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NIIT launches first ever 'Smart Science Station'

- *A pioneering learning solution which integrates Science Lab with classrooms*
- *Partners with FOURIER Systems, a global leader in Science education to enhance NIIT eGuru Interactive Classroom offering, for schools across India*

Chennai, December 17, 2008: NIIT, a leading Global Talent Development Corporation and Asia's No.1 Trainer, in partnership with Fourier Systems, a worldwide leader in Science education, today launched **NIIT eGuru Smart Science Station**- an innovative learning solution which integrates Science Lab with classrooms.

NIIT eGuru Smart Science Station enables a range of technology-aided Science experiments covering topics on heat, electricity, sound, measurement of air and water pollution etc. It is a break through innovation that allows students to enhance their learning capabilities by helping them co-relate classroom learning with day-to-day life. For instance, during field trips, the students can carry the portable Smart Science Station to extract real time data such as air and water pollution levels for conducting related experiments.

As part of the alliance, NIIT will make available technology-enabled learning solution to explore science through computer-aided experimentation, while Fourier Systems will offer NOVA 5000 science data logger with a vast range of science probes for capturing relevant data.

Mr. L. Balasubramanian, President-School Learning Solutions, NIIT said, **"NIIT eGuru Smart Science Station is aimed at discovering the scientist within the students. We believe that the initiative will help address the need of combining classroom learning with real life as mandated by NCERT."**

This novel concept is part of NIIT eGuru's offering of Interactive Classroom (ICR) for schools. The solution will help implement National Curriculum Framework 2005 guidelines by NCERT, in schools and will cover subjects like Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Environmental Sciences for standards 6 to 10.

Speaking at the launch of NIIT eGuru Smart Science Station, Mr. Dov Bruker, CEO Fourier Systems said, **"We are pleased to partner with NIIT to bring our pioneering technologies in learning of Science for the first time to the schools in India. We are confident that together with NIIT we shall be contributing to the cause of inculcating and reinforcing the strong scientific thought process in students."**

More than 160 activities can be carried out on the NIIT eGuru Smart Science Station, for which simulation is available, with readings being collected through the data loggers. The solution assists collaborative learning where machines can be connected on WiFi-LAN and students can learn from each other. This helps students to study cause and effect relationship, by modifying readings. Besides this, the NIIT eGuru Smart Science Station comes equipped with all standard applications such as internet,



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word processing, spreadsheets and e-mail to help students tabulate, record and share their observations during an experiment. Providing an enriching experience, it also makes available the multimedia data

analysis software that includes graphical manipulations, multiple analysis functions and Lab report direct printing capabilities.

The **NIIT eGuru Smart Science Station** is a step forward, with the integration of science labs to classrooms thereby providing an innovative learning solution in schools through ICT intervention.

NIIT eGuru's comprehensive range for schools comprises '**Interactive Classrooms**' for teachers, '**Math lab**' and '**IT Wizard**' for students, and '**Quick School**' an **Education Resource Planning solution for school management**. NIIT eGuru provides a holistic education package to schools for addressing the needs of all key stakeholders within the education realm—Students, Teachers, School management and Parents. NIIT has been spearheading introduction of new technologies for making Science an interesting subject.

Earlier this year, at the annual convention held by UNESCO, NIIT was honoured with 'Certificate of Commendation' for its state-of-the-art Computer Aided eXperience Kit'. NIIT is the only Indian company to win this prestigious award in the Education Planner and Administrator category among a total of 146 entries received by UNESCO from 19 countries.

About Fourier Systems

Fourier Systems Education Technology was established as a High-Tech privately held company in 1996. After 10 years of introducing unique solutions, Fourier has now become a worldwide leader of compact portable data logging devices and accessories for the education market. More than 300,000 kids, in over 40 countries worldwide, are using Fourier solutions to conduct self experimenting and hands-on Science activities in school laboratories and outdoors. In 2006 Fourier has launched the Nova5000: a combination of a tablet computer and data logger. This pioneering device enables schools to experience 21st century Science activities without the need of purchasing a computer.

Fourier Systems Offices and partners are located throughout the United States and in more than 30 countries worldwide. Fourier Systems has been chosen by many ministries of Education, such as: Russia, Singapore, Spain, Turkey, West Virginia and more, as the science platform for whole of their countries. Fourier headquarters are led by the company CEO, Dov Bruker and the products are sold by some of the largest and most powerful channel partners, including Dell, Ingram Micro and CDW.

Fourier Systems has a powerful world-wide sales and marketing organization outside the US. Worldwide, Fourier Systems has offices, representatives and marketing partners in countries including North/South America, Europe, the Middle East, South East Asia, Japan and Australia.

About NIIT

NIIT, Asia's No. 1 trainer and leading Global Talent Development Corporation, offers learning and knowledge solutions to over 5 million students across 40 countries.

Dataquest has conferred upon NIIT, the Top IT Training Company Award 2007. Rated among India's Business Superbrands 2008, NIIT's **Individual Learning Solutions** include industry-endorsed programs in



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IT like- GNIIT, Integrated programs for Engineers (NIIT Edgeineers), Infrastructure Management programs (NIIT GlobalNet+).

NIIT's School Learning Solutions offers turnkey IT integration program for schools and has provided computer-based learning to nearly 7.8 million students in over 9,500 government and private schools. **NIIT eGuru is a comprehensive learning solution for schools.**

For working professionals, **NIIT Imperla, Centre for Advanced Learning**, offers Executive Management Education Programmes in association with Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) at Ahmedabad, Indore, Kolkata, Lucknow, IMT Ghaziabad and IIFT Delhi.

NIIT Institute of Finance Banking & Insurance (IFBI), formed by NIIT with equity participation from ICICI Bank, offers programs for individuals and corporates in Banking, Financial Services and Insurance.

NIIT Uniqua, Centre for Process Excellence, addresses the increasing demand for skilled workers in the business and technology services industry. This is a part of NIIT Institute of Process Excellence, a NIIT Genpact venture.

NIIT's Corporate Learning Solutions, offers integrated learning solutions (including strategic consulting, learning design, content development, delivery, technology, assessment and learning management) to Fortune 500 companies, Universities, Technology companies, Training corporations and Publishing houses.

Element K delivers learning solutions for customers and partners through a tailored combination of catalog learning products, technology, and services. The offerings include: **vLab®**: hands-on labs, instructor-led courseware, comprehensive e-reference libraries, technical journals, and **KnowledgeHub™**: hosted learning management platform.

NIIT together with Element K is now the first and the best choice for comprehensive learning solutions, worldwide.

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