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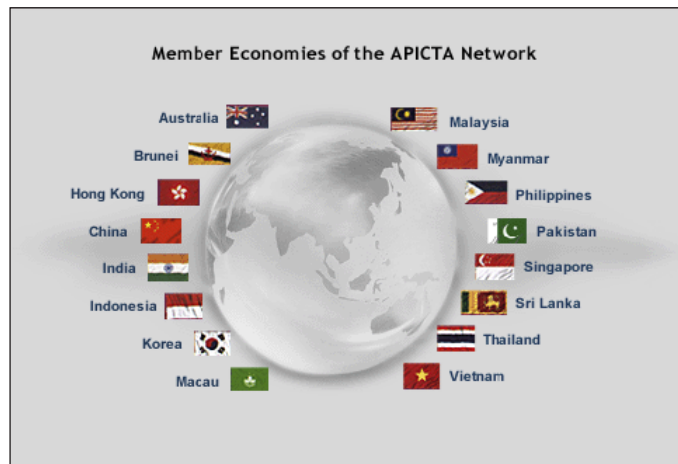
Teleconsult Sdn. Bhd., Brunei Darussalam, an ICT Consulting firm specializing in ICT Consulting, Learning and Development (F2F learning and eLearning), technical Assistance and Project Management, which is part of the Teleconsult group headquartered in Singapore, has just been awarded the coveted and prestigious APICTA (Asia Pacific InfoCommunications Technology) 'Special Mention' Award, for eGovernment and Services.

The award was won in the face of stiff competition for their 'ePLATO' - eLearning, eHealth, eGovernment software platform, from member economies and was held in SAR Hong Kong from 8-10, December 2004.

The award which was very competitive and hotly contested, is awarded after an intense 20 minute presentation and 10 minute Q&A before a panel of international judges.

'ePLATO', the winner of the BICTA award for eGovernment and Services, was recognized as being a highly unique and innovative product, which did not fit into the vertical categories of the

award classifications, but was recognised as having a huge potential and inherent ability to help bridge the 'digital divide' in the peri-urban and rural parts of countries and as such the panel of judges deemed fit to award Teleconsult Sdn. Bhd,



representing Brunei Darussalam, this 'Special Mention' Award, for eGovernment and Services, APICTA 2004.

The award was the last award to be presented at the Gala Dinner held at the InterContinental Hotel in Kowloon on the final night of the APICTA week.

About Teleconsult

Teleconsult is an ICT Consulting firm which specializes in Feasibility and Master Planning, Detailed Design of ICT networks and infrastructures for Industrial Parks, Cyber Parks, Data Centres and other developments as well as providing a whole host of ICT consulting and related services to the industry.

Formed in 1990, the group now comprises 5 companies in Singapore, Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia and SAR Hong Kong.

Please see URL- <http://www.teleconsult.com> or <http://www.eplato.com>, for more details on Teleconsult and ePLATO respectively.

BICTA winners to represent Brunei Darussalam at APICTA in HK



Delegation to Hong Kong with Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Communications.

Winners of this year's Brunei ICT Awards (BICTA) will be representing Brunei Darussalam at the Asia Pacific ICT Awards 2004 (APICTA) to be held in Hong Kong today until December 10, 2004.

Pehin Dato Paduka Hj Abdullah bin Begawan Mudim Dato Paduka Haji Bakar, Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Communications cum National Chairman of Brunei ICT Awards High Level Committee, was at the Brunei International Airport yesterday to send off the Bruneian contingent led by Mr Ang Kian Guan, Director of IT, Research & Development, Ministry of Communications. Mr Ang is also a member to the Asia Pacific ICT Awards Network (APICTAN).

The winners of BICTA 2004, who were announced during the BICTA Gala Night on November 26, are scheduled to conduct a presentation about their project in Hong Kong, followed by a 10-minute Q&A session with nominees from the Asia Pacific in nine separate categories such as Education & Training, e-Government & Services, Industrial Applications, Financial Applications, General Applications, Media & Entertainment, Research & Development, Tertiary Institution Students Project and Secondary School Student Project.

Along with the winners, judges from the BICTA 2004 will also be heading to Hong Kong as they are part of the judging team for APICTA 2004.

Mr Ang said that Brunei's participation at the APICTA will give the contestants the opportunity to be exposed to competition on international stage with a view to also showcase what Brunei Darussalam is capable of. At this point in



Delegation leader with Pehin Dato Paduka Hj. Abdullah

time Brunei foraying into the development of infrastructure in this field over the last few years has already seen a handful of companies capable of competing internationally at the APICTA.

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Teleconsult Sdn. Bhd, is one of the leading lights that shall be shining brightly for Brunei this year. A local company who have designed a programme called 'ePLATO', which is suited for eGovernment, eHealth, eLearning and other General Applications, hopes to challenge for top prize in the eGovernment category in Hong Kong.

The APICTA, an international award programme, is aimed at increasing awareness in

the community and assist in bridging the digital drive in the region. Participating countries that will be competing alongside the Sultanate are other members of the 14 strong membership of the APICTA network that comprised Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Korea, Macau, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam.