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EID MUBARAK TO OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS!

We wish a very happy Eid al-Fitr to all our Muslim members who celebrated the end of Ramadan recently.

May this festive season bring peace and joy to you and your loved ones. We are grateful to have such a diverse and wonderful community.

APCSE 2026, Korea - Important Updates

We would like to share an important update regarding the upcoming APCSE 2026 in Seoul, Korea.

The event schedule has been **adjusted by one day** and will now take place from **October 14 to 16**. A school visit is planned for the first day, followed by the conference on the second and third days.

The conference will be held at **Sky31 Convention**, located in **Lotte World Tower**, offering a spectacular panoramic view of the city.

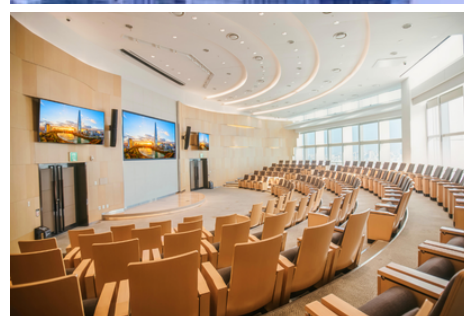
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<https://www.sky31convention.com/en/main/skyMain.do>

We look forward to welcoming many of our members to this special event!!



UPCOMING STUDY SESSION: HOW GENERATIVE AI REALLY WORKS

Date: Wednesday, April 2, 2026 Time: 12:00 – 13:30 JST

Platform: Google Meet (link will be shared with registered members)

Guest Speaker: Simon Guest

We are thrilled to welcome **Simon Guest** as a guest speaker at our next ICSEC study session.

Simon is a 25-year software engineering veteran who has held senior leadership roles at Amazon, Microsoft, and SAP Concur. He served as Chief Technology Officer at Code.org, leading the engineering team behind its global CS learning platform. Now an Adjunct Professor at DigiPen Institute of Technology, Simon focuses full-time on CS and AI education.



.What He'll Talk About

This Spring, Simon launched a brand-new course at DigiPen - “How Generative AI Works”- designed to take students far beyond prompt engineering and into the inner workings of generative AI. The course emphasizes hands-on, practical development: students build their own models, integrate AI into game engines, and grapple with real-world tradeoffs around cost, latency, accuracy, and ethics.

In this session, Simon will share the story behind the course — why he created it, how he structured it, and what he's learning from teaching it. Expect a conversation grounded in both deep technical experience and a passion for education.

For a preview, check out this DigiPen feature article:

[Class Select: Becoming True Model Students in DigiPen's Generative AI Course](https://www.digipen.edu/showcase/news/generative-ai-course)

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We look forward to seeing you on April 2!

ICSEC continues to grow through shared values and meaningful collaboration.

If you are interested in learning more about our work, contributing to regional conversations on CS education, or exploring ways to be part of ICSEC, we welcome you to contact us at yuta@i-csec.org