Dialogue with Electronic Industry

The School's Divisions of Circuits & Systems and Microelectronics jointly organized a "Dialogue with Electronic Industry" on Wednesday 10 March 2004, where key personnel invited from selected organizations in electronic industry participated. As many as 124 participants from 61 organizations attended the Dialogue. The objective of the one-day programme was to enhance existing collaboration with the companies and institutions in the electronics sector. The School feels that an active collaboration between academia and business organizations is essential to the success of both industry and educational institutions. However, issues involving intellectual property rights require discussion in the interests of both parties.

The one-day programme started with a welcome address delivered by the Dean, Professor Er Meng Hwa, followed by a presentation by the Vice Dean (Academic), Professor Kam Chan Hin on the academic, research and training programmes offered by the School. The presentation highlighted various methods of collaboration, including upgrading through training programmes, participating in postgraduate and final year projects, and collaborating in research projects on areas of mutual interest. Through the interaction, many organizations were convinced that it is cost effective for them to collaborate with the School on research and development activities, and to tap the School's expertise in upgrading the skills and knowledge of their staff. It was highlighted that through such interaction, both the industry and the University shall benefit.

The programme also included a presentation by five invited speakers from the industry who highlighted the numerous successful collaborations with the School in recent years. In the Q&A session, many queries relating to the mode of research collaboration, IP ownership, short training programmes, Industrial Attachment and Industry-sponsored Final Year projects were discussed.

The programme ended with a post-lunch presentation by the Heads of the Division of Microelectronics and the Division of Circuits and Systems on the research activities in their respective Divisions. This was followed by a tour of the CoE Technology Exhibition.

Mr Tan Huan-Pinow, Area Director, Mentor Graphics giving a presentation on his organization's successful collaborations with the school.