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Chairman's address at IHL CIO Forum Conference

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Dear CIOs and friends

It gives me great pleasure to meet all of you again and welcome you to our annual IHL CIO Forum Conference. I understand from the organizing committee that we have 277 sign-ups.

First let's thank NIE's Hoong Chiang and team led by Rose well as Angela Wong of Ngee Ann and her team in jointly organizing this year's conference and special thanks to NP for hosting us at their campus here. I appreciate the phenomenal effort needed to organize an event such as this.

This is the 5th in our series of seminars.

2012 – SP

2013 – SMU

2014 – ITE

2015 – SUTD/TP

2016 – NP/NIE

This has become a signature event for our IHL IT community and we should make it into an event we are all proud of.

We at various IHLs face unique IT challenges and yet in many ways we are similar. There is so much we can learn from one other. Those of us who have implemented technologies or systems can pass on the valuable experiences to our counterparts about to embark on the same journey. We should not have the need to reinvent the wheel.

Collectively we all will be wiser and we progress together.

This is the spirit of this IHL community.

We received an overwhelming 21 submissions for this conference compared to 18 the year before. The submissions are diverse covering different areas of IT.

In a fresh format this year based on your feedback we have breakout sessions in the afternoon with 4 tracks that caters to the various areas of interests. The key objective is to allow for more intimate conversations among us from various IHLs working in the same area and to allow the opportunity to establish closer working and personal ties.

The 4 tracks with a total of 16 sessions are

1. Application and Web
2. Information Security
3. IT Services and Infrastructure
4. Teaching and Learning

I would like to thank the moderators of each track for stepping forward to chair each track session.

There are 4 sessions in this morning's segment.

As gaming is gaining traction in the education space it will be interesting to know the developments in this area and NUS will be sharing this. NUS will also be sharing in the following session how they provision dense Wifi in large exams halls without latency.

We have NIE providing insights on how we get our student teachers to be mobile-tech savvy.

Last but not least as we all gear up for Smart Nation we need to be ready with concept of Smart Campus. TP will provide insights on what it entails.

The sharing does not and should not end today. I know that many of us are already in contact with your counterparts exchanging emails and notes. The CIOs are definitely already doing that. I strongly encourage us to keep this spirit alive.

I hope you will enjoy the session today.

Thank you.



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