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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Local Internet Engineers to Benefit from APRICOT 2004**

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Following the successful hosting of the Asia-Pacific Regional Internet Conference of Technology (APRICOT) in 2001, Kuala Lumpur would once again play host to the event from 18 to 27 February, 2004.

According to PIKOM Chairman Xavier Tan, the Association is indeed honoured that the APRICOT Executive Council has so much confidence in Malaysia to host this event for a second time.

“APRICOT’s program contents suit the needs of Malaysia because it deliberates on intermediate and more advanced level subjects, which is much to the interest of Malaysia’s Internet technology engineers. Furthermore, Malaysia can leverage on APRICOT 2004 to enhance the knowledge of its engineers who are already reasonably skilled in the basic Internet and related networking technologies” Tan said.

Hosted by PIKOM and supported by the Ministry of Energy, Communications and Multimedia of Malaysia and The Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission, the uniqueness of APRICOT lies in its purely technical and non-commercial objective.

APRICOT 2004 that would be held at Putra World Trade Centre comprises four days of workshop, two days of tutorials and two days of conference.

Some of the topics presented in the past include Internet Security, Encryption, Spamming, Domain Name System, Internet Regulation & Policy, IPV 6, Switches & Routers, Satellite & Wireless Technologies for the Internet, Virtual Private Networks, Extranets and Broadband Internet.

APRICOT 2004 is touted to attract more than 800 participants locally as well as abroad to deliberate on the latest and up-coming Internet operational technologies. Malaysia successfully hosted APRICOT in 2001 that drew in about 600 participants from all over the world.

“With the experience gained from hosting the previous APRICOT, we are confident that this event would be even more exciting and insightful for participants not only locally but in the region as well” Tan commented.

Statistics, since APRICOT 2001,

- End 2000 - 4 million Internet users
- End 2001 – 6.5 million Internet users
- End 2003 – 40% of population will be Internet users
- \*Source: Ministry of Energy, Communications & Multimedia Malaysia

### **About APRICOT**

Founded in 1996, the Asia-Pacific Region Internet Conference of Technology (APRICOT) has established itself as Asia-Pacific's premier Internet Summit where related organisations converge and host their annual general meetings plus other special events.

Regarded as a highly technical forum, APRICOT is a platform that facilitates knowledge sharing among the region's Internet community.

The week-long summit comprises seminars, workshops, tutorials, conference sessions, all geared towards spreading and sharing the knowledge required to operate the Internet within the Asia Pacific region.

### **PIKOM**

PIKOM, the Association of Computer and Multimedia Industry of Malaysia is the association representing the ICT industry in Malaysia. PIKOM's 403 member companies provide a whole spectrum of ICT products and services, which commands about 80 per cent of the total ICT trade in Malaysia.

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