

RAFFLES EDUCATION CORP COLLEGE IN ADVANCED LEVEL MEMBERSHIP WITH MICROSOFT IT ACADEMY (MSITA)

Raffles College's tertiary courses incorporate Microsoft-certified IT skills, placing graduates at an advantage in employment.

26 May 2009, Tuesday – Raffles Education Corp College (REC College) today announced its Advanced Level Membership with Microsoft IT Academy (MSITA) programme and has successfully incorporated Microsoft educational materials into its courses and curriculum, with an ultimate motive to ensure digital literacy of graduates.

MSITA programme provides Microsoft learning tools and resources for academic staff to deliver skills for Microsoft Office, Desktop, Windows, Server & Developer Technologies. Students from Institutions with MSITA membership will thus benefit from this and be trained with the real-world training and be equipped with cutting-edge digital skills which will in turn add valuable credentials for them.

"The goal of the Microsoft IT Academy Program is to help education leaders around the world drive employment and a knowledge-based economy that makes their graduates more competitive," said Kyle Uphoff, Director, Asia Microsoft Learning.

REC College identified Microsoft as a preferred partner, through the Microsoft IT Academy Programme, to support both current and future information and communication technology (ICT) needs, and to achieve academic excellence. Through the offering of globally recognized certified computer training courses to all REC College students, REC College prepares them for the workforce by ensuring that they have high level of IT skills literacy that employers require today and in the future, in addition to their academic qualifications.

James Tew, Academic Director of REC College shared, "It's a great learning opportunity for international students at REC College Singapore who are strongly encouraged to improve their

writing and presentation skills in school and later in their business careers. These learning experiences supplement the teaching of business communication skills in the first year of studies.”

“As Microsoft IT Academy Program Member, we are able to incorporate Microsoft official e-learning courses into our curriculum to further enhance learning experience. Being able to access to the wide range of latest Microsoft technologies will enable us to keep our students updated in relate to industrial relevancy. In addition, our students will enjoy discounted rate for Microsoft Professional examination fees. This will serve as an encouragement and motivation for them to achieve Microsoft Professional Certifications which will enhance their employability upon graduation..” commented by Chan Meng Fai, School of InfoComm Studies Lecturer, REC College.

Be IT Certified to Boost your Career!

About Raffles Education Corp College (REC College)

Established in 1999, Raffles Education Corp College (REC College) formerly known as Hartford Institute, part of Raffles Education Corporation is one of the leading Institutes in Singapore. As a Premier Education provider, we are committed to nurturing entrepreneurial and innovative talents. With focus on both undergraduate and postgraduate education, Raffles aims to provide an unequalled education that will serve our students for a lifetime, and meet the needs of our wider community.

REC College is awarded the prestigious Singapore Quality Class Award for Private Education Organisation (SQC PEO) by SPRING Singapore in recognition of excellent business processes and operational systems. In addition, the College has attained Casetrust for Education status, accredited by the Consumers Association of Singapore for establishing and maintaining a comprehensive student protection and welfare system.

REC College has Institutes in China, New Zealand, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Vietnam and Mongolia and has partnerships with several foreign Universities namely University of Wales in the UK, Raffles College of Design and Commerce and the University of Newcastle in Australia.

Raffles Education Corporation is also being nominated as “Top 10 Private Educational Organisations in Singapore” and “Singapore’s Largest and Most Global Private Education Organisation” by Edupoll 08/09.

For more information on REC College, please visit the website at <http://www.raffles-college.edu.sg>

About Microsoft IT Academy Programme

The Microsoft IT Academy program enables academic learning institutions to connect the world of education to the world of work by enabling faculty and students to acquire new technology skills in an academic setting. Microsoft IT Academies benefit from world-class Microsoft curriculum and cutting-edge software tools to experience real-world challenges in the classroom environment.

For more information about Microsoft IT Academy Programme, please visit the website at <http://www.microsoft.com/education/msitacademy/default.aspx>

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