

Global Higher Education

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New Lifeline To An Internationally Recognised Degree for Aptech Students

Singapore, 9 May 2005 – Informatics, a provider of quality lifelong learning services, now offers Aptech students a new lifeline to a internationally recognized degree completion pathway.

Students graduated from Aptech holding a Higher Diploma in Software Engineering qualification can 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.

“Computer science is a discipline that involves the understanding and design of computers and computational processes. Because of the rapid evolution today and the revitalized computing industry, there is a demand for high quality from employable graduates who can understand and solve real problems and orchestrate end-to-end solutions. Computer software engineers must continually strive to acquire new skills in conjunction with the rapid changes in computer technology. Aptech students can now take this opportunity to better equip themselves with a degree qualification to enhance their opportunities of getting employed in the IT industry” says Lawrence Wee, Vice President of Global Higher Education, Informatics Group.

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 in Technology Management and Computing.

"I have benefited a lot from the Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Computing from University of Portsmouth, it has been structured in such a way that it suits the latest technology. I have also gained more industrial knowledge from my professors who are very experienced in their teaching," says Mohsin Iqbal a graduate of University of Portsmouth's Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Computing.

Course Delivery Methodology

The programmes offered at Informatics allows students a high degree of flexibility and convenience of a modular system, incorporating elements of face to face tutorials, integrated with the online e-Learning methodology of a virtual campus through PurpleTrain.com. Within the limits of the course schedule outlined, students can take some modules to attend tutorials within the country, one of the module to attend classes in Informatics Campus and some modules to do online from anywhere in the world, as long as there is an internet connection.



**Mohsin Iqbal ,graduate
of UOP Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Computing.**

Facts on IT

The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) in California , US reports that eight out of the top ten fastest growing jobs through 2010 are in the technology sector. These include software engineers, systems administrators, data and systems analysts, networking specialists and desktop publishers.

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.

- International Data Corp, January 2005

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

About Aptech

Aptech Limited is a well-established player in the IT Training space with a growing presence in the formal education sector. Aptech has crossed the 3.5 million students mark recently --- testimony to its academic quality, industry-relevant technology and assessment systems. Aptech Ltd. is India's leading IT Education and Training Company with a global presence.

Website :<http://www.aptech-worldwide.com/>

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 recognised 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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