

Phil National IT Standards Foundation

The Philippine National IT Standards (PhilNITS) Foundation, formerly known as the Japanese IT Standards Exam of the Philippines (JITSE-Phil) Foundation, is a non-stock, non-profit, non-government organization that is implementing a Certification program from the Japan Information Technology Engineers Examination Center (JITEC) of the Information Technology Promotions Agency (IPA), an office attached to the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) of Japan.

The JITSE Phil Foundation, registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) last April 10, 2002, had its application for change of name to Philippine National IT Standards Foundation approved last August 31, 2004. The name has been changed to correct the misconception that the standards being implemented are only for the Japanese market.

Upon close examination and evaluation of the JITSE standard by the Bureau of Product Standards of the Dept. of Trade and Industry (DTI) and the National Computer Center (NCC), it was found that the JITSE standard is equivalent to the European and American standard on the Fundamentals of IT.

The Bureau of Product Standards has therefore approved the recognition of the JITSE standard as a Philippine National Standard with product no. PNS 2030:2003.

The internationally recognized and accepted PhilNITS certificate will open doors for work opportunities here and abroad. It is recognized by the Japanese Government and can be used to facilitate the processing of 1-5 years working visas to Japan.

PhilNITS is implementing two Certification Exams:

- The Fundamental of IT Exam (FE) and the more advanced
- Software Design Development Exam (SW).

The objectives of the examination are: to improve individual technical competence, to indicate levels of competence required for various fields of IT Engineers, to act as guidelines in education and training, to establish objective criteria for evaluating skill and competence of IT Engineers and to raise the social status of qualified professionals.