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Sun Microsystems and the Philippine Society of IT Educators Celebrate Fourth Anniversary of the JEDI Project

Festivities Will Thank Key Individuals for Their Contributions to JEDI

Philippines, MANILA, February 27, 2009 – Sun Microsystems, Inc. (NASDAQ: JAVA), today announced a celebration co-hosted by the Philippine Society of IT Educators (PSITE) to commemorate the fourth anniversary of the Java Education & Development Initiative (JEDI) project in the Philippines. To date, the JEDI project in the Philippines has engaged 355 member schools, trained 3,500 teachers on its course material and has benefited over 137,000 students, who can also access resources as part of the Sun Developer Network, with 4.3 million members globally.

Initiated in 2005, JEDI is a collaborative project between Sun Microsystems and the University of the Philippines Java Research and Development Center (UP-JRDC), in partnership with the Philippine Society of IT Educators (PSITE) and various groups from the industry sector. The initiative has also been established in other countries such as Indonesia, Brazil.

JEDI's primary objective is to provide high-quality, industry-endorsed IT and Computer Science course material available for free. JEDI materials and resources are developed, used and enhanced in a collaborative environment using java.net.

All course material developed through JEDI is prepared with input from members of the industry, conforms to international education standards and the requirements of the Commission on Higher Education. Industry feedback is critical as that ensures that students will be equipped with the relevant skills to work in the technology industry.

"Today, we want acknowledge and celebrate the selfless individuals, educators, students and administrators who have contributed to the JEDI project. They are the reasons behind JEDI's success and making JEDI in the Philippines a remarkable example of providing meaningful and positive contributions to education." Said Naveen Asrani, Senior Manager, Global Developer Outreach and Programs. "Over the last four years, the JEDI project has grown and fostered a thriving community in the Philippines and is now being created and integrated into universities' open source curriculum, based on Sun technologies worldwide."

JEDI member institutions gain immediate access to a whole suite of resources to enhance the teaching and learning experience. Some of the benefits of becoming a JEDI member include:

- Access to the java.net online community collaborating on JEDI
- Access to free software such as NetBeans, JAVA SE & various development tools for illustration & actual hands-on exercises
- Free access to courseware & resources (teacher & student manuals, sample exercises/ exams, teaching slides & various reference materials)
- Access to JEDI Help Desk to help the teachers in using the course materials
- Participation in JEDI events for students & faculty such as competitions, symposia and other for activities

PSITE and Sun will host 300 administrators, deans, educators and service providers at JEDI's fourth anniversary party. Among these attendees, Sun will be recognizing three JEDI Champions, five JEDI Supporters and 12 JEDI Trainers for their exemplary, outstanding and selfless contributions JEDI.

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Sun Microsystems executives, Cynthia R. Mamon, President and Managing Director, Sun Microsystems, Philippines, Naveen Asrani, Senior Manager, Global Developer Outreach and Programs and Chuk Munn Lee, Senior Developer Consultant and Technology Evangelist for Technology Outreach will be present to thank the participants for their support and enjoy the festivities with members of the JEDI community.

This year's JEDI's anniversary celebration will be held at Dakak Park Beach and Resort, Dapitan City, Philippines on February 27, 2009. There will also be attractive prizes, fun and exciting games for all!

About PSITE

PSITE (Philippine Society of Information Technology Educators Foundation, Inc) being the nation's largest professional IT organization, hosts from time to time several educational technology conventions and conferences. It is an organization with great diversity that supports members and affiliates with information and networking opportunities as they face the challenge of innovation and transforming education.

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