

# ORACLE SLATED TO DEVELOP NETWORK COMPUTING STRATEGY FOR VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT

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Oracle and Vietnam Sign Broad-Ranging Memorandum of Understanding

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Further delivering on the promise to enable the information age through network computing, Oracle has announced a working relationship with the Vietnamese government aimed to develop Information Technology (IT) programs in Vietnam.

The world-leader in information management software announced that its Vietnam subsidiary signed a broad-ranging Memorandum of Understanding, with the Vietnamese government's Steering Committee for the National Program on Information Technology (SC-NPIT). The Vietnamese government intends to work with Oracle because the company is widely recognised as being responsible for the birth of network computers, which are simple, low-cost, easy-to-use devices designed to access the wealth of information available via both public and private networks.

Both Oracle and SC-NPIT intend to cooperate through a variety of programs aimed at the development of IT in Vietnam. Among the first of the scheduled programs is a network computing study slated to include the use of network computers in government administration.

"This is a major step for the Vietnamese government and its people as we realise the important role IT plays in nation building," said Nguyen Dinh Ngoc, vice-chairman, SC-NPIT. "In our efforts to embrace the new developments that have come with the information age, especially network computing, we have to forge close relationships with international technology leaders and innovators like Oracle."

"Network computing is such a central theme in administration and business today that no country or company can afford to overlook it, and the government of Vietnam's foresight in this area is outstanding," said Derek Williams, senior vice president Oracle Asia Pacific. "As a company specialising in information management, Oracle is a key player in the global transition towards network computing. The Southeast Asian marketplace is quickly becoming among the most active in embracing this new computing paradigm. Oracle is already involved in similar relationships with the governments of Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia and the Philippines."

Oracle is slated to support SC-NPIT with Oracle-led training programs and will work with the Vietnamese government to teach advanced technical skills in information systems analysis and design. The two entities have also announced their plan to cooperate in large scale information management projects.

"It is our intention that through this agreement Oracle will be able to transfer its know-how in information systems design and development to the public sector in Vietnam," said Keith Budge, managing director of Oracle Vietnam.

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