

Three S'pore companies win at APICTA awards

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THREE local technology products – an anti-document counterfeiting solution, a twist-and-remove power extension strip and an electronic locking system that can prevent the mishap of mixing different fuels in oil tanker trucks – have won top accolades in a regional technology contest.

Belonging to Singapore companies Radian Trust, Eubiq and Transmex Systems respectively, the three products topped their respective categories at the Asia Pacific ICT Alliance (APICTA) Awards held in Sentosa last Thursday.

The 7th annual APICTA Awards pit infocomm technology (ICT) products and services from APICTA member countries, including Australia, China, Hong Kong, Thailand, Malaysia and Singapore.

Local IT security service provider Radian Trust won in the security category with an anti-document counterfeiting solution called Phidelity. Used by the Singapore Chambers of Commerce, Stock Holding Corporation of

India (SHCIL) and Panama City, the solution prevents documents from being counterfeited or illegally tampered through a unique optical watermarking technique.

Power outlet maker Eubiq won in the industrial applications category, with a child-safe and modular power outlet system called Eubiq System. The system, which targets home owners and businesses, is the company's answer to banishing power cord clutter.

Unlike common power-extension strips which come with attached power-cords and exposed power sockets, the Eubiq system uses wall and desk-mountable tracks that transmit power via concealed contact points. With a twisting motion, users can add, move and remove power sockets as needed.

Winning in the e-logistics category is Transmex Systems International (TSI), which entered the contest with its tanker truck management system called i-Secure FMS.

It uses a combination of Global Positioning System (GPS)-based loca-

tion trackers and electronically activated locks to prevent fuel tank hatches of oil tanker trucks from being opened before they reach their intended locations.

This guards against theft, as well as prevent the mishap of "cocktail-ing" – the mixing of different fuels in the same storage tank. The system is used by Indonesia's state-owned oil and gas company Pertamina, the Singapore Armed Forces and United Arab Emirates (UAE) Security forces.

A total of 183 entries were judged in this year's event, which was organised by the Singapore infocomm Technology Federation (SITF).

There were a total of 15 award categories, which included education, e-logistics, security, financial applications, industrial applications, media and entertainment.

A number of Singapore organisations also received merit awards. They include Eastcom Systems, Autoscan Technology, Data Security Systems Solutions, Clearhub, Hwa Chong Institution and Raffles Institution. In all, Singapore fielded 34 teams.

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