

BREAKING NEWS! LICENSE COMPLIANCE ACTION

April 29, 2013 - Suspect arrested for Software Piracy



Man arrested for counterfeiting Microsoft software worth more than \$20,000

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He was arrested by the Intellectual Property Rights Branch (IPRB) at Bedok Reservoir View, where 50 high-end counterfeit copies of Microsoft Windows 7 Pro and Office 2010 Pro were seized. Another 35 pieces of high-end counterfeit copies of Office Pro 2010, Windows Server 2008, Windows 7 Home Premium, Windows 7 Pro and Windows 7 Ultimate were found.

It is understood that the man had advertised the counterfeit copies through a local online store.

Microsoft in a statement on Monday said that those who commit copyright infringement may be liable to fines of up to \$100,000 and/or imprisonment of up to five years.

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ALERT:

- **Software piracy is a crime.**

Under Singapore's amended Copyright Act, companies engaging in willful copyright infringement for commercial advantage can face a fine of up to S\$20,000 or imprisonment of up to six months (or both) for first time offenders. --*Business Software Alliance (BSA)*.

- BSA launched a "**Report Corporate Software Piracy**" program offering a reward of up to S\$50,000* for informants who provide reports that result in successful enforcement actions in March 2013. To report piracy, go to www.bsa.org and go to "Report Piracy".



Protect your customers!

- ✓ Alert your customers on the risk of software piracy and ensure correct software license usage rights.
- ✓ Help customers to safeguard their corporate information with genuine software and avoid the risk of being infected with malware and virus.
- ✓ Assist customers on Software Asset Management.
- ✓ Ensure they purchase genuine licensed software through credible resellers like **YOU**.