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The Malaysia Institute for Supply Chain Innovation Graduates Inaugural Master's Class

Students increased median annual salary 2.5 times with job offers from leading organizations

June 12, 2013 (Cambridge, MA) – The first students of the Malaysia Institute for Supply Chain Innovation's (MISI) Malaysia Supply Chain Management (MSCM) Program graduated on May 30, 2013, in Shah Alam, Malaysia, near Kuala Lumpur. The event was attended by MISI's board of governors, industry representatives, and the U.S. Ambassador to Malaysia, Mr. Paul W. Jones.

The class of 2013 consists of 16 students from eight countries including India, China, Philippines, and the US. They have an average of six years of professional experience in a wide range of industries such as manufacturing, retail, and transportation.

Their chosen career paths include pursuing further education and returning to a sponsor company, but the majority of the students decided to seek new employment opportunities in the private sector. Of this latter group, more than 80% secured job offers before graduation, and the other individuals expect to be placed over the summer. The employers include Accenture, World Bank, Amazon, Cummins, Damco, Campbell Soup, Malayan Flour Mill, Entercoms and Rukshaya. The increase in median annual salary was 2.5 times, with each student receiving two job offers on average.

US Ambassador to Malaysia Mr Paul W. Jones in his welcoming address said "congratulations to all graduates and family members on what is a terrific achievement." Having completed MISI's nine-month master's program, "you will be very well placed to move ahead in your professional careers, but more so to make your contribution to supply chain management around the world, for which the prosperity of our people depends," he said.

"Your education will allow you to be at the forefront of what is becoming one of the most important corporate functions," said MIT Professor Yossi Sheffi, Director of the MIT Center for Transportation & Logistics, (MIT CTL). "MISI has taught you many life-long lessons that are hidden as logistic classes."

“This is a very special occasion for me with this conferral of certificates to our inaugural MISI students,” said Dr. Mahender Singh, MISI Rector, and Executive Director of the MIT Global SCALE Network in Asia.

MISI was created in March, 2011, to address the increasing demand for supply chain talent, knowledge, and thought leadership in the Southeast Asia region. As a member of the Global SCALE Network, MISI draws on the network’s collective expertise to develop supply chain solutions geared to meet the needs of enterprises in Southeast Asia as well as global businesses.

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About the Global SCALE Network

The [MIT Global SCALE Network](http://ctl.mit.edu/about_us/global_scale_network) is an international alliance of leading research and education centers dedicated to the development of supply chain and logistics excellence through innovation. Launched in 2008, the Global SCALE Network now spans Europe, North America, Latin America, and Southeast Asia. For more information, please visit: http://ctl.mit.edu/about_us/global_scale_network



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