NIIT to conduct India's largest IT Aptitude Test- NITAT on February 16, 2014

- *Announces 10th IT aptitude test to identify job-ready talent for the growing I.T. Industry*

- *Reaches out to over 10, 50,000 students since inception*

New Delhi, January 30, 2014: NIIT Limited, leading Global Talent Development Corporation today announced country's largest IT Aptitude Test— **the 10th National I.T. Aptitude Test (NITAT)** — to enable students and graduates to ascertain their potential and aptitude for a career in the IT industry. **'NITAT 2014'**, will be simultaneously conducted by NIIT, in over 200 cities nationwide, on February 16, 2014.

Students can find out the benefits of appearing in the 10th NITAT and register online by logging on to www.niit.com/nitat or by visiting the nearest NIIT centre. NITAT has reached out to more than 10, 50,000 students since inception, towards meaningful careers in the fast evolving IT sector.

NITAT aims at fulfilling the need of IT industry by identifying a ready talent pool for immediate absorption by the industry. The test has been designed as an objective type test of reasoning, comprehension, data interpretation skills and behavioural traits. Every student undergoing the test will receive a score-card with their interpretation, along with her/his nationwide and zonal ranking. The assessment is expected to be of particular benefit to graduating students in determining their aptitude for I.T. careers as well as the I.T. domain that they should take up.

According to NASSCOM, increase in global technology spends and opportunities created through adoption of disruptive technologies are expected to propel growth for the IT industry in FY2014. NASSCOM estimates 12-14% growth for the Indian software services industry in FY2014. The industry is expected to achieve revenue of $300 billion by 2020. These figures are a reflection of the growing positive sentiments within the IT sector which will lead to demand for trained manpower in the IT industry.

Flagging off NITAT 2014 nationally, **Amitabh Lahiri, President, Career Building Solutions, NIIT Ltd.** said, *"IT industry is reflecting a healthy growth and hence the need of the hour is to nurture talented professionals. We commenced NITAT 10 years ago with an aim to recognize skilled manpower to meet the demands the IT industry. Today as we look back on the journey, we are proud to say that NITAT has reached out to 10, 50,000 students since inception, guiding them towards meaningful careers in the IT sector.*

Speaking on the occasion **John Hall, Senior Vice President, Oracle University** said, *"In the current global climate, companies have increased their focus on identifying quality candidates who can clearly demonstrate value from day one. Finding people who have the right aptitude and skills to be successful in IT is a real challenge. NIIT's National IT Aptitude Test is a welcome initiative in helping to*

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identify the right people to drive the IT industry into the future. Oracle University is pleased to be associated with NIIT's endeavor to enhance the development of IT talent."

Students who will appear for NITAT will receive an assessment score card & personalized career counselling from NIIT. NIIT will also award special recognition certificates to the top 30% merit list candidates and encourage their pursuit of a career in IT. Top 1000 candidates will also be awarded a congratulatory letter signed by NIIT MindChampion Viswanathan Anand. Additionally, high performers will get skill-up subsidy on NIIT programmes for acquiring technical skills, to make them day-one industry ready.

NIIT's pioneering initiative —NITAT— was introduced in 2004 to enable graduates and students pursuing their studies in engineering, arts, commerce and science streams to gauge their aptitude for a career in the IT sector, identify skills further required, if any, and thus systematically charter their career into the IT industry. The test was designed scientifically to assess students and provide a relative ranking system, which helps them to identify their position amongst all test takers.

About NIIT

Established in 1981, NIIT Limited, a leading Global Talent Development Corporation and Asia's premier IT trainer, offers learning and knowledge solutions across 40 countries. Leading IT journal Dataquest has conferred upon NIIT the 'Top IT Training Company' award successively for the past 20 years, since the inception of this category.

NIIT's Individual Learning Business offerings include industry-endorsed programs for students seeking careers in IT – GNIIT and Edgeineers, and GlobalNet+ for IT professionals. The company has introduced "India's first cloud campus", through its new-age GNIIT program. This offers students a higher mobility as they can access courseware using Netbooks to connect seamlessly to NIIT's Cloud Campus network.

NIIT's Corporate Learning Solutions offers Managed Training Services including integrated learning solutions (strategic consulting, learning design, content development, delivery, technology, assessment and learning management) to Fortune 500 companies, Universities, Technology companies, Training corporations and Publishing houses.

NIIT Yuva Jyoti, a joint venture between NIIT and NSDC, offers vocational skills training programs to enhance employability of youth across India.

NIIT has provided computer-based learning to around 17,000 Government and private schools. The futuristic NIIT nGuru range of learning solutions for schools comprises Interactive Classrooms, Math Lab, IT Wizard programs and Quick School (Education Resource Planning software).

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NIIT Imperia - Centre for Advanced Learning, offers Executive Learning Programs in association with leading Business schools in India, KPMG, Google India and Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI), using the synchronous learning platform.

NIIT Institute of Finance Banking & Insurance (NIIT IFBI), formed by NIIT with equity participation from ICICI Bank, offers programs for individuals and corporates in Banking, Financial Services and Insurance. NIIT Institute of Process Excellence Limited, a NIIT-GENPACT venture (NIIT Uniqua), offers complete training outsourcing services to the Business Process, Knowledge and Technology Services industry to create business models that enhance productivity and lower costs.

In recognition of its people centric policies, which foster an environment of growth and career development, NIIT has been ranked as the 4th Best company to work for in India 2013-14, by Great Place to Work Institute®.

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