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Welcome to the new look ICDL Asia newsletter. All of the articles featured in this edition can also be found on our website at icdlasia.org/news.

Perception vs Reality Survey - Singapore version

At the start of 2017, ICDL Asia begins the project "Perception versus Reality" Survey to understand the digital literacy standards of tertiary students in Singapore. Currently, we have close to 400 students participated in the survey and it is still ongoing.

In line with global findings, students often falsely perceive that they have excellent knowledge in using computers, mobile and high tech devices. Thus, students or youths at large would naturally believe that they already possess adequate digital skills to enter the workforce, and dismisses the need to go through any formal training entirely. Through this research, we hope to uncover the students' overall performance and share insights into the common 'Digital Native' fallacy in Singapore. We also hope to bridge the gap between digital standards on education level and the actual skill set that is demanded in the workforce.

The findings of this survey will be presented in July to emphasize the need for formal training to better prepare students/graduates for future workforce.

ICDL Digital Challenge 2017 - Are you Asia's Top Digital Student?

In celebration with ICDL Foundation 20th Anniversary, ICDL Asia will also be organising the first ever ICDL Digital Challenge to search for the top student with the best ICT skills in Asia.

This competition runs across 7 territories including Vietnam, Thailand, Taiwan, Philippines, Bhutan, India and Singapore. We have received close to 3,000 participations from students in 100 renowned schools/institutions collectively from the above mentioned territories. These young talents would become the ambassadors for Digital Literacy, inspiring the future workforce.

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ASIA NEWS



ICDL Foundation & Korea Productivity Center's Collaboration For Computing Module

ICDL Foundation signed an Memorandum of Understanding with Korea Productivity Center for collaboration to develop, promote and implement a Computing Certification Programme.

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ICDL Officially Endorsed By Thai National Digital Literacy Standards

Thailand Professional Qualification Institute (TPQI) has approved the mapping of ICDL Modules to the



Thai national qualification framework for Digital Literacy Standards. TPQI is the government body that develops occupational standards and accredits professional qualifications in Thailand.

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ICDL Becomes An HRDF Approved & Claimable Programme In Malaysia

Rightway Elite Sdn Bhd, one of our Accredited Test Centre (ATC) in Malaysia, has successfully received an approval to offer 10 ICDL Modules that is fully claimable under the Human Resource Development Fund (HRDF).

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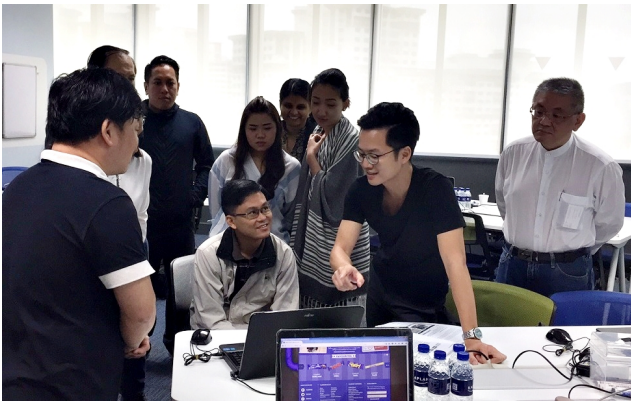
ICDL Stepping Into China With A Positive Sentiment

ICDL Asia has set its footsteps in China through an active and strategic market development activities in March, 2017. ICDL Asia team visited China's three major cities that includes Beijing, Shanghai and Nanjing to meet with potential commercial training organisations, Jiangsu provincial education department and government organisations.

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ICDL Digital Marketing Train-The-Trainers Session In Singapore

Train-the-Trainers (TTT) session for ICDL Digital Marketing module took place on Friday at



Kaplan@Devan Nair Institute. According to Singapore Business Review, Digital marketing is one of the most dynamic talents in Singapore

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Updating Malaysia's Digital Literacy Standard

ICDL Asia is partnering with the Department of Skills Development (DSD), a department under the Ministry of Human Resources (MoHR) to update Malaysia's National Competency Standard (NCS) for ICT User. This adoption exercise will be facilitated by the National Occupational Skills Standard (NOSS) Unit. The National Occupational Skills Standard (NOSS) specifies level of competency required by a worker to perform a specific job at different levels.

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ICDL India Curates Computer Programmes For Students In Rural Area Through Bal Swavlamban Trust

On 8th February 2017, Bal Swavlamban Trust (BST) started ICDL programmes for students at Dhankot village, close to New Delhi.

