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Launch of a conversion course in IT under the Graduate Training for Employment Scheme (GTES)

As one of the measures to address unemployment and skills mismatch among graduates, the Ministry of Education and Human Resources, Tertiary Education and Scientific Research and the Human Resource Development Council (HRDC) with the joint collaboration of the Private Sector have initiated the Graduate Training for Employment Scheme (GTES). Under this scheme, 4 leading ICT companies in Mauritius - namely Accenture Mauritius, Agileum, Ceridian and Orange Business Services - have come forward with a Postgraduate Diploma course in IT, developed with the support of the University of Technology, Mauritius (UTM) and Ceridian Learning Centre.

The Postgraduate Diploma course in IT was officially launched by Mrs Leela Devi Dookun-Luchoomun, Minister of Education and Human Resources, Tertiary Education and Scientific Research on Tuesday 23 February 2016 at the Conference Hall, 1st Floor, Cyber Tower 1, Ebène.

This postgraduate conversion programme in Information Technology aims to provide a foundation upon which non-IT graduates can build a career in the expanding ICT industry. This programme, run under the GTES, is in line with the Budget Speech 2015/2016 which announced measures to develop tailor-made crash courses in fields with high job prospects in order to improve the employability of unemployed graduates whose training does not match market requirements.

The programme is a full time 6-month course comprising lectures, tutorials, assignments and workshops / seminar modules as well as 2 months of placement in the four participating ICT companies. The course content is tailored to the current needs of the ICT industry and is geared mainly towards specific industry-used products and other technologies that represents an extended way to deepen the students' technical expertise.



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The aims of the programme are:

- to bridge the gap between available skills in current labour market and industry requirements through an industry-led training programme in IT, thereby increasing the employability of fresh graduates;
- to reduce unemployment rate among non-ICT graduates; and
- to provide candidates with the opportunity to upgrade their skills and knowledge in the specific industry focussed technologies.

After successful completion of the programme, the graduates would be able to:

- get a broad understanding and working knowledge of the technologies of ICT industry;
- intervene professionally at all levels of the software development life cycle;
- develop and write proper documentation for software development projects; and
- acquire appropriate communication skills to handle various client facing situations.

Aide-mémoire

Date:	Tuesday 23 February 2016
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Venue	Conference Hall, 1st Floor, Cyber Tower 1, Cybercity, Ebène

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