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**I<sup>2</sup>R's researcher selected by the Board of Nokia Foundation as one of their `Nokia Visiting Professors' for 2009**

*Dr Li Haizhou is one of only two Nokia Visiting Professors for 2009*

Singapore, 12 Jan 2009 - A\*STAR's Institute for Infocomm Research (I<sup>2</sup>R) is proud to announce that Dr. Li Haizhou has been selected by the Board of Nokia Foundation as one of their `Nokia Visiting Professors' for 2009.

Grants for Nokia Visiting Professors are given to distinguished foreign professors to work in Finland, or they must typically participate in research work, give lectures and make corporate appearances.

Dr. Li, who is Department Head of Human Language Technology and one of the architects of the robotic butlers showcased at the official opening of Fusionopolis recently, will receive a grant of 10,000 Euros.

Finnish researchers in his field nominated Dr. Li for this award to recognise his contributions to Speaker and Language Recognition research. Nokia Foundation only disbursed two Visiting Professor grants this year. The other Visiting Professor is Parviz Babak, Seattle, USA. It is hence significant that a multi-national corporation like Nokia has recognized the impact of Dr. Li's research at I<sup>2</sup>R and bestowed this honour upon him. The grantholders for year 2009 were announced and presented diplomas by Mr Jorma Ollila, Chairman of Nokia at an Awards Ceremony of the Nokia Foundation held on Tuesday, 18 November 2008 in Helsinki.

Professor Lye Kin Mun, Deputy Executive Director (Research) said, "I<sup>2</sup>R is indeed proud to have the brightest and finest in the industry working with us and Dr Haizhou is no exception. I congratulate him on this significant achievement and the recognition it has brought to A\*STAR and thank him for his part in highlighting I<sup>2</sup>R's technological discoveries on the global platform."

The only other Asian Visiting Professor Award winner was Hu Tao from Rutgers University in 2006 for the work in 'LTCC modules with Novel integrate technique for MEMS'. Similarly, in 2006 Oulasvirta, Antti Olavi from University of California, Berkeley, USA won the award for the work in 'Inferences of Others Through Social Software: Field Trials and Theory Development'. In 2004, El-Sallabi Hassan was the Visiting Professor Award recipient for the work in Development of MIMO Channel models for 4G Mobile Communication Systems from Stanford University, USA.

The mission of the Nokia Foundation is to support the scientific development of information and telecommunications technologies and to promote education of the sector in Finland. Multidisciplinary research that bridges approaches from other fields, like social, behavioral, business and services sciences, is highly valued.

The Foundation makes available grants and awards for the purposes mentioned above. Decisions are made by the board of the Foundation consisting of four representatives of the Finnish universities and three representatives of Nokia.

Established at the initiative of Nokia Oyj, Nokia Foundation was entered in the Finnish foundation registry in August 1995. However, Nokia Foundation is not part of Nokia Oyj. Its mandate is limited to granting funds in the scope of the mission.

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## **Background**

### **About Fusionopolis**

Fusionopolis is Singapore's science and technology hub that brings together scientists, research engineers and technology experts from a variety of science and engineering disciplines, to find innovative solutions for technological and lifestyle problems facing society and jumpstart future industries.

Fusionopolis will have more than 1500 researchers from the public labs under the Agency for Science, Technology and Research (A\*STAR), with a broad spectrum of capabilities ranging from high performance computing to infocomm research, data storage, materials research and engineering, microelectronics, and manufacturing technology. The public labs work alongside corporate labs like those of Vestas, Thales Technology and Seiko Instruments to accelerate the development of technologies and new products, and bring them to market.

Fusionopolis is located in close proximity to A\*STAR's biomedical sciences research institutes at Biopolis, which will open up opportunities for the fusion of capabilities across diverse scientific domains, thus paving the way for multi-disciplinary research.

A whole-of-Singapore approach has been taken at Fusionopolis to enable it to jumpstart future industries. Fusionopolis will also be home to Singapore's various industry-development public agencies such as the Media Development Authority, the Economic Development Board and SPRING Singapore.

For more information on Fusionopolis, please visit [www.fusionopolis.a-star.edu.sg](http://www.fusionopolis.a-star.edu.sg)

### **About Institute for Infocomm Research**

The Institute for Infocomm Research (I<sup>2</sup>R - pronounced as i-squared-r) is a member of the Agency for Science, Technology and Research (A\*STAR) family. Established in 2002, our mission is to be the globally preferred source of innovations in 'Interactive Secured Information, Content and Services Anytime Anywhere' through research by passionate people dedicated to Singapore's economic success.

I<sup>2</sup>R performs R&D in information, communications and media (ICM) technologies to develop holistic solutions across the ICM value chain. Our research capabilities are in information technology and science, wireless and optical communications, and interactive digital media.

We seek to be the infocomm and media value creator that keeps Singapore ahead.

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