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APIIT stands tall in awards event with nominations for two projects

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THE inaugural Asia Pacific Multimedia Super Corridor Information Technology and Telecommunications Awards (Apmitta) ceremony was an occasion to be remembered for the Asia Pacific Institute of Information Technology.

Held at the Palace of the Golden Horses in Seri Kembangan, Selangor on March 31, APIIT stood tall with nominations for Best of Smart Learning Applications' and Best of Student Projects' categories.

The event was graced by the Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad as well as senior officers from the Government and IT industry.

APIIT was among the top three finalists for the respective awards.

The nomination under the Best of Student Projects category also received a special Merit Award in view of the quality and potential of the project.

Involving chat programs which is increasing popular as means of communication in the Internet among the young and computer literate, it addresses the shortcoming in chatrooms where users specify merely their interests to communicate with others having similar interests.

Chat programs do not let users limit their search for other users to a set geographic location or area.

Hence, a program was developed by this award winning student which uses the Internet Service Provider's IP address to match and scan to ensure that the people hooked up are within the same geographic area as the user.

The nomination for Malaysian Sign Learning Guide was developed in collaboration with Malaysian Federation for the Deaf.

The purpose of the sign language guide is to teach friends, relatives and colleagues of the deaf, some of the basic signs so they can communicate more effectively, leading to a better quality of life for all.

APIIT students gain considerable exposure to IT industry developments through their compulsory projects, which are practical and industry-relevant. These projects are undertaken during each year of their course of study at APIIT.

By working together in teams throughout their course, APIIT students are able to continuously share new ideas and knowledge.

Learning by sharing information enables them to produce superb innovative IT systems which perform as well as commercially developed applications.

Another APIIT student project nominated for the Apmitta was that of Remote Administration; Configuration and Troubleshooting; Online Insurance Purchasing System; and Web-based Real Time Stock Information System.

The objective of the Apmitta Awards is to provide recognition to outstanding achievements of individuals, students, entrepreneurs, and small- and medium-scale companies or organisations, which have contributed to the development of solutions and applications of IT and telecommunications to the benefit of Malaysia.

There are 11 different award categories. Each of the nominated awards must fulfil strict criteria which include benefits to society, community and nation, potential for creation of new markets, use of local content, and innovation among others.

The event is organised by the Multimedia Development Corporation.

The 1999 Asia Pacific MSC IT&T Awards represented the first time that these awards were offered in Malaysia.

APIIT is the first IT education institute to be awarded the Multimedia Super Corridor-company status and the MS ISO 9002 Quality in IT Education and Training in Malaysia.

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