CSI-SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP ON e-GOVERNANCE

Minutes of E.C meeting held on Thursday, Dec. 18th , 2008 at Department of Management Studies IIT, New Delhi

The following (EC members) attended:
Dr. Ashok Agarwal-Chairman, Dr. R K Bagga, Mr. Piyush Gupta, Prof. MP Gupta
Mr. Mohan Datar

Special Invitees:
Dr.Rattan K. Datta; Mr.Lalit Sawhney; Mr. Bipin V Mehta; Mr.Sourabh Sonawala
Ms.Sridevi Ayaluri

The following members regretted their ability to attend
Prof. Sanjiv Vaidya, Mr. Suresh Chanda, Dr.Mahesh Chandra, Mr.Minoo Dastur, Prof.M.L.Sai Kumar, Dr. Nityesh Bhatt, ,
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Dr.Ashok Agarwal CSI SIG e-Gov Chair briefly described the activities undertaken during Jan.08 to Nov.08. Based on discussions held, the following points emerged:

1. It will be best that if the web site of SIG e Gov can be linked to the CSI web site. A request in this regard can be sent to Mr. Saurabh Sonawala.

2. Relating to the course design on e Gov the suggestions were:

    i) The course design may not be adequate due to faculty constrains, why not to initiate certification by CSI.

    ii) There was a suggestion to see whether the course can be launched through IGNOU.

    iii) It was recommended that the course design may be put on the web site of the SIG e Gov so that anybody interested can benefit.

    iv) Why not to request the Education Directorate to see if a diploma/certificate by CSI can be initiated.

    v) Mr.Lalit Sawhney also suggested that there may be a possibility of signing MOU with Microsoft and get some support from them to create the contents of the course.

As a start that it was accepted that the course design should be put on the SIG e Gov web site. It was also agreed that efforts be initiated to get support from Microsoft for course development.

3. SEARCC & IFIP: Mr.Rattan Datta and Mr. Lalit Sawhney briefed the development relating to the current status of SIG e Gov with IFIP. They suggested that the prerequisite is to get minimum 8 professionals from abroad showing their willingness to join SIG. Dr. Ashok Agarwal was requested to see if this can be arranged with the help of Prof.M.P.Gupta as soon as possible.

4. Gen.Bagga gave brief description of the activities completed during 2008. for the awards on e Gov. the awards have been finalized and will be given in the event scheduled in the evening of December 18th , 2008.

5. For the coming year, Mr.Piyush Gupta was requested to be the Convener of Awards for the year 2009, who accepted the request. it was recommended, that efforts may be made to the leverage the existing chapter structure of CSI for getting more members involved in the evaluation process. They also suggested that identification of academic faculty members associated with CSI in different regions and make them CSI representatives and utilize them for field visits in the evaluation process. Awards:

It was shared that CTU forum has been requested to act as Media sponsors and they will come up with 8 to 12 pages coverage on Jan.07 issue for the CSI Awards function.

The timelines as proposed by Mr. Piyush Gupta was in principle agreed up on.to complete the process by September end He was also requested to finalize the Selection Committee by including more members from various sectors if possible.

6. Mr. Sawhney shared that IFIP meeting is being scheduled between 5th to 7th March 2009 at New Delhi. He recommended that a regional events for e Gov plan for North may be planned during March 3 to 4 wherein the representatives of IFIP can also participate.

7. The Plan for the year 2009 proposed by the SIG was agreed upon which is as given below:

<u>Plan for 2009</u>

➢   The latest list of e-Governance projects processed during the year 2008 will be summarized and will be put on the website of SIG e-Gov.

➢   The National e-Governance summit will be organized by SIG e-Gov either independently or along with ICEG 2009.

➢   Presentation on e-Governance will be made to as many academic institutions as possible to make the students aware of the importance of the e-Governance and make them interested in this area.

➢   e-Governance awards with sponsorship from Nihilent Technologies Ltd will be organized.   Mr. Piyush Gupta, General Manager NISG has been requested to act as Convener for the year 2009.

➢   The CSI e-Governance awards MOU with Nihilent Technologies is still active the December 2009. Efforts will be made to seek renewal of this relationship for the next 5 years.

➢   The relationship with SEARCC and IFIP to be formalized.

➢   Proposed to hold Regional e-Governance summit to share best practices with each other, by inviting states to present their three or four best projects. A request has   gone to Secretary IT, AP in this regard for hosting this summit around July 2009. It is also proposed to launch the next year awards at this summit.

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