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Globalise Your Local Qualifications. Informatics Offers An Advancement Degree Pathway With Internationally Recognized Certifications.

NEWS RELEASE

Singapore, 12 May 2005 – Informatics, a provider of quality lifelong learning services offers an advancement degree pathway with global recognition to students with local qualifications.

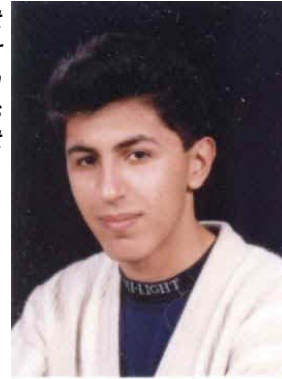
“We are creating more opportunities for local students with equivalent pre-requisites to advance their local qualification to a globally recognized degree. Companies today would prefer to employ students with internationally recognized certifications. This will give them a competitive edge of getting employed within the country and even enhance their opportunities of getting employed globally,” says Lawrence Wee, Vice President of Global Higher Education, Informatics Group.

Students graduated from NIIT holding a Professional Diploma in E-Computing Technology qualification can now continue to pursue a Bachelor Degree in Computer Science from the University of Portsmouth. The students can gain direct entry to any of one of the degree programmes from University of Portsmouth. Other equivalent pre-requisites for students to enter to these programmes include Higher Diploma in Software Engineering – Aptech.

The Bachelor of Science in Computing awarded by the University of Portsmouth is a specialized degree course for candidates interested in the area of database and systems development. The programme imparts knowledge of technologies and methods relevant for creating and maintaining computing systems that support business data handling requirements of organizations. It will enable graduates to embark on a professional career in software engineering and IT management.

Bachelor Degree programmes in Computer Science offered by University of Portsmouth available are Bachelor of Science in Computing, Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Computing & Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Technology Management and Computing.

"Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Computing Degree from University of Portsmouth has definitely lighten-up my future at my current employment. I am currently working as a Senior Support Analyst at the world second largest Aluminium Smelting factory. The knowledge I have learned from this programme is very applicable to what I need to perform at work," says Medhil Zadhi.



**- Medhil Zadhi
graduate of UOP Bachelor
of Science (Hons) in
Business Computing &
Information Technology**

Career Opportunities in Computing

- Computer Systems Analysts
- Computer Programmers
- Systems Administrators
- Website Designers
- Computer Sales
- Systems Management
- Multimedia Designers
- Computer Engineers
- Education & Training

For more details of the programmes, please visit our website at www.informaticsgroup.com

Facts on IT

Worldwide spending on information technology hit \$US965 billion in 2004 and will grow at an average rate of six percent through 2008 to reach \$US1.2 trillion. International Data Corp. said its new research also showed US spending on technology will reach \$US416 billion in 2005, an increase of 5.8 percent, and will grow at a pace of 5.9 percent to reach \$US501 billion by 2008. "These results indicate a positive outlook for the US and worldwide IT market, particularly after 2005," IDC said in its report.

IDC/Financial Insights report, "Top 10 Strategic Initiatives for U.S. Financial Institutions in 2005," the days of cutting costs must be left behind as financial institutions leverage acquisitions and technology to grow dollars. That's good news for IT professionals looking for new challenges and technology innovation

- *International Data Corp, January 2005*

About NIIT Limited

NIIT Limited, an acknowledged leader in IT and IT-assisted training, provides Learning and Knowledge Solutions in 33 countries. With 500,000 students on rolls, NIIT is the first and the only Asian Education and Training Organization to feature among the IDC Top 20 Global IT Training market leaders for four consecutive years.

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 PurpleTrain.com

PurpleTrain.com, the global e-Learning provider, started out as Asia's first e-Learning provider in 1999. Today, it is the largest e-Learning provider outside the United States, with over 72,000 e-users, and offers Business, IT education and Health Sciences programmes, corporate training courses and education-related services. PurpleTrain.com is a 100%-owned venture of Informatics Holdings Limited, a leading training and education provider listed on the Singapore Stock Exchange. Informatics Holdings Ltd is a world-class institute for quality lifelong learning services and made the ranking among Forbes Global's 200 Best Small Companies in the world.

About Informatics Group Ltd

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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