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Dear Editor,

MEDIA INVITE

We cordially invite you and your photographer/camera crew to this event:

SCHOOL OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY, SINGAPORE

SST Hackathon– Award Ceremony

Date: Thursday, 21 November 2013

Time: 1500 – 1730 (Media registration 1430)

Place: 1 Technology Drive, Singapore 138572

Kindly RSVP by Friday, 15 November 2013, 1400 to:

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If you wish to attend our pre-event workshop on 18 and 19 November and learn programming skills while getting to know some of the participants, kindly indicate your interest in your RSVP.

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About School of Science and Technology, Singapore

Started in January 2010, the School of Science and Technology, Singapore (SST) is a Specialised Independent School that offers a distinctive 4-year GCE "O" level programme with a difference. Learning in SST is multi-faceted as students gain a strong foundation of key academic concepts in core subjects like Mathematics and Science through applied learning. The learning experiences at SST aim to produce students who are not only academically strong, but who are also thinkers, innovators and entrepreneurs. For more info, visit www.sst.edu.sg

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Press Release: Budding innovators start young at coding event organised by the School of Science & Technology, Singapore (SST)

1.	Singapore, 21 November 2013 – Applications that enhance community spirit have been developed by students as young as 10 years old at the SST Hackathon. The two-day codefest, which ended today, saw some 150 students from 23 primary and secondary schools ideate and create web applications under the mentorship of industry experts.

2.	Hackathons are gaining in popularity as platforms for developers to collaborate on programming projects, with organisers ranging from government agencies and technology stalwarts to education institutions and start-ups. The SST Hackathon aims to break barriers as the first of its kind in Singapore that is initiated by secondary school students for young participants that range from primary schools to junior colleges.

3.	Mr Chua Chor Huat, Principal of SST, explained, "Through this initiative, we hope to empower the next generation of budding technologists and inspire them to use technology to help create the future that they want to live in."

4.	Balasubramaniam Praveen, a Secondary 3 student organiser at SST, expressed his enthusiasm, "We had the opportunity to meet with professionals and trade ideas with like-minded peers. The event has been an invigorating experience."

5.	The event is part of the National InfoComm Competition (NIC) initiative by the Infocomm Development Authority of Singapore (IDA) and has garnered the support of Nanyang Technological University (NTU) School of Computer Engineering , National University of Singapore (NUS) School of Computing and Singapore Management University (SMU) School of Information Systems ; with industry supporters such as Foodpanda, Paypal, Samsung and Starhub joining in the fray.

6.	"NIC is an integral part of IDA's work to excite young talent into technology and provide opportunities for students to showcase their IT skills. The SST Hackathon is one such platform where students get to create solutions that solve real-world challenges. I would like to congratulate all participants and thank the parents and teachers for their support. With the skills acquired and the opportunity to work with industry, the students are in good stead to forge ahead and build innovative solutions for Singapore and the region," said Mr Andrew Khaw, Senior Director, Industry Development Group, IDA.

7.	 Winston Goh, Head of IT & Mobile (Enterprise & SMB), Samsung Asia Pte Ltd, added, "This is an excellent opportunity for young innovators to bring their big ideas to fruition. We are thrilled to be part of an event that is aligned with our aspirations to improve the world through advanced technology."

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8. The participants competed in eight categories, which include Best Web App Design, Most Creative Web App Design and Best Presentation.

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Annex B

Factsheet for the SST Hackathon

Fact Sheet

- 149 participants, 38 teams, 23 schools
- 5 Primary Schools (Anglo-Chinese School (Junior), Canossa Convent Primary School, Greenwood Primary School, Hong Kah Primary School, Temasek Primary School)
- 14 Secondary Schools (Anglican High School, Chua Chu Kang Secondary School, Commonwealth Secondary School, Crest Secondary School, Ang Mo Kio Secondary School, Gan Eng Seng School, Ngee Ann Secondary School, Raffles Girls' School (Sec), St Gabriel's Secondary School, Anderson Secondary School, Raffles Institution, Marymount Convent, River Valley High, School of Science & Technology)
- 3 International schools (Global Indian International School -Queenstown, Global Indian International School -East Coast, St Joseph's Institution International)
- 2 Junior Colleges (National Junior College, Serangoon Junior College)

Award Categories

	Prize	Description
Primary	Best Web App Design	Team with the best overall web application
	Most Creative Web App Design	Team with the most creative idea
	Best Presentation	Team with the best presentation
Secondary	Best Web App Design	Team with the best overall web application
	Most Creative Web App Design	Team with the most creative idea
	Best Presentation	Team with the best presentation
	Judges Award x 2	Team who exhibits unique efforts or performances that do not fall under existing award categories

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Location Map

Address: 1 Technology Drive, Singapore 138572

How to get there

By Bus

SST Bus Stop Along Commonwealth Avenue West Towards Dover MRT Station

14, 74, 74E, 105, 106, 147, 166, 185

Along Commonwealth Avenue West Towards Clementi MRT Station

14, 74, 74E, 105, 106, 147, 166, 185

By Train

Dover (10 min walk)

Upon alighting from Dover MRT, please use the exit towards Singapore Polytechnic. You are advised to walk along the compound of Singapore Polytechnic and cross the road at traffic light near our new campus.

By car

Parking lots are available, please indicate in your RSVP if you are driving.

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