Bal Swavlamban Trust is a Corporate Social Responsibility(CSR) initiative of Hella; a global corporation with headquarters in Germany that aims at imparting computer skills to the youth of Dhankot which houses the company's manufacturing plant.

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ICDL Sri Lanka Offers ICDL Programmes To Chartered Accountants To Enhance ICT Skills

From January 2017, The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka (CA Sri Lanka) has chosen to collaborate with ICDL Sri Lanka to offer ICDL programme, as an Accredited Test Centre.

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Empowering Malaysian Construction Worker With ICDL's International Certification Programme

A signing ceremony between ICDL Asia and Rightway Elite, an Accredited Test Centre, took place today during an exclusive Breakfast Event for St.Patrick's Day in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

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Enthusiastic Response For ICDL Digital Challenge In India

The call for ICDL India Digital Challenge 2017, India's largest digital skills competition has been met with an enthusiastic response from both, students as well as educational institutions. Over 70 premier colleges and universities are participating in this competition with online student registration crossing the 3800 mark.

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ICDL Sri Lanka Organized 'Safer Internet Day 2017'

ICDL Sri Lanka hosted the Safer Internet Day 2017 in Sri Lanka with the theme 'Be the change: Unite for a better internet' on Tuesday, 7th February 2017. This event was organized in partnership with the National Child Protection Authority, Sri Lanka CERT | CC, Computer Crimes Investigation unit of the CID and the Telecommunications Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka. The event was graced by Dr. Ajith Madurapperuma, Chairperson of Sri Lanka CERT | CC.

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ICDL Iran Annual Forum 2017

ICDL Iran Annual Forum was held in historical school Dar ol-fonon on 15th February of 2017.

Close to 250 test centers' managers as well as officials from Ministry of Education attended the forum where the ECDL Foundation 20th Anniversary was celebrated and new ICDL programmes were introduced.

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Youngest ICDL Candidate Certified At Age Of 6 In Iran

The ICDL profile certificate was awarded to one of the youngest ever candidate during ICDL Iran Forum on 15th February 2017.

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POSITION PAPERS

ICDL Computing - Creating The Future

Coding, computing, and computational thinking are terms that currently dominate the debate on digital skills development in Europe and worldwide. This is influenced by the rising demand of ICT specialists in the labour market and countries looking for ways to provide the demanded skills for the young generation. Computing is also valued as a subject that contributes to the intellectual and personal development of young people: it stimulates creativity, critical and logical thinking, problem solving, and facilitates understanding of how digital technologies function¹. In other words, computing transforms students from consumers to creators of the digital world.

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IT Security Skills - Protecting Your Children, Private Life And Your Business

With the number of cyber security breaches increasing every year, their scale and costs grow exponentially. Methods of illicitly gathering information, for example, phishing, spamming, and hacking, are becoming more sophisticated, and protecting information online is thus becoming increasingly important.

This paper discusses the IT security needs in private and professional spheres, and provides examples of cases where cyber security principles were not followed. The paper suggests that even the most advanced IT security products cannot solve the problem alone: people need greater awareness and the right skills to protect both their own data, and their company's data.

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BLOG

You Won't Believe How Much Information We Have to Deal With Online

Daily life can feel like information overload these days. A study in the US by the University of California San



Diego estimated that in 2015, Americans would consume approximately 74 gigabytes of data on average every single day! That figure is still growing, as technology becomes more and more present in our lives, delivering increasing amounts of news, opinions, research, gossip, and other information. It is no understatement to say that it can be hard to keep up, and a challenge to filter out the right information from the wrong.

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20 Things You Didn't Know About ICDL - No. 1 to 4

1. THE BIRTH OF THE EUROPEAN COMPUTER DRIVING LICENCE

The Computer Driving Licence (CDL), is a certification tool consisting of a modular set of IT tests. It was launched in Finland in January 1994, by the Finnish Computer Association (FIPA) and the Finnish Information Technology Development Centre (TIEKE).

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Inspiring ICDL Candidates: Vishal Morey, New Zealand

After taking 8 years out as a full-time mum, Vishal Morey in New Zealand found her computer knowledge very rusty. She needed to gain new skills and refresh what she already knew. Vishal talks about her experience with KiwiSkills which is free computer training for jobseekers that offers the ICDL programme.

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