

Report on the Distinguished Lecture Tours (DLTs)

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In the last quarter of 2008, 2 Distinguished Lecture Tours for Asia Pacific Region which had been approved by Communication Society were completed. The Asia Pacific Region hosted a total of 6 ComSoc DLTs in 2008.

Since last reported, following are the completed DLTs and approved ComSoc DLTs for the Asia Pacific Region.

AP DLT #5: 19th – 30th November 2008

Lecturer: Andy Molisch



Hosting Chapters	2008 Chapter / Section Chairs
Vietnam Section	Ta-Cao Minh
Singapore ComSoc Chapter	Cheng Tee-Hiang
Thailand ComSoc Chapter	Sripimanwat Keattisak

This DLT was scheduled to cover Vietnam, Singapore and Thailand.

- 1. Vietnam: 21st November 2008 (Friday) – Ho Chi Minh**
Venue: The University of Technology of Ho Chi Minh City
Topic: “Cross-layer optimization of wireless collaborative ad-hoc networks”
- 2. Singapore: 25th November 2008 (Tuesday)**
Venue: Nanyang Technological University
Topic: “UWB for sensor networks – Standards and Open Research Challenges”
- 3. Thailand: 27th November 2008 (Thursday) – Bangkok**
Venue: National Electronics and Computer Technology Center (NECTEC)
Topic: MIMO antennas, propagation channels and their impact on system design”

This DLT was cut short unfortunately due to the closure of airports in Bangkok. On advice of the local Thailand host, the lecture in Bangkok was cancelled. Nevertheless, Andy Molisch enjoyed his ComSoc DLT experience and expressed his interest to return in the future.

AP DLT #6 : 10th – 18th December 2008

Lecturer: Tho Le-Ngoc

Hosting Chapters	2008 Chapter Chairs
Tainan ComSoc Chapter	Chi-Sung Laih
Taipei ComSoc Chapter	Lee Ta-Sung
Thailand ComSoc Chapter	Sripimanwat Keattisak



This DLT covered Tainan, Taipei and Thailand.

- 1. Tainan: 12nd December 2008 (Friday) – Tainan**
Venue: National Cheng Kung University
Topic: “Advances in Broadband Access Communications”
- 2. Taipei: 15th December 2008 (Monday) – Taipei**
Venue: National Taiwan University
Topic: “Adaptive Transmission & Resource Allocation Techniques for Broadband Communications”
- 3. Thailand: 17th December 2008 (Wednesday) – Bangkok**
Venue: National Electronics and Computer Technology Center (NECTEC)
Topic: “Advances in Broadband Access Communications”

This ComSoc DLT by Prof. Tho Le- Ngoc attracted large audiences in the various locations. The Chapters were very pleased with the caliber of the Speaker, quality of presentation and his in-depth knowledge of the topics.

The Communications Society has to-date for 2009 approved 5 Distinguished Lecture Tours for the Asia Pacific Region. Two DLTs have been completed, three approved for June, Nov & Dec 2009. Several more Distinguished Lectures have expressed interest in touring the Region and which are still in the planning stages. We expect to exceed the 5 DLTs allocated for each Region by year end subject to ComSoc available funding.

AP DLT #1: 3rd – 11th January 2009

Lecturer: Mehmet Ulema



Hosting Chapter	2008 Chapter Chairs
Singapore ComSoc Chapter	Cheng Tee Hiang
Indonesia ComSoc Chapter	Muhammad Ary Murti
Macau ComSoc Chapter	Rui Martins

The DLT topic of “An Overview to Network Management” was delivered in Singapore, Indonesia and Macau.

- 1. Singapore: 5th January 2009 (Monday)**
Venue: Nanyang Technological University
- 2. Indonesia: 7th & 8th January 2009 (Wednesday & Thursday) – Bandung and Jakarta**
Venues: Telkom Institute of Technology (ITTelkom) & Bina Nusantara University
- 2. Macau: 9th January 2009 (Friday)**
Venue: University of Macau

The speaker had a good impression of the countries he visited and the interest shown in the topic of Network Management. The presentations in Bandung and Jakarta were well attended by students and lecturers from the University.

AP DLT #2: 15th – 21st February 2009

Lecturer: Abbas Jamalipour



Hosting Chapter	2008 Chapter Chairs
Singapore ComSoc Chapter	Cheng Tee-Hiang
Malaysia ComSoc Chapter	Borhanuddin Mohd Ali
Thailand ComSoc Chapter	Sripimanwat Keattisak

This DLT covered Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand. The topic of “Broadband Wireless IP” was presented in all 3 locations.

