Infosys and Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) host joint symposium in Bangalore

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Infosys Technologies Ltd, today organised a symposium in association with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), USA, titled, "Emerging IT and Telecom: Challenges in the 21st Century - Strategic Directions". The symposium is part of a series of events in which MIT professors, researchers and administrators present the latest research and activities relevant to industry in India. Partnering this symposium is an extension of Infosys' global academic initiatives which include InStep, a Global Internship Program, international recruitment from prestigious academic institutions and participation in case studies by leading educational institutions.

Through the symposium, MIT addressed the challenges faced by corporates as a result of globalisation. The symposium showcased initiatives, early experiments and research undertaken by MIT, which highlight the problems faced by industry and their possible solutions. Senior faculty from MIT spoke on a wide range of topics ranging from managing the organizational mind to the plethora of new communication technologies like BlueTooth, Gigabit Ethernet, WAP etc emerging today.

Inaugurating the Symposium, Nandan Nilekani, President, Managing Director, and COO, Infosys Technologies Ltd said, "Our association with MIT is an important link in the chain of global academic initiatives launched by Infosys. Our vision is to work closely with leading academic institutions to create a platform to deliver the latest technology and their benefits to our customers. MIT has led several initiatives in addressing global challenges through pioneering research and we are very happy to jointly host this symposium with this institution.

Commenting on issues and solutions for building and architecture of systems and services that are secure, scaleable and sustainable, Dr M S Vijay Kumar, Assistant Provost and Director of Academic Computing, MIT said that it was more than just the physical infrastructure that was important; technology, support and policy infrastructure were as important.

Dr Vijay Kumar commented that MIT's links to global and national networks with *Internet 2* and its Wireless deployment aim to provide end-to-end connectivity required for high-performance and advanced applications capabilities. **Middleware** elements such as authentication, authorization and security will allow applications to be integrated with enterprise systems and operate seamlessly among many organizations.

Outlining the emerging concept of pervasive computing and the new trends in communication, Professor Sanjay Sarma, Associate Professor of Mechanical Engineering and Co-Director, MIT Auto-ID Center provided insights into the plethora of new communication technologies emerging today, each with a specific niche and a new acronym. Emphasizing on the Personal Area Network (PAN), Prof Sanjay Sarma said that this emerging boom was due to the proliferation of devices.

Describing MIT's efforts to marry technology and policy into a new sustainable model of knowledge management, Eric Celeste, Assistant Director for Technology and Planning, MIT Libraries said that the intellectual output of an organization was a valuable asset. He expounded on the development of "DSpace", a digital tool being developed at MIT to help capture the intellectual output of its faculty and researchers. According to him, while part of the challenge of developing such a system was technical, a greater part of the challenge was political and cultural.

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