

Appendix I – Partners’ Quotes

1. “The SG start-up scene today is vibrant as ever. Tech Fest 2014 is a great event to further catalyse the melting pot connecting tech youth enthusiasts, entrepreneurs and professionals,” said **Oliver Tan, Founder, ViSense**.
2. "Hope our youth of today can imagine what the world would be like in 10 years’ time, then go out and build the tech needed to make that world happen," said **Aaron Gill, Head of Products, GrabTaxi**.
3. "Red Hat is very happy to have been part of the inaugural Tech Fest in Singapore and we hope that attendees had taken this opportunity to learn more about rapidly maturing open source technologies, offering lightweight application development, deployment and management. These technologies are great for tech self-starters. Whether you're a start-up or student developer, we encourage you to join Project Atomic and become key contributors and help drive the direction of the technology and community innovation," said **Harish Pillay, Global Head, Community Architecture and Leadership, Red Hat**.
4. “I was pleasantly surprised by how many students were interested in a career in tech at Google, and who wanted to find out more about what it takes to pass a technical interview even though they may not yet be in the job market. I hope that events like the Tech Fest will continue to help Singapore's youth to be excited by the possibilities that abound in the tech industry, and inspire them to find their own niche wherever it may be,” **Jennifer Chye, Software Engineer, Google**.
5. “In today’s connected world, technology is increasingly becoming an essential part of how we work, live and play. Thus, it is important to foster young talents who are armed with computational thinking and other valuable 21st century skills. This new generation of digital native learners will play a key role in driving new future innovations, especially as Singapore moves towards its Smart Nation vision. We are honoured to partner with IDA yet again and play a part in exciting students on the possibilities offered by technology through Tech Fest,” said **Jessica Tan, Managing Director, Microsoft Singapore**.

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6. “Endless new opportunities are starting to surface with the combination of sensor technologies, mobile devices and the Internet. More companies are seeking a competitive edge through the innovative use of IT in various aspects of business. Tech Fest is an excellent platform to spur interest in youths and to kick start innovative ideas and solutions utilizing latest technologies such as Internet of Things, Cloud and Analytics. We are pleased to work with IDA and our industry partners to offer these opportunities to our students and help nurture innovative and enterprising talents for the industry,” said **Dennis Ang, Director, School of Information Technology, Nanyang Polytechnic.**

7. “Autodesk has been working closely with IDA to advance the learning environment in Singapore schools through the use of Autodesk design software. We are proud to collaborate with IDA for their first-ever Tech Fest. We believe such events provide a great platform for aspiring designers, engineers, makers and technologists to showcase their creativity and learn from the best in the industry. Through our participation we hope to inspire students of all ages to imagine, design and create a better world,” said **V. R. Srivatsan, Autodesk Managing Director for the ASEAN region.**