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To a large extent, technology is the force that is driving the way we do business. How an organization leads a market that is rapidly changing and how it can constantly evolve and innovate is determined by the workforce that is leading this change.



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As technology has become a critical component in organizational strategy and execution, the challenge lies in finding educated employees that have both the management and technical skills to help drive change.

Having the ability to connect real-world business issues with information technology challenges is a skill that is much sought after by employers around the world. The need for more business and technology savvy individuals has increased dramatically over the last few years. These factors result in employers paying a premium to attract a dwindling

pool of talented and well-rounded candidates.

The SAP University Alliances Program recognises the need for the workforce with such IT talents and thus sets out to actively engage customers, business partners, educators and policy makers to collaborate and develop new education models for innovation. Educational institutions who become members of the Program gain access to the SAP® Business Suite family of solutions, including SAP® ERP. This comprehensive business software suite supports business, engineering, and information technology programs, enabling their students to put classroom theory into practice through demonstrations, exercises and problem-solving, case studies, and research programs.

Today, the Program boasts over 800 participating universities in 36 countries since its launch in 1988 in Germany. It has more than 2,200 SAP-proficient faculty members and 150,000 students enrolled in courses supported by SAP software. In Asia Pacific Japan, the Program has member universities in Australia, China, India, Japan, Korea, New Zealand, Singapore, Taiwan, and other countries.

Benefits

The SAP University Alliances Program delivers many benefits to the community. Organizations around the world recognize the value of a dedicated program to help students to apply technical knowledge to business issues and to prepare for the workforce.

- Lower cost of ownership to SAP customers and partners – The Program serves local market demands through the development of appropriate curricula to meet student, customer and faculty needs. Students do not only gain valuable insight on how a business operates, but more importantly they are able to increase their contribution to the company that hires them.

Quality of graduates improves with access to certification courses conducted on member campuses – Students who benefited from this Program also realize the value and importance of being certified in the various SAP software skills. Thus they are more likely to undertake the

“SCS is pleased that SAP has put this course together with IHLs, this course serves as a springboard for students to gain understanding of SAP and its business applications. BPERP graduates will have a good grasp of SAP lingo and business terminologies, which is extremely useful as we groom them to support and interact with our customers and fellow SAP consultants. SCS supports the BPERP course and we look forward to hiring more BPERP graduates to expand our SAP talent pool.”

Mr. Ng Hin Fatt
Senior Manager, SAP Competency Centre, Singapore Computer Systems

SAP® Best Practices in Enterprise Resource Planning (BPERP) course before they graduate, which is offered to them at a subsidized rate by their educational institutions who are members of the University Alliances Program. This helps to further lower the employers' total cost of ownership and investment in training new hires.

- Availability of graduates with SAP knowledge – The Program gives both SAP customers and partners access to a ready pool of graduates which quickens the recruitment process in order to meet the demands of a talent shortage in this field.

SAP Best Practices in Enterprise Resource Planning

Students who are keen to advance their technology knowledge and gain SAP certification can take up the SAP BPERP course. Using the SAP-sponsored training systems, the BPERP course teaches students and academics how to use SAP ERP to integrate business processes and departments based on SAP's proprietary Best Practices.

This certification program is recognized globally. It is a first-step for graduates looking at becoming a full-fledged SAP consultant. SAP provides internship opportunities for suitable candidates to work in sales offices in Asia and even in global delivery centers in India and China. SAP partners and customers are

“The BPERP course provides the students an overview of the key business processes of an enterprise and how technology is harnessed to enable these processes. Using the SAP ERP software as the training tool in the course, students will gain an understanding of the interdependencies and integration of these business processes and the power of technology that enabled ERP system to increase productivity, streamline an organization's way of working and improve business performances.

These students equipped with the basic understanding of the SAP system will find it easier to join an SAP project over their peers who have not been the BPERP training. They can be productive from Day one.

With the BPERP course, we hope these students will be motivated to further their thirst for new knowledge and skills in the business world. Consulting firms which have a strong SAP practice will provide a learning platform for them to do so in a shorter timeframe than in a user environment. They will also benefit through working and networking with their colleagues from different disciplines.”

Mr. Stephen Chang
Managing Director, Deloitte Consulting

also committed to offering internship positions and even full-time employment to graduates who have demonstrated

good aptitude and understanding in the application of their knowledge of SAP.

- A world's first, the course gives a broad understanding of SAP ERP skills based on a functional scope of real-world SAP Best Practices, something never before available in an academic course.
- The course is conducted on campus by certified academics from institutions who are members of the University Alliances Program.
- Offered only to students from the member institutions of the University Alliances Program and they enjoy a subsidized rate determined by their institutions which is lower than what is offered to the public.
- Upon completion of the course, students will be able to describe how business and analytical processes are supported and integrated on SAP ERP platform as well as the benefits of a packaged ERP approach.
- Students will be assessed via an online examination before they are awarded the BPERP certification.

After receiving the BPERP Certification, the students can also consider proceeding to take further certification courses on the campus or at a nearby SAP Training Academy via e-learning mode.

Contact Us

For more information or to find out how you as a partner or customer can be part of this SAP University Alliances Program in the Asia Pacific Japan region, please visit the Program website at www.sap.com/asia/uap and leave us a message with your enquiry.

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