

# John Harith committed to explore new technologies

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JOHN Harith Computer was founded in 1991, offering specialisation in personal computer (PC) sales, services and maintenance, as well as providing expertise in networking technologies and business solutions.

In 1995, market demand had prompted John Harith Computer to develop a windows based Y2K compliance Inventory/Point-of-Sales (POS) system.

Currently, with its incubation at the iCentre, John Harith has a few things it hopes to achieve.

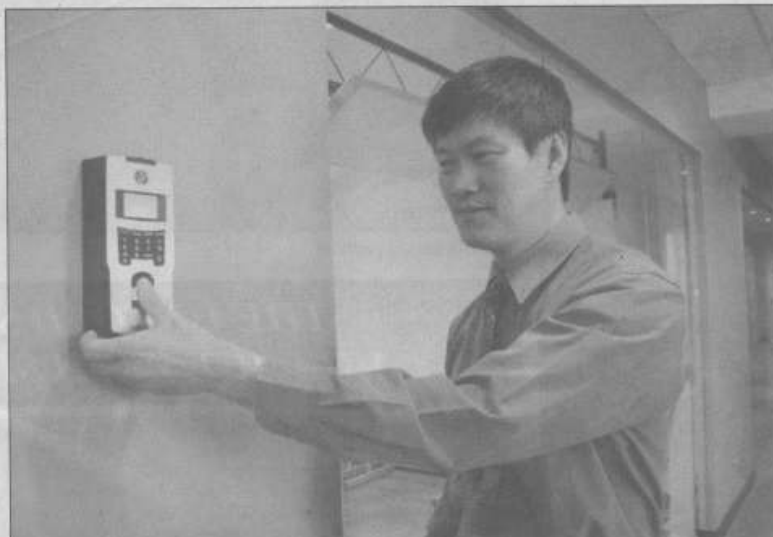
In an interview with one of the founders, Mr John Lim Wan Kee, he shared with the Weekend what they hope to gain from as an incubatee.

Firstly, he hopes to gain grants or pilot projects so that they are able to conduct project feasibility studies or test-bed/showcase for performance test, as well as to gain assistance in technology collaboration linkage to technology leaders in order to provide "proof of concept" for example reduce development time as well as to showcase Real world scenarios.

Other areas they hope to learn more about is on how to open up business channels so they can demonstrate their services to potential end-users. Therefore, they hope to gain marketing assistance and mentoring.

Also during its time at the iCentre, John Harith Computer will further enhance its existing Real Tie Tracking Solution (attendance Tracking and Clock in/out application), to incorporate a state-of-the-art Mobile Facial Recognition feature to automate the security control and revolutionise the security control process.

A little bit of history on John Harith - In 1997,



Mr John Lim Wan Kee of John Harith Computers

John Harith came up with an Inventory Control database structure that could handle data in almost all types of retail and service industry - DataPro Business Solution - was created.

"To date, we have more than 20 retail businesses using this solution in Brunei Darussalam," said Mr Lim.

Equipped with more than 10 years of hand-on experience in ICT hardware and software development, and the Intellectual Property

ownership of a flexible database engine and real time application software, John Harith Computer decided to extend its business focus into the then emerging RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) technology in June 2006.

The first RFID project undertook was the development and implementation of an RFID Conference Greeting/Attendance Solution for the 6<sup>th</sup> Asean TELMIN meeting held in Brunei from September 12 to 19, 2006. This was

followed by the First National RFID Seminar, which was successfully co-organised by AiTi, BEDB and John Harith Computer at The Empire Hotel and Country Club on May 22, 2007.

Mr John Lim said that John Harith Company's mission is to develop an affordable, reliable and upgradable ICT solution for the country, as well as to develop world class "Made in Brunei" Innovative RFID solution.

Its vision, however, is to fulfil the needs of ICT product/service in the Sultanate and to export "Made in Brunei" innovative products.

Its core business activities include Universal Inventory Control/ POS system, which is widely accepted in retail business; Barcode Time Management System/Security Access Control, which touches on R&D; Pilot phase completed, pending customisation as well as RFID.

Its challenges, however, are working on two RFID applications namely Security Access Control/ Attendance System and Document Tracking Solution.

John Harith is and has always been, 100 per cent owned and operated by highly talented Bruneians, Mr John Lim Wan Kee and Mr Chow Chung Fatt. This supporting development team behind John Harith Computer comprises of experienced professionals who has been involved in several IT related projects within the government, banking, automotive and production industry.

"Brunei is full of talented people. It's just the exposure. We are not given the opportunity like those in Malaysia and Singapore. If we are not given a chance to expose ourselves here, how are we expected to bring our goods offshore," said John.

We face some problems in this, one of which is it is made in Brunei, people do not look highly at it. It's all about perception. But what I can tell you is that, we are better.