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IFIP IP3 Accredits First Non-English ICT Certification

Information Processing Society of Japan's CITP Scheme Now Recognised Internationally

Tuesday 13 March 2018: IFIP, the global federation of ICT professional associations, has recognised the first non-English ICT Certification with the accreditation of the Information Processing Society of Japan's (IPSJ) Certified IT Professional (CITP) system.

IFIP's International Professional Practice Partnership (IP3) announced the accreditation this week, affording international recognition to Japanese professionals holding the CITP designation.

Under IP3's Accreditation Program, national ICT societies that have qualified for the program offer reciprocal recognition to professionals from other accredited societies, improving international mobility for ICT professionals.

IP3 Chair Moira de Roche said the mutual accreditation framework was established to provide a global standard for ICT professionals, to which professional bodies from around the world can map their local designations.

"With the addition of the Japanese CITP Scheme – our first accreditation of a non-English speaking certification – the IP3 program has become truly global," she said.

"We are grateful to IPSJ for providing interpreters to help translate all the relevant documents into English for our assessment team to examine, and to answer our various questions. We are very pleased to welcome the IPSJ into the IP3 Program and to provide a platform to support the increased mobility and status of Japanese ICT professionals."

With the accreditation – the culmination of a three-year process – IPSJ joins ICT professional bodies from Australia, Canada and South Africa which have already been accepted into the program.

The IP3 accreditation process is based on international standards ISO <u>17024</u> and <u>24773</u>.

In addition to promoting excellence in ICT professionalism, it offers the following benefits:

- Encourages quality improvement through a continuous self-improvement process;
- Assures government and the public at large that the organization has defined mission objectives and strives to meet them;
- Provides a detailed evaluation of the organization and its certification programs;
- Identifies areas of strength and weakness within the organization;
- Offers a forum for the communication of organizational needs, both internally and externally;
- Provides a mechanism for developing documents, including strategic plans and budgets;
- Provides a credible, independently verifiable method of differentiating accredited organizations from non-accredited organizations that may not adhere to important industry standards;
- Fosters pride in the organization when it is recognized; and
- Fosters professionalism within the member body.

For more information about IP3 and its accreditation program, visit www.ipthree.org

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