



Get an internationally recognized degree locally in your home country

Informatics' new Capstone programmes offer a unique degree pathway to a promising career with international qualifications

Singapore, 21 February 2005 – Mainboard-listed Informatics Holdings Ltd (“Informatics”), a provider of quality lifelong learning services has launched its Capstone programmes which offer students anywhere in the world the opportunity to earn an internationally recognized degree locally in their home countries, and at an affordable price.

“With globalization, we need to ‘think global, act local’. We must be prepared to function in a virtual, borderless and networked world, with highly mobile human capital,” said Mr Lawrence Wee, Vice President of Higher Education, Informatics Group.

The Informatics Capstone programmes offer a unique degree pathway to internationally recognized graduate and postgraduate qualifications from reputable universities in the UK and Australia.

Getting an affordable, internationally recognized degree locally in one’s home country anywhere across the globe is possible with Capstone’s integrated methodology. Capstone programmes allow students the flexibility and convenience of a modular system, incorporating elements of face-to-face tutorials, integrated with the online e-Learning methodology of a virtual e-Campus.

The blended and modular Capstone programmes will allow students a high degree of flexibility to plan their classes to suit their work and lifestyle needs. Within the limits of the course schedule outlined, students can take some modules to attend physical classes at Informatics Campus in Singapore and certain ones they prefer to do online from anywhere in the world, as long as there is an Internet connection.

The affordability and unique integrated methodology of the Capstone programmes are ideal for both full-time students as well as part-time learners who want to pursue a higher education in their local home countries.

Added Mr Wee: “Part-time executive learners can complete part of the Capstone programmes while travelling, on holiday, or even in the comfort and convenience of home. Their work and lifestyle will not be vastly interrupted, which is important for this group of matured lifelong learners. We want to match our Capstone programmes to the profile of the global and mobile executive student.

“For full-time students, the affordability of the Capstone programmes is a big draw, as this group of students are typically dependent on their parents, families or sometimes grants and scholarships for ‘funding’ their education. Because the international programme is conducted locally in their home countries, there are substantial savings from overseas allowance, accommodation and other related expenses.”

Capstone provides students with the best of both worlds – beyond just academic qualifications. The integrated methodology -- face-to-face tutorial and online sessions -- provide greater opportunities to interact with students from diverse backgrounds and cultures, building invaluable networks and connections for the future. In the virtual e-Campus, the cultural diversity is limitless as there is no geographical boundary.

The most unique aspect of Informatics Capstone Pathway is the option to study a module for an intensive two weeks at a different campus such as the Informatics Campus in Singapore. This will allow students the opportunity to experience a different campus environment and to meet face-to-face with the lecturers, tutors and overseas classmates that they have been interacting with via the e-Campus tutorials.

The Informatics Capstone programmes offers a wide range of courses ranging from Diplomas, Advanced Diplomas, Bachelor’s Degrees to Master’s Degrees, in diversified disciplines such as Business Computing, Technology Management and Business Administration.

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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