

MOU between Microsoft and The Computer Society of India

Mr. Lalit Sawhney, President Computer Society of India and Mr. Rohit Kumar, Country Head, Public Sector, Microsoft Corp. (I) Pvt. Ltd. signed an MOU on 9th March, 2007 in Bangalore.

From a long term perspective, it is important that the computer science and IT faculty across the country have knowledge and skills on the latest technologies, so that students can have access to best IT education. Microsoft and CSI wish to jointly support this so that they are able to guide and support their students in these technologies. One of the challenges in IT education is to overcome the non-availability of qualified teachers and Microsoft will work in sync with CSI to plan & execute structured faculty training programs, throughout the country.

CSI will work on developing a system to continually upgrade the curricula to the latest level of state of art technology so that its student members are well prepared to meet the demands of Industry when they graduate. Microsoft would like to support the CSI's effort in developing these curricula in mutually agreed disciplines and technologies and assist in training University and College faculty, on them.

The features of the MOU are as under:

- a. Microsoft will provide a set of books on Microsoft technologies to the library of Student Branch and will support the activities undertaken by the Student Branches to promote Microsoft technologies in the branch.
- b. Microsoft will host at least one half day seminar for students in eight cities each year in which the student members of CSI will be given the first priority for registration.
- c. Microsoft will conduct faculty trainings of one to three days duration at various locations in the country for Computer Science and IT faculty of AICTE approved institutes who are members of CSI. Microsoft will provide the training material and the trainer for the trainings.
- d. Microsoft will aid CSI in the up gradation of Computer Science and IT curricula.
- e. Students and faculty members registered with CSI will be eligible to participate in the MSDN Academic Alliance program. The use of any software received from MSDN AA by any member will be strictly in accordance to the MSDN AA EULA, accompanying MSDN AA.
- f. Each Student Branch of CSI in AICTE approved institutes will have a Microsoft Special Interest Group which will focus on increasing awareness and adoption of Microsoft's tools and technologies and will conduct at least one of the following activities on Microsoft technologies each year
 - Software Programming competition
 - Algorithm competition
 - On-the-spot debugging competition
 - Regular User Group meetings and seminars on Microsoft technologies
- g. CSI will message various Microsoft activities for students that Microsoft hosts from time to time such as, Imagine Cup, Academic Projects, and seminars to all its Student Branches.
- h. CSI will nominate its faculty members for the faculty training programs to be conducted jointly by Microsoft and CSI.
- i. CSI, in consultation with Microsoft, will select any four of the subjects for upgradation which are: Programming Basics, RDBMS, Data Structures, Service Oriented Architecture, Mobile and Embedded technology, Security, Internet Technologies, ERP and CRM.