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Nanyang Polytechnic, Symantec and BT Frontline Set Up Centre to Develop Infocomm Professionals in Security and High Availability Technologies

SINGAPORE, 30 November 2010 – Nanyang Polytechnic (NYP), Symantec and BT Frontline have entered into a strategic collaboration to set up the “NYP - Symantec - BT Frontline Infocomm Infrastructure Security and High Availability Centre”. The Centre will develop students and professionals in infocomm security and high availability technologies, and engage in R&D. It will also build innovative solutions needed by industry as well as new models required to propel the growth of enterprises.

Located at NYP, the Centre will groom students in infocomm security and high availability through its curriculum, professional certifications and industry projects. Under this collaboration, opportunities may be made available to students and staff for attachment to BT Frontline and Symantec’s R&D labs and business units both locally and overseas to build key manpower needed.

The Centre will also engage in R&D of cutting-edge technologies and innovative solutions not only to protect information and infocomm systems from ever changing cyber security threats, but also ensure that infocomm services are highly available, anytime, anywhere and on any device.

This collaboration will leverage Symantec’s expertise in security and high availability technologies, BT Frontline’s competencies in multi-platform solutions development and integration, and NYP’s capabilities in innovation, solutioning, training and education.

Industry professionals can also tap on professional development courses, workshops and seminars conducted at the Centre to boost their skills and knowledge in cloud infrastructures, infocomm security and high availability. The Centre is expected to train some 1,000 students from NYP’s various courses, such as the Diploma in Multimedia & Infocomm Technology, Diploma in Electronics, Computer & Communications Engineering, and Diploma in Telematics & Media Technology as well as industry professionals over the next three years.

Quotes

Mr Edward Ho, NYP's Deputy Principal/Development said: "We are pleased to collaborate with industry leaders, Symantec and BT Frontline, on this initiative to help spur the growth of Singapore's infocomm technology industry. With the combined expertise of the three partners, I am confident that the Centre will serve as a successful platform for R&D, innovation, solutions and capability development. It will also provide valuable industry exposure for our students and staff."

"The Infocomm sector is a critical contributor to the vibrant growth of Singapore's digital economy. By starting the nurturing and development of IT talent at the school and polytechnic level, we can ensure tomorrow's IT professionals are equipped with the right tools and knowledge to enter the workforce," said Tan Yuh Woei, country manager, Singapore, Symantec. "There is strong demand for infocomm professionals with specialist skills and Symantec is confident that this MOU with Nanyang Polytechnic and BT Frontline will help create the means to address this growing demand. This collaboration will also provide opportunities for R&D and potential commercialization, as well as an additional platform for innovation and development of industry solutions and services from Singapore," he added.

"Cyber Security is a challenge that governments and the corporate sector organisations have to work together and innovatively manage. This collaboration will empower students and the community at large with the right sets of skills and capabilities when faced with cyber security threats," said Ms Shirley Wong, Managing Director, BT Frontline.

"IDA congratulates NYP, BT Frontline and Symantec on the launch of the Infocomm Infrastructure Security And High Availability Centre. This collaborative effort supports the objectives of the Infocomm Security Masterplan 2 (MP2), particularly in enhancing Infocomm Security Competencies in Singapore. The Centre will give the students the necessary facility to gain exposure in practical solutions in securing a typical business infocomm environment in the real-world," said Ms Christina Gan, Senior Director (Infocomm Security & Assurance), Infocomm Development Authority of Singapore.

Supporting Resources

About Nanyang Polytechnic

Established in 1992, Nanyang Polytechnic (www.nyp.edu.sg) is a premier tertiary institution that offers quality education in Engineering, Information Technology, Design, Interactive & Digital Media, Business Management, Health Sciences and Chemical & Life Sciences. Currently, it offers 47 full-time diploma courses and a suite of customised courses for continuing education.

The Polytechnic's unique "Teaching Factory Concept", complemented with other innovative pedagogies, enables students to learn within a training environment that emulates the workplace. It is also an excellent platform to engage in industry projects and collaborations. NYP has also developed the award-winning Accumulated Experience Sharing (AESTM) knowledge management system which provides a rich reservoir of intellectual resources and best practices to support its learning needs.

NYP was conferred the 2009 Innovation Excellence Award (I-Award) by the Singapore Quality Award Governing Council. The I-Award is the highest accolade given to the most innovative organisations in Singapore.

About Symantec

Symantec is a global leader in providing security, storage and systems management solutions to help consumers and organisations secure and manage their information-driven world. Our software and services protect against more risks at more points, more completely and efficiently, enabling confidence wherever information is used or stored. More information is available at www.symantec.com.

About BT Frontline

BT Frontline, a wholly owned subsidiary of British Telecommunications plc, is a leading provider of end-to-end IT services. BT Frontline offers IT consulting, IT infrastructure, IT security solutions, enterprise application solutions, system integration as well as outsourcing to help companies harness IT so as to drive operational cost efficiency as well as business growth.

Established in 1993 and headquartered in Singapore, BT Frontline has more than 5,000 professionals (direct and indirect) in ten key markets in Asia -China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Philippines, Taiwan, Thailand and Vietnam - to meet the specific needs of corporate organisations across a continuum of industries. For more information, visit www.btfrontline.com.sg

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