Dear Affectionate Members of CSI Family,

It is a great encouragement to the members of CSI when Industry and Academia acknowledge Voluntary contributions of our CSI members, and come forward to join the CSI in promoting the initiatives of CSI.

The National Finals of the SEARCC - Young talent Search Competition 2010:

The Programming competition for selection of top 2 teams (of three students each from the same school) to represent India at the SEARCC International competitions was held at Rajalakshmi Engineering College, Chennai on August 29, 2010.

Padma Seethadri Bala Bhavan Senior, Secondary School represented by Rishabh Kohli, Ambarish S P, Ramnandan S K stood first while the St. Jude’s Public School & Junior College represented by Akash Lodha, Suresh P, and Harish B stood second out of the 10 regional teams that had participated at finals. Congratulations to the students & teachers.

The top team bagged a cash prize of ₹15,000/- and the runner-up team was awarded a cash prize of ₹10,000/-. Dr. (Mrs.) Thangam Meganathan has kindly sponsored both cash prizes in addition to the venue, transportation and meals.

The programming competition was followed by a programming workshop on Virtualization and Virtual Machines conducted by Vimala, V N Srinivasan and Sudhirbabu.

We admire the way M/S. Polaris Software Lab Ltd.; have come forward to offer employment to all the three members of the Top National team. That action of M/S Polaris Software Lab Ltd., encourages not only the children below the age group of 18 in the country, but also encourages the CSI for our efforts that are put in to promote Quality of Computer Education with competitive spirit in the country. A parallel to this type of togetherness of promoting Talent, is yet to be recorded in the country.

Our grateful gratitude to Dr. Thangam Meganathan, Chairperson, Rajalakshmi Engineering College and Shri V Balakrishnan, Partner & CIO, Polaris Software Lab Ltd., Chennai for their support to CSI.

Workshop on Cloud Computing

The workshop on Cloud Computing organized by the Div. IV, Chennai Chapter, SIG-DS of the Computer Society of India and IEEE Computer Society - Madras Chapter at IIT Madras during 18-20 Aug, 2010 was a grand success. As per the expectations, it was aimed at having 150 delegates and it turned out to be closer to 350 delegates. The session presentations were well received and appreciated by the delegates. Many of the participants expressed interest in detailed in-depth sessions on various areas of cloud computing and Division IV Chair Shri H R Mohan has promised to organize them in near future.

The glory of CSI would be to meet the expectations of our stack holders. I join all of you, in congratulating the organizers of this event. Special appreciation to all the resource persons, Chennai Chapter, Mr. H R Mohan, Mr. S Ramasamy, Mr. K Adivarahan, Prof. Janakiram, Dr. P Saktivel, Mr. G Ramesh and others involved in the event. For a CD (at a nominal cost) containing the white papers, success stories, case studies and presentations, pl. get in touch with Mr. Ramasamy at sypsys@vsnl.com or Mr. H R Mohan at hrmohan.csi@gmail.com

Student Counselors Meet

Prof. K. Rajasekhararao, State Student Coordinator (Andhra Pradesh) has initiated the meetings of Student branch counselors at important locations. That meet is to help in sharing the experiences and for preparing the calendar of events (local, State/Region/ National level) that could be organized at Student Branches. The Student Branch counselors meet at Visakhapatnam on 20 Aug 2010 is an excellent initiative for Knowledge sharing. The Meet was promoted and supported by the Visakhapatnam Chapter and coordinated by P. Satyanarayana with the encouragement of Shri Umesh Chandra and Dr. DBV Sarma. This type of meets at state/ region level would help in promoting and conducting the desired quality programs for our youth in the country.

Incubation Centers for Student Projects

Hyderabad Chapter lead by the chair person Mr. K Raju, has initiated the process of establishing Incubation Centers to promote projects for students at each Student Branch associated with the chapter. Lists of Projects that can be designed and developed are prepared by the Experts drawn from Industry and Academia. Students are attracted to take up the projects in the corresponding incubation centers at each student branch. Under the Guidance of faculty members and Industry experts, students handle almost all projects. This model is aimed at reducing the menace of dummy projects. Several experiments of this type are essential to motivate students to take up projects at the final semester so as to develop the problem solving capabilities and to initiate research orientation.

A new CSI Student Branch has been formed at PVP Siddhartha Institute of Technology, Vijayawada with 96 student members, and was inaugurated on 11th August 2010. The student Counselor Prof Sudhirbabu and the HOD, Prof. Nageswara Rao informs that they have established an incubation Centre for projects.

Industry Participation in Academics through CSI:

Efforts for bringing in Industry expertise to Educational Institution have started yielding results. Our Karnataka State Student Coordinator Mr. T Sabapathy in Bangalore has initiated a dialogue with some of the Industries to conduct value addition programs in the premises of CSI Institutional Members (Student Branches). He informs that M/S Vmware has agreed to conduct workshops in 5 locations; 3 in Karnataka, 1each in TN & Kerala. 5-6 Vmware engineers will take full day workshop in identified colleges; They will also load necessary software on the client side. Server side software will be hosted on their servers and access will be given during workshop. The focus for this year workshops is on Infrastructure side of Cloud Computing & Virtualization. They will conduct further workshops at other places in the country next year. Mr. T. Sabapathy is COO & VCO CNPL(Cymfony) J, 91-80-23614370]And his e-mail: tspathy@cymfony.com.

This is an excellent model that can be initiated involving Industry to design innovative programs and offer in the Educational Institutions, so that the employability is increased.

I am glad that Several Chapters have started encouraging events in several Student branches. I could attend to Lecture programs in CMR College of Engineering & Technology & Gurunanak Group of Institutions.

It is necessary that the chapters identify ways of encouraging the students’ branches on continuous basis.

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