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MALAYSIA CAN TAP BILLION DOLLAR SOFTWARE TESTING MARKET

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The President of the Malaysian Software Testing Board, Mastura Abu Samah urged Malaysian to take advantage of the billion-dollar software testing market and remain ahead as well as competitive by meeting the international standards requirement through international certification and qualifications.

Mastura, in her welcome speech at the opening of the two-day Software Testing Conference 2008 (SOFTEC 2008) here in Kuala Lumpur, also reminded the businesses and industries at large, the importance of software testing in order to mitigate losses that can be incurred due to unstable software.

The inaugural SOFTEC 2008 was officially launched by the Deputy Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation, Tuan Haji Fadillah Haji Yusof, and has drawn a wide range of international software testing experts and academicians to address the varied issues of software testing. Organized by the Malaysian Software Testing Board (MSTB), SOFTEC 2008 is sponsored by Custommedia Sdn Bhd, Technology Park Malaysia, Hewlett Packard, Standard Chartered Bank and also supported by MdeC and Mesiniaga.

The conference main features include keynote addresses on Five Testing Best Practices, Toward A Science of Software Testing: Advance & Innovations from

Research and Internet – Of – Things: Tester Beware that were delivered respectively by Rex Black, Professor Keith Osman, Director of Research for the Technology Innovation Centre at Birmingham City University and Professor Jasbir Dhaliwal, Head of System Testing Excellence Program (STEP) of University of Memphis.

A milestone event the inaugural SOFTEC 08 carries the theme ***Testing To The Next Level*** and was attended by professionals in the IT industry and academic sectors alike, as well as policy makers.

Mastura, who is also the CEO of Custommedia Sdn Bhd – founding member of MSTB, assures that Malaysian businesses and industry at large will benefit from software testing. She calls upon IT graduates and professionals to take advantage of the International Software Testing Qualification Board (ISTQB) programs that are now available in Malaysia through MSTB.

The ISTQB Certified Tester Foundation course that are also organized during the conference are delivered by experts in the testing industry. It is an accredited training course recognized by Pembangunan Sumber Manusia Berhad (PSMB) that has been designed to help prepare participants for the ISTQB Certified Tester Foundation Level examination towards gaining a world-recognized ISTQB certification.

A pool of international and national speakers will be presenting their respective papers throughout the two days conference and among them are Wonil Kwon, CEO of STA Korea who is also the President of Korea Testing Board, Daisuke Azuma from Japan Novel; Bernard Homes, Founder of TESSCO Technologies Inc and Head of R&D of Eurocopter, France; and Aditya Garg, Vice President of Pure Testing Pte Ltd, one of the leading testing companies in India.

Malaysia's own homegrown speakers will include Fadilah Baharin, Director General from Department of Standards of Ministry of Science, Technology & Environment (MOSTE); Mohd Redzuan Abdullah, Head of MIMOS Testing Centre of Excellence; Dr Suhaimi Ibrahim of Centre for Advanced Software Engineering (CASE-UTM); and Dr Nor Adnan Yahaya, Head of IT, Malaysia University of Science & Technology (MUST).

Rex Black, Bernard Homes and Lim Poh Sze from Microsoft will also be conducting tutorials on the second day of the conference. Meanwhile fellow members from the Asian Software Testing Alliance (ASTA) including Satoshi Masuda (ASTER, JAPAN) and Qin Liu (CSTQB, China) will join Wonil Kwon to run the ASTA Test Clinic; a thematic panel discussion on software testing practices. Industry panel members that include MDeC, Scope International, CASE-UTM, Custommedia and several leaders of the IT industry.

Malaysian Software Testing Board (MSTB) is incorporated as a voluntary and non-profit organization that represents the national and industry interest and promotes the broad profession of software testing. As a member of the ISTQB (International Software Testing Qualifications Board) MSTB aims to provide the leadership and regulates the accreditation process and certification regulations for Malaysian software industry through promoting the development of a common body of understanding and knowledge about testing via alignment with ISTQB's internationally recognized programs.

Members of MSTB Board and its working group members support SOFTEC 08 in their respective capacity as practitioners, academia, industry and business entity, and authority. They are Custommedia Sdn Bhd, CASE-UTM (Center for Advance Software Engineering), Mercatela Sdn Bhd, Mesiniaga Berhad, and Malaysian University of Science & Technology (MUST). MSTB is fully supported by Multimedia Development Corporation (MDeC).

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