

Celebration Event

SECC has organized a ceremony to congratulate **five Egyptian software companies** for their esteemed performance



in achieving **SW-CMM/CMMI Level-3 Accreditation**. ITSoft, DMS and IBM-Egypt achieved SW-CMM Level-3, while EDS-Egypt and Raya Software achieved CMMI level-3, The ceremony was honored by the presence of **H.E. Dr. Tarek Kamel**, Minister of Communications and Information Technology.

The event was held in the Nile Hilton Hotel, on September 30, 2004. In addition to the honored companies, the event was attended by very



well selected elite from a large number of software companies, partners and IT consultants.

H.E. Dr. Tarek Kamel has presented the Certificates of Recognition to each of the honored companies with a wish to achieve the same success in reaching higher maturity levels.

Cost Sharing for SW-CMM/CMMI Formal Assessment

SECC has reached an agreement with the **USAID/ICT Program** to support Egyptian software companies participating in SECC's Program for Software Process Improvement (SPI) and acting as a founding member for SECC. The ICT Program will support and finance SW-CMM/CMMI-based activities and reimburse the company **80% of the appraisal/formal assessment fees**.

Introduction to CMMI-Staged Training Course

SECC in collaboration with **USAID/ICT Program**, organized a three-day SEI Official training course on **Introduction to CMMI-Staged** within the period **12-14 July, 2004**.

The course introduced systems and software engineering managers and practitioners, appraisal team members, and engineering process group members to Capability Maturity Model Integration (CMMI) fundamental concepts.

The course was conducted at Marriott Hotel and delivered by **Richard Basque**, president and founder of **Alcyonix** (a consulting company in process improvement), and was attended by **20 IT specialists** from **13 companies**.

The training course was repeated for a second run within the period **27-29 September, 2004** by the



same training provider, and was attended by another **18 IT specialists** from **12 companies**.

Object Oriented Training Courses

SECC organized a training track on Object Oriented Approach starting June, 2004 and lasted till the mid of July, 2004.

The track was delivered to **99 IT specialists** representing **9 companies** and included four courses:

- **Introduction to Object Oriented,**
- **UML (Unified Modeling Language),**
- **O.O. Analysis & Design, and**
- **O.O. Implementation**



The training track was repeated in August and September, 2004 based upon the request of the software companies, and was attended by **81 IT specialists** from **13 companies**.

Both training tracks were delivered at the Training Building B2 premises in the Smart Village.

Finalizing the Development Phase of the SPIG for SMEs

SECC has organized a second steering committee to finalize the development phase of the **Software Process Implementation Guide (SPIG)** for Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs). The committee was held on 12 September, 2004 and comprised of six IT industry specialists. Each member of the development team has presented his outcome and briefly clarified the process implemented, which is followed by a consolidated feedback from the committee members.

SECC will organize awareness seminars to inform the software companies with the guide. Training sessions will be provided and a pilot implementation will be conducted.



Five Software Companies Earned Accreditation of SW-CMM/CMMI Level-3

DMS has performed Formal SCAMPI Appraisal by **Trimentus Technologies** and successfully achieved Software Capability Maturity Model **SW-CMM Level-3** on 11 August, 2004.

Cairo Technology Development Center/**IBM-Egypt** also has performed Formal CBA/IPI Appraisal by **QAI India** and successfully achieved **SW-CMM Level-3** on 16 August, 2004.

EDS-Egypt has performed Formal SEI SCAMPI-A Appraisal by **EDS India Solution Center** and successfully achieved Software Capability Maturity Model Integrated **CMMI Level-3** on 26 August, 2004.

Raya Software has performed Formal SEI SCAMPI-A Appraisal by **QAI India**, and successfully achieved **CMMI Level-3** on 3 September, 2004.

ITSoft has already achieved **SW-CMM Level-3** on 24 June, 2004 (refer to SECC Newsletter Vol. 3 No. 2)

Feasibility Study for Establishing a Test Center

SECC has started a project for establishing a Test Center. The target of the center is to test the final products of the software companies and provide them with related consultations and training services.

The project feasibility study is to be finalized before the end of year 2004. A one-day Focus Group Workshop was conducted for the software companies to gather the software experts' opinions and get benefit of their experience.

Visit of KOICA Delegation Team to SECC

SECC in cooperation with KOICA (Korea International Cooperation Agency) has started the establishment of the National Center for Embedded Software.

The Center will serve both the automation and telecommunication sectors in Egypt by developing embedded software for control and monitoring devices as well as communication equipment.



South Korea will provide the know-how and training to build up the center's capacity and the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology will provide the location, the Infrastructure and the technical staff.

A series of meetings were held with KOICA experts within the period 18-22 September, 2004 to discuss the outline of the proposed project and define the requirements from both sides. Minutes of Meetings were approved on and signed by Dr. Gamal Aly, SECC Director and Mr. Shin, Eui Cheol, Leader of the preliminary survey team, KOICA.



Upcoming Events

- Awareness Seminars for SMEs
- Training on Software Process Improvement for SMEs
- CMMI – Based Process Improvement Courses