



Sun Microsystems Launches Java Education and Development Initiative Program in Vietnam; Sun's Program has Reached Nearly 200,000 Students in Emerging Markets since 2005

Java Education and Development Initiative (JEDI) in Partnership with Ministry of Education and Training to Provide World-Class Open Source Technologies Education for Teachers and Students in Vietnam

Vietnam, Hanoi, April 14, 2009 – Sun Microsystems, Inc (NASDAQ: JAVA) today launched the Java Education and Development Initiative (JEDI) program in Vietnam. Sun Microsystems and the ICT Department, Ministry of Education and Training are partnering in this collaborative project to groom Vietnamese IT students into world-class developers, equipped with skill-sets on cutting-edge open-source technologies such as Java technology and Open Solaris.

The primary objective of the JEDI program is to provide high-quality, industry-endorsed IT and Computer Science course materials for free to universities and colleges. First introduced in the Philippines in 2005, and now established in several other countries including Indonesia and Brazil, the JEDI program has benefited more than 190,000 students worldwide, who can now also access resources as part of the Sun Developer Network, with 4.4 million members globally.

“With a vision to develop a long-term collaborative relationship in the field of education and research and steer Vietnam to become an ICT hub in the region, we are delighted to bring the JEDI program to Vietnam.” said Naveen Asrani, Senior Manager, Global Developer Outreach and Programs, Sun Microsystems. “We are honored to partner with the local universities to provide Open Source curriculums, share expertise and enhance the quality of training, thereby empowering students with the relevant skills needed to tap the opportunities in the IT industry.”

“Over the past years, Sun Microsystems and the Ministry of Education and Training have been successfully implementing projects on IT application in teaching and learning. We highly appreciate Sun’s education initiatives as well as its endeavour and contribution to the education and IT communities in Vietnam. We do hope the JEDI program will help create a new generation of highly skilled Vietnamese IT graduates to help enhance their competitiveness of Vietnamese IT students when they enter the labor force,” said Dr. Quach Tuan Ngoc, Director General, ICT Department, Ministry of Education and Training.

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JEDI materials and resources are developed, used and enhanced in a collaborative environment. All course materials developed through JEDI are prepared with inputs from members of the industry and conform to international education standards.

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 and open source 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 activities.

"We believe that this collaborative program will help stimulate growth in Vietnam through community building and enablement of skills and technology amongst the future generation of developers. Sun is committed to contributing towards the building of a modern education system for universities and colleges in Vietnam," said Mr Gan Boon San, President, Asia South, Sun Microsystems.

Kicking off the JEDI initiative in Vietnam, Sun is organizing the Train The Teachers (T3) program held at Hanoi University of Technology and HCMC University of Technology - Vietnam National University HCMC from 13 to 17 April 2009.

Teachers and trainers from <number of institutions> educational institutions nationwide will be attending the trainings conducted by a team of global speakers from Sun which includes Naveen Asrani, Chuk Munn Lee, Senior Developer Consultant and Technology Evangelist for Technology Outreach, Peter Karlsson, Solaris Technology Evangelist, Abhishek Mahanty <title> and Amol Desai <title>.

The JEDI T3 program is designed to help teachers conduct courses more effectively, gain new teaching techniques and concepts, and integrate Java technology and other Open Source technologies in the curriculum.

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