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## **Advisor's Domain**

Welcome to the new academic year. I would like to draw your attention to the six strategic thrusts in the Singapore's Infocomm21 blueprint:

- Laying a robust foundation for E-Business
- Catalysing the Digital Transformation
- Spurring Consumer Demand
- Branding Singapore as a Trusted Global "Dot.com" Hub and an E-Business Thought Leadership Centre
- Attracting Top Talents
- Fostering an E-Lifestyle and Bridging the Digital Divide

To help Singaporeans go online, the government has also set aside S\$25 million to enable every citizen to be adept in using infocomm technology, so as to reap the benefits of an enhanced e-lifestyle. I am sure you can foresee the development trend. Even in the campus now, students are expected to be more than a computer literate regardless of which subject they major in and which faculty they come from. Let the mouse do the walking. You will have to be connected by Internet, and should have the ability to navigate in the cyber-world or you will definitely be dropped out. The ways we teach and learn are being changed. Students are expected to retrieve and research for the on-line reading materials, participate in discussion group and chat room, attempt the on-line quizzes, deliver a multi-media presentation, etc. Most of the time, the lecturers will also use electronic mails to communicate with their students.

Our Science CBLC is certainly the right place for you to nurture such a survival skill. In the computer rooms you will meet many infocomm-savvy talents. The management committee members, the sub-comms and the supervisors are your fellow classmates. They are ready to provide technical supports and to attend to your needs. They also organize infocomm courses, IT-month activities and many others, and I look forward to your active participations.

The 13<sup>th</sup> Management Committee will complete their terms soon. I will be grateful if you can come forward to serve in the 14<sup>th</sup> Management Committee. Have a fruitful year ahead.

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