

Malaysians join RosettaNet team

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SIX Malaysian Information Technology engineers will join the California-based RosettaNet headquarters in the United States soon.

The Malaysians will be part of RosettaNet's global engineering team to define new B2B (business to business) standards for the electronics industry, and the first team of engineers from outside the United States to be accepted by RosettaNet to help define "XML-based" specifications for the electronics industry for the next decade.

The engineers are BCM Electronics IT project consultant Siva Prakash Rao; Globetronics Multimedia Technology Sdn Bhd senior analyst Khoo Swee Chin; Microsoft (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd applications development consultant Lee Yin Hong; Intel Technology Sdn Bhd software engineer Kamarul Zaman Abdul Rashid; and two employees of Mimos Bhd web developer Nazli-

hasri Abdul Rahman and public key infrastructure developer Tan Eng Ten.

The team, on loan to RosettaNet by their employers for two years, will work alongside American engineers for the next six months, said newly-appointed RosettaNet Malaysia executive director Foong Siew Yee, who is on loan to RosettaNet from Intel.

"When they return in August, they will form the core group of RosettaNet Malaysia with the objective of driving the adoption of RosettaNet Standards and B2B by Malaysian companies," Foong said.

Also present were Intel Corporation Worldwide Assembly Test and Manufacturing vice-president Datuk Wong Siew Hai; Globetronics chief operating officer Heng Huck Lee; Mimos Berhad vice-president for product development Raja Noor Ainin Raja Zainal; and Microsoft Malaysia's managing consultant Azli Jamil.

The RosettaNet initiative was announced by Prime Minister Datuk

Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad when he tabled the 2002 Budget in October last year.

Since then, International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz had announced that Malaysian electrical and electronics companies were eligible for matching grants of up to RM100,000 each to embark on the RosettaNet.

RosettaNet is a consortium of over 400 of the world's leading electronics components, IT and semiconductor manufacturing companies working to create, implement and promote open e-business process standards.

RosettaNet Malaysia is the fifth consortium in Asia and the seventh globally after the Americas, Europe, Japan, Korea, Singapore and Taiwan.

Malaysian SMIs wishing to join RosettaNet Malaysia can log on at <http://www.rosettanet.org.my>.

Guidelines for RosettaNet matching grants by the Government are available at <http://www.smidec.gov.my>