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Opening Speech By  
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Multimedia Development Corporation (MDeC)  
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Salutations:

Yang Berhormat Tuan Hj. Fadillah Bin Yusof,  
Deputy Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation

Puan Mastura Abu Samah  
President of Malaysian Software Testing Board (MSTB)

Mr Rex Black  
President of International Software Testing Qualification Board

Professor Keith Osman  
Laboratory Director, AIDC-UK also Director of Research for Technology Innovation Centre, Birmingham  
City University

Professor Jasbir Dhaliwal,  
Head of System Testing Excellence Program (STEP), University of Memphis, USA

Distinguished guests

Members of the media

Ladies and gentlemen,

Assalamualaikum, salam sejahtera and a very good morning to all.

As the supporting organization for the Malaysian Software Testing Board’s Software Testing Conference, I am extremely delighted to be here today, representing Multimedia Development Corporation to speak at the opening of the first ever MSTB Software Testing Conference 2008.

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I would also like to congratulate Members of the Board of MSTB and everyone involved with MSTB for organizing this 2-day conference. The Software Testing Conference 2008 marks one of the many exciting things happening in the ICT industry this year, specifically addressing the development of our local ICT industry in Malaysia.

We have been supporting MSTB in their efforts to raise awareness within the Malaysian ICT industry on the importance of software testing as well as their facilitation in the development of skills and knowledge of sound software testing methodology among Malaysian ICT professionals.

I would like to extend my deepest appreciation and gratitude to the Members of the Board of MSTB for having the foresight and initiative to establish this non-profit organization that is taking the lead in developing software testing in the Malaysian ICT industry.

We recognized the importance of their role and how we could achieve so much more by working together to develop the Malaysian software testing industry. This conference today signifies that MSTB is solidly on the path to realizing their goals.

Ladies and gentlemen,

Our government has done a great deal to develop the country's ICT infrastructure and has made further provisions to stimulate ICT development under the Third Industrial Master Plan, the 2008 budget and the Ninth Malaysia Plan. MDeC, the custodian of the MSC Malaysia, has been tasked with promoting, building and developing the MSC Malaysia vision.

As we pursue the goal of becoming a global ICT player, MSC Malaysia recognised the need to develop the capacity of the country in providing quality applications to meet demands of the market. Hence, the MSC Malaysia Capability Development Programme or better known as CDP was developed as one of her key initiatives.

CDP's goal is to assist local ICT organisations maximize their full potential by developing their internal capabilities in delivering quality products and services in an increasingly demanding, competitive and sophisticated global market. CDP's programmes are designed to raise the standards and competitiveness of MSC Malaysia Status companies by increasing the adoption of global standards and good practices.

Ladies and gentlemen,

MDeC has long been an advocator for the adoption of sound software testing methodology by MSC Malaysia Status companies. In 2002, we established a Software Testing Lab in Cyberjaya to address

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the gap of providing independent Software Testing services to these companies as well as to the Malaysian Government. Since 2007, we have introduced the CDP Software Testing initiative as an effort in assisting MSC Malaysia Status companies by introducing good practices and standard.

To-date, MDeC has conducted more than 100 test projects & pre-adoption programmes in software testing and we are proud to say that more than 500 ICT companies have benefited through our programmes.

Ladies and gentlemen,

As we continue to grow, we need to raise the level of software testing in Malaysia to the next level. To achieve this, we need more highly trained professional software testers.

Malaysia currently does not have enough certified people in Software Testing to support the demand from our ICT industry in Malaysia. Worldwide, there are more than 80,000 professionals who have earned the International Software Testing Qualifications Board (ISTQB) CTFL, a foundation level software testing certification. However, in Malaysia we have just slightly more than 90 CTFL professionals.

To address this issue, we are looking at various collaborations with industry partners to ensure sufficient numbers of highly-qualified software testers are trained in this field. MDeC has achieved considerable success in increasing the numbers of trained professionals in the field of Project Management. We have seen a 12-fold increase in the number of PMPs in our country since the programme began.

By including the ISTQB Certified Tester as one of the professional certifications that is supported by CDP Professional Development we hope to have similar success in raising the numbers of highly-qualified software testers in Malaysia so we would have a workforce with the right skills and talents to support the ambitions of our ICT industry.

Sound software testing methodology shortens the time to market for new products and significantly reduces development and support costs because it is far more cost effective to catch and fix an error early on in the development process.

Ladies and gentlemen,

If Malaysian ICT companies truly seek to maximize the full potential then they must put in place global good practices in all their business processes. Our companies must produce products of exceptional quality. To do this they must embrace sound software testing techniques and methodology. MSTB will

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play a vital role in the years to come in helping the Malaysian ICT industry achieve greater standards of quality, efficiency and profitability.

Once again, allow me to extend heartfelt congratulations to everyone at MSTB. I wish you every success in the future and pledge that MDeC will be beside you as a friend and partner in our joint efforts to develop the Malaysian ICT industry.

Thank you.

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