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RAFFLES DESIGN INSTITUTE ACHIEVES “TOP 50 FASHION SCHOOLS IN THE WORLD” RANKING

Singapore, 21 February 2011 – Raffles Design Institute’s (“RDI”) fashion design and related programmes has been ranked 40th in US-based fashion news site – Fashionista.com’s latest ranking of the Top 50 Fashion Schools in the World. It is ranked second amongst the four Asian Fashion Institutes that made it to Fashionista.com’s list.

The ranking, consisting of universities and colleges offering programmes in design, fashion business, marketing, styling, textiles and technology, was published in December 2010. Fashionista.com took in students, employers and industry professionals’ testimonials, tuition costs, demographics, famous alumni, as well as variety in programming as factors of consideration to generate the list.

Professor Giuseppe (Joe) Spinelli, Principal of Raffles College of Higher Education (“RCHE”), said, “We are greatly encouraged by this recognition as one of the top fashion schools in the world. This achievement validates our school’s adage “Success By Design” and we are truly honoured. This award reflects the quality of our programmes. More importantly, our dedication in providing top quality education for our students across our network of RDI colleges in Asia Pacific have been recognised in the world stage.”

RDI is one of the four education brand names under RCHE, a subsidiary of Raffles Education Corporation Limited. The other three brand names are: Raffles Merchandising Institute, Raffles School of Business and Raffles College of Design and Commerce.

“Raffles will continue to grow its intellectual property portfolio by enhancing existing curriculum and rolling out new programmes to meet the changing needs of the industry and professions. This will ensure the standard of our academic credibility and equip our students with the necessary skill-set to realise their full potential within a global economy,” added Professor Spinelli.

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