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## **MAJOR COLLABORATION ESTABLISHES NEW SOFTWARE TESTING HUB**

Malaysia - A crucial collaboration is announced today between the Malaysian Software Testing Board (MSTB), Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS), Independent Data Services (IDS) and Swinburne University of Technology, Sarawak. A memorandum of understanding has been signed by these four influential organisations, establishing the Sarawak Chapter of the Malaysian Software Testing Hub (MSTH).

The MSTH initiative was rolled out under the Economic Stimulus Package 2 in 2009. It aims to make Malaysia and South East Asia a centre of excellence for software testing. The stimulus programme is designed to create awareness and elevate the region's software testing industry to world-class renown. The creation of the Sarawak chapter is being received as a huge boost to the project.

Reuben Wee, Chief Technology Officer for IDS, commented: "This is a hugely significant step in confirming Malaysia as a centre of digital excellence. IDS will be an integral part of this effort, with initiatives to further develop product innovation and the skill level of software professionals in Sarawak, and Kuching in particular."

Under the New Economic Model (NEM) the private sector is to assume a bigger role in Malaysia's economic development. Leading software provider for the global oil and gas industry, IDS, will work alongside the MSTB, UNIMAS and Swinburne University to plan and implement the MSTH programmes. The Government of Malaysia, through EPU and Standards Malaysia, will facilitate these activities.

YB Datuk Haji Fadillah Yusof, Deputy Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation, witnessed the signing. He described the formation of the MSTH Sarawak Chapter as a strategic move that would contribute to growth of other

industries in the State and commented in his speech that: "Today's signing marks the beginning for development of a new prosperous industry for Sarawak."

The Sarawak Chapter will advance the MSTH's core concept of Quality ('Q'), which has already given rise the following programmes:

#### Q-Laboratory

A Test Bed for locally developed technologies, equipped with state-of-the-art testing tools and infrastructure, aimed at achieving world-class quality.

#### Q- Capability-Building

Producing Q-Workers through professional skills development training and professional certifications. Available to Government organisations, private sector, academia, fresh graduates, and the unemployed, often through training grants.

#### Q-Portal

The interface of MSTH to the cyber world. Providing support, sharing knowledge, matching customers with testing organisations.

#### Q-Industry Development

Business and market development, demand generation, promotions, marketing and public awareness of the MSTH.

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#### **IDS**

IDS provides intuitive, web-delivered, daily reporting and analysis services to the upstream oil and gas industry, cost effectively.

IDS's suite of powerful reporting tools, DataNet2, is based around the concept of centralising data - enabling operational information to be instantly accessed and easily acquired, managed, shared, viewed, delivered and analysed, across the web or *via* the

client's network. Applications cover: exploration & production reporting, supply chain management and data visualisation & knowledge management. Each can be used as a standalone item or, within the DataNet2 framework, can support and share data with the other applications.

Utilising the skills of industry-experienced engineers in conjunction with advanced IT thinking, IDS strives always to be at the very forefront of product innovation. The level of integration allowed by the WITSML-compliant, web-based, DataNet2 system, is second to none. A pioneering cost model and 24/7 support allow clients to get the very most from IDS at all times, with a system that sustains the drilling project life cycle from initial concept to final decommissioning.

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### **MSTB**

MSTB is a voluntary and non-profit making organization which has been appointed by the Government of Malaysia to implement the MSTH Project, which consists of the Q-Laboratory, Q-Capability Building, the Q-Portal and the Q-Industry Development programs, to promote the growth and advancement of the software testing industry in Malaysia.

### **Unimas**

UNIMAS is a university, which is actively involved in education, training and various research activities in multiple areas.

### **Swinburne University**

SWINBURNE is the international branch campus of Swinburne University of Technology, Melbourne, Australia, a university, which is actively involved in education, training and research activities mainly in respect of engineering, science, commerce, computing and design.