



EXPLOSIVE GROWTH IN MOBILE BROADBAND REQUIRING HIGHLY TRAINED ENGINEERS

MCPC of Japan and IEEE Execute Memorandum of Understanding for Global Expansion of Needed Mobile and Wireless Expertise

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The Mobile Computing Promotion Consortium (MCPC) of Japan and the Communications Society of IEEE (ComSoc) announced today that they have executed a memorandum of understanding to promote their respective training and certification programs in mobile and wireless technology. Both programs are designed to train engineers in mobile and wireless technology to help supply needed expertise for the mobile broadband industry. This industry is experiencing tremendous growth thanks to fast networks, powerful smartphones, innovative applications, and increasing customer penetration.

Dr. Yasuhiko Yasuda, the chair of MCPC, states "The MCPC Mobile System Engineering Certification Program, started in 2005, is highly regarded by companies in Japan including operators and vendors. We look forward to gaining broader awareness of this program by working with IEEE ComSoc. Many vendors of mobile communications equipment not only recommend MCPC certification, but increasingly prefer candidates with the certification. Three universities in Japan have adopted the MCPC textbook. They also provide university credits for MCPC certification. The Japanese Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (MIC) issued an official commendation to MCPC in 2008 for its excellent contribution to the cultivation of Information and Communications Technology professionals. The MIC also sends key people to lecture at the certification program." The program provides several levels of certification, i.e. Basic, 2nd Grade, 1st grade, and Senior Mobile-System Consultant (SMC), and consists of rich educational material including text books and seminars, as well as opportunities for advancing certification levels.

"IEEE WCET certification is increasingly becoming a preeminent method for demonstrating a thorough knowledge of key wireless technologies, global market implications and the ongoing development of new standards and applications," says Ms. Celia Desmond, IEEE WCET program director. "The program was also designed to foster a much greater and deeper understanding of the broad-based opportunities available within the wireless field, while establishing a platform for success in any number of industrial, military and government positions." With IEEE WCET certification, professionals can clearly demonstrate their knowledge of wireless communication technologies to employers or change engineering fields as new opportunities arise in the wireless industry.

The MoU will support the MCPC's goal to promote awareness of the MCPC's Mobile System Engineering Certification Program to IEEE ComSoc constituents and those interested in the IEEE Wireless Communication Engineering Technologies (WCET) certification program. It will also encourage Japanese-speaking engineering practitioners wishing to work in the wireless information and communications technology industry to pursue certification through the Mobile System Engineering Certification Program.

The MoU will further support IEEE ComSoc's goal to establish the IEEE WCET Certification Program as a standard testing and certification program for wireless communication professionals worldwide, especially among the constituents, members, executive members, and successful candidates of the MCPC certificate program. It will also encourage engineers in Japan to pursue certification by IEEE through the IEEE WCET program.

MCPC and IEEE ComSoc believe that their mutual collaboration will further encourage ICT engineers to participate in the wireless industry, thereby facilitating further industry growth.

[About MCPC]

MCPC was established in April 1997 in Japan as a voluntary association of leading companies in the mobile system industry to promote mobile computing systems, which integrate wireless data communication and information systems. The organization, with 166 members as of October, 2009, includes the top mobile network operators, information processing firms, cellular phone and Personal Handyphone System handset manufacturers, and system integrators. MCPC comprises a Technology Committee (including the MCPC 802.xx Committee, Bluetooth Committee and Mobile Security Committee), a Promotion Committee and the Mobile System Engineering Certification Committee. For further information visit http://www.mcpc-jp.org/index_e.htm or contact Mr. Masaoki Tajima, MCPC Certification Office, Hasegawa Green Building, 3-5-12 Shiba-Kohen Minato-Ku, Tokyo, Japan 105-0011, telephone +81-3-5401-1935, fax +81-3-5401-1937, e-mail: office@mcpc-jp.org.

[About IEEE ComSoc]

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