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SIX-MONTH DEGREE COMPLETION FROM AN INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNISED UNIVERSITY

> Students with the required pre-requisites will now be able to complete their Computing degree from the University of Portsmouth in at least 6 months.

Singapore, 18 April 2005 – Informatics, a provider of quality lifelong learning services, now offers students a 6-month internationally recognised degree completion pathway.

Students who sign up for this 6-month Ordinary Degree completion programme must have the required pre-requisites such as an Advanced Diploma or Diploma in the relevant discipline, and related work experience.

The 6-month Degree programme offered is the Bachelor of Science in Computing from the University of Portsmouth. This 6-month Ordinary Degree programme is specially designed for students in the Computer Science and related disciplines, with relevant working experience in an information technology or computing environment. The students will be granted exemptions for the first two years of the degree programme, based on previous qualifications and work experience, and will be offered a place in the final year, where there are three core modules which can be completed in 6 months.

Said Mr Val Ortega, Vice President of Academic Affairs at Informatics Group: “We have specially developed this 6-month Ordinary 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 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

headstart 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 6-month Bachelor of Science in Computing programme takes a minimum of 6 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 6-month Ordinary Degree programme, if they have a minimum of 5 years of working experience. Students with less than 5 years of working experience can pursue an Honours degree by completing an additional three modules in a minimum of 6 months.

For more information about this programme, please visit: www.purpletrain.com or email: enquiry@purpletrain.com.

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About The University of Portsmouth

The University of Portsmouth, UK, has a record of 125 years in providing quality higher education. Since its founding in 1869, the institution has grown substantially, linking up with many 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.

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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