good University Guide 2000
- The University of Portsmouth has an excellent record of graduate employment
(Source: Higher Education Statistical Agency 1998)· Since the award of the first degree in 1900, the University of Portsmouth has maintained its commitment to promoting excellence in teaching research and scholarship across a wide range of disciplines.
- University of Portsmouth, a member of the Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU), are recognized worldwide

About Informatics Group

The Informatics Group, listed on the mainboard 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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