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SUN MICROSYSTEMS REAFFIRMS ITS COMMITMENT TO ASIA SOUTH

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 18 (Bernama) -- Continuing to deliver on a promise to provide the Java tools and expertise needed to prepare students for the networked age, Ed Zander, Chief Operating Officer for Sun Microsystems Inc. will donate Java software development tools for use in schools during a five-day visit with government and business leaders in Singapore and Malaysia.

The tools include Java (TM) Workshop (TM) 2.0, Java (TM) Studio (TM) 1.0 and Java (TM) Web Server (TM) 1.1.

In a statement from Palo Alto in California, he said the donations answer the governments' goal of exploring new ways to incorporate Java technology into the curriculum at all universities and other institutions of higher learning.

During his visit, Zander will meet with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and the Ministers of Education for both countries to discuss and reinforce Sun's commitment to accelerate Java technology adoption in the region.

"For 10 years now, Asia South has been a significant area of growth and business development for Sun," said Zander.

"We not only want to help build the technology infrastructure of the region, we want to help ensure that the knowledge and skills of today's students will be superior when they're ready to join the workforce," he said.

Java technology expertise, without a doubt, will be a instrumental in helping the region reach its goal of becoming a technology powerhouse."

In Malaysia, Sun was the first company to join the country's Multimedia Super Corridor (MSC) project aimed at creating a region of excellence that will give Malaysian companies a lead in the development, integration and use of multimedia technologies.

Since becoming the founding member, Sun has set up a Competence Center with the Malaysian Institute of Microelectronic Systems (MIMOS) for Java technology as well as provided ongoing hardware and software expertise.--BERNAMA

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