



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **MDeC and Sun Microsystems Collaborate to Produce Leading Edge Graduates for the New Economy**

*Partnership with MDeC to equip graduates with Sun's software and  
engineering skill sets for employability and career advancements*

**KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia – February 5, 2009** – Sun Microsystems Malaysia Sdn Bhd (Sun) today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Multimedia Development Corporation (MDeC) – driver of the MSC Malaysia initiatives – to train university graduates with Sun Learning and Certification solutions.

In addressing the growing demand of open source software-based IT skill sets, such as Java and MySQL, by Malaysian ICT companies, Sun will provide its industry-recognized technology training and certification tools to MDeC's network of institutions of higher learning to enable students, software professionals, technopreneurs and corporations to build the current and next-generation of ICT applications and services.

This collaboration is in support of the government's direction to ensure a workforce of talented and skilled engineers to meet the increasing proliferation of open source software adoption in the country.

The alliance will equip students with the relevant know-how and expertise in the development of software applications and advanced engineering, thus enhancing their career development and advancement opportunities in the highly competitive and globalized technology marketplace.

“Despite the economic slowdown, the ICT industry is currently grappling with the exceeding shortage of skilled workforce in emerging global technologies. Our partnership with Sun is in line with our efforts to provide the latest and best technology training programmes for students and the industry. Under this MoU, students will gain relevant IT skills and improve



employability, while the global IT industry will have access to a pool of trained manpower on emerging technologies including open source computing,” said Dato’ Badlisham Ghazali, CEO of MDeC.

“This collaboration will certainly meet the industry’s demand for competent IT professionals with minimum requirements for training by establishing a supplementary curriculum which can bridge the gap between industry requirements and the existing capability of the graduates that are entering the work force for the first time from Malaysian tertiary institutions,” Badlisham added.

According to Sun Malaysia’s Managing Director, CP Loo, “The demand for innovative learning and certification programmes that are in line with new technologies has never been greater today. As the role of the IT professional becomes more specialised, IT professionals need to continuously upgrade their skills and aptitude to increase their competitive advantage in today’s fast changing IT landscape.

“Sun is committed to helping the next generation of entrepreneurs around the world spur innovation through the transformative power of open source technologies. Sun’s certification programmes are designed to enable IT professionals to communicate, interact and harness Sun’s leading-edge technologies. IT professionals become more productive with improved technical and problem-solving skills, increasing their confidence and ability to change their world.”

MDeC is the custodian of the MSC Malaysia initiative, which aims to develop the country’s knowledge-based economy. Sun provides one of the most advanced and up-to-date curriculum available in the industry with internationally recognised certifications.

The alliance will see Sun providing course materials for Java EE, Java SE, Java ME, MySQL and OpenSolaris with the relevant certification framework, as well as training sessions for the graduates in the year-long agreement. Successful candidates will also have a opportunity for a 3-month apprenticeship at MSC Malaysia Status companies.



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**About Multimedia Development Corporation (MDeC)**

Multimedia Development Corporation (MDeC) is a unique high powered government-owned corporation, established to facilitate the development and promotion of MSC Malaysia, the premier Malaysian ICT initiative. MDeC is tasked to advise the Malaysian Government on ICT legislation and policies, develop MSC Malaysia as a key growth driver of the economy and set breakthrough standards for ICT and multimedia operations. MDeC also promotes MSC Malaysia locally and globally, as well as supports companies which are located within the MSC Malaysia designated areas.

MDeC works closely with various parties and government agencies to ensure that MSC Malaysia offers a conducive enabling environment for companies to harness the full potential of ICT and multimedia technologies.

**About MSC Malaysia ([www.mscomalaysia.my](http://www.mscomalaysia.my))**

MSC Malaysia is a national initiative spearheaded by the Malaysian Government to promote both the national ICT industry and provide a test-bed for the global ICT industry. MSC Malaysia provides a conducive enabling environment designed to facilitate companies to harness the full potential of ICT and multimedia technologies. With its ideal business environment coupled with the availability of talent resources, MSC Malaysia has attracted participation from major global ICT companies to develop and host their leading-edge technologies in the designated MSC Malaysia Cybercities. MSC Malaysia also provides the ideal growth environment for Malaysian ICT SMEs to transform themselves into world-class companies.

**About Sun Microsystems**

Sun Microsystems develops the technologies that power the global marketplace. Guided by a singular vision – “The Network is the Computer” – Sun drives network participation through shared innovation, community development and open source leadership. Sun can be found in more than 100 countries and on the Web at <http://sun.com> or at <http://sg.sun.com> for Asia South.

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