1. **Singapore: 16th February 2009 (Monday)**
Venue: Nanyang Technological University
2. **Malaysia: 17th February 2009 (Tuesday) – Kuala Lumpur**
Venue: University Putra Malaysia
3. **Thailand: 20th February 2009 (Friday) – Bangkok**
Venue: National Electronics and Computer Technology Center (NECTEC)

The speaker was pleased that the Malaysia ComSoc Chapter took much effort to promote and publicize his lecture, and extended good hospitality. The lecture attracted a large audience of 80 at the University of Putra Malaysia.

AP DLT #3: Scheduled Plan 19th – 29th November 2009

Lecturer: Gabriel Jakobson

Hosting Chapter	2009 Chapter Chairs
Tainan ComSoc Chapter	Chi-S Laih
Macau ComSoc Chapter	Seng-Pan U
Japan Council ComSoc Chapter	Masayuki Murata



This DLT will cover Tainan, Macau and Tokyo.

1. **Tainan : 20th November 2009 (Friday)**
Topic: “The new directions in disaster and emergency situation management: technology and applications”
2. **Macau: 23rd November 2009 (Monday)**
Topic: “Introduction to Cognitive Situation Management for Complex Networked Operations.”
3. **Tokyo: 26th November 2009 (Thursday)**
Topic: “Introduction to Cognitive Situation Management for Complex Networked Operations.”

AP DLT #4: Scheduled Plan 13rd – 22nd December 2009

Lecturer: Anthony Ephremides

Hosting Chapter	2009 Chapter Chairs
Australia Capital Territory ComSoc Chapter	Abd-Krim Seghouane
South Australia ComSoc Chapter	Brian W Ng
Queensland ComSoc Chapter	Garry A Einicke
New Zealand North and South ComSoc Chapter	Harsha R Sirisena



This DLT will cover Canberra, Adelaide, Brisbane and Christchurch. The topic of “Cooperation at the Network Level” will be presented in all 4 locations.

1. **Canberra : 14th December 2009 (Monday)**
 2. **Adelaide: 16th December 2009 (Wednesday)**
 3. **Brisbane: 18th December 2009 (Friday)**
 4. **Christchurch: 21st December 2009 (Monday)**
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AP DLT #5: Scheduled Plan 6th – 17th June 2009

Lecturer: Roch Glitho

Hosting Chapter	2009 Chapter Chairs
Singapore ComSoc Chapter	Ho Hooi Chee
Malaysia ComSoc Chapter - 3 locations include Johor Bahru, Kuala Lumpur and Penang	Hafizal Mohamad



This DLT will cover Singapore and 3 locations in Malaysia, which including Johor Bahru, Kuala Lumpur and Penang.

1. **Singapore : 8th June 2009 (Monday)**
Topic: “End-User Applications and Service Enablers for Challenged Networks: State of The Art and Research Directions.”
2. **Johor Bahru : 10th June 2009 (Wednesday)**

Topic: "End-User Applications and Services Enablers for Wireless Sensor Networks."

3. Kuala Lumpur : 12nd June 2009 (Friday)

Topic: "End-User Applications and Service Enablers for Challenged Networks: State of The Art and Research Directions."

4. Penang : 15th June 2009 (Monday)

Topic: "Enabling End-User Applications and Services in Communication Networks: From Application Programming Interfaces to Overlay Networks"

As a summary, 6 DLTs were successfully held in 2008 and 2 have been completed to date for 2009. Thanks to the endeavor of the dedicated lecturers and hosting chapters, the DLT continues to provide opportunities to local members to expand on their technical knowledge and to network.

Chapters are encouraged to promote and publicize the DLTs early in order to attract a larger audience from industry. It also is an opportunity for membership recruitment and revenue generation for the Chapters. It has been suggested that accommodations and presentation venues be held in more centralized areas of the cities for ease of travel for speakers as well as for the audience.

We hope to attract more high caliber ComSoc Distinguished Lecturers to visit our Asia Pacific region under the ComSoc DLT program. A note of thanks also to hosting Chapter volunteers for extending their hospitality to the lecturers. Much time and effort have been spent by lecturers and hosting Chapter volunteers in making the program a success.
