

## Strong Industry Attendance at First PE COI Annual Conference (20 Sep 2010)



The inaugural PE COI Annual Conference at SIMTech was attended by 125 representatives from 61 companies and government agencies. The conference provided an invaluable opportunity for SMEs in Singapore to explore business partnerships with leading manufacturers in the oil and gas, aerospace, medtech and complex equipment sectors – particularly with the rapid localisation of the manufacturing activities in this high growth region. Local companies have gained a deeper insight on the trends, gaps and strategies involved so that capabilities development consortia can

be cost-effectively formed with the support from A\*STAR, SIMTech, SPRING Singapore, EDB and PE COI. At the conference, MNCs such as Halliburton (Oil & Gas), Applied Materials and AMEC (Semi-conductor equipment), and Medtronic (MedTech) shared some of their localisation requirements and provided case studies.

The Leads of the eight PE COI initiatives also shared some of the key capabilities required to enable local companies to confidently undertake higher precision and higher value manufacturing activities to meet stringent performance requirements. After the conference, specific company-led “by invitation roundtable” discussions were arranged and technological capability development consortia were formed to retain Singapore’s position in these key areas.

