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AGEST announces a new collaboration with STA Consulting, whose CTO is Dr Stuart Reid, one of world's leading authorities on Software Testing ~Launching an "ISO/IEC/IEEE 29119"-compliant education program and training program for AI testing with the aim of establishing industry standards and providing compliant services in Japan~



AGEST, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as "AGEST"), a subsidiary of DIGITAL HEARTS HOLDINGS Co., Ltd., in collaboration with the Korean company STA Testing Consulting Inc. (hereinafter referred to as "STA Consulting"), is pleased to announce that AGEST is launching an initiative, through the "AGEST Academy", to educate and train test engineers who can perform software testing compliant with the "ISO/IEC/IEEE 29119" international standards. STA Consulting's CTO is Dr Stuart Reid (hereinafter referred to as "Dr Reid"), the convener of ISO Working Group 26, that developed "ISO/IEC/IEEE 29119", the international standards for software testing. He is also the founder of ISTQB(International Software Testing Qualifications Board) the leading global certification scheme in the field of software testing.

AGEST provides services that help to improve software quality and safety by utilizing advanced quality technologies under the vision of "Bringing high value and rich experiences through Digital Transformation using advanced QA technology". In particular, AGEST, places high importance on test engineer education, which is the foundation of service quality, and offers various educational programs, including a business partnership with the US company Rex Black Consulting Services, Inc., as well as support for the acquisition of ISTQB certifications at the "AGEST Academy", an engineer education and training institution headed by our CTSO (Chief Testing Solution Officer) Juichi Takahashi, who is also a leading expert in software testing in Japan.

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Key person

President, AGEST Academy
Juichi Takahashi

- Executive Officer and CTSO, AGEST
- Director, AGEST Testing Lab.

He holds Ph.D. in software testing and is one of the leaders in the software testing industry in Japan.



Key person

Dr Stuart Reid

- Founder, ISTQB
- CTO, STA Testing Consulting Inc.
- Convener, ISO Working Group 26, which has developed "ISO/IEC/IEEE 29119"



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STA Consulting is a software testing consulting company established by Mr Wonil Kwon, an authority on software testing in Korea, and provides training services that include coverage of the "ISO/IEC/IEEE 29119" software testing standard and AI testing knowledge developed by Dr Reid, the CTO of the company.

Dr Reid has provided the following endorsement for this collaboration.

"I am looking forward to working closely with Takahashi-san and building on my previous successful collaborations with members of AGEST. The importance of standards in software testing cannot be over-emphasised, and this opportunity to work on a training scheme based on the ISO 29119 software testing standards is too good to miss. I am especially excited to contribute to the new challenge of testing AI-based systems, as these systems become more prevalent and critical to our daily lives. I am sure this partnership will function as a catalyst in moving software testing to new levels as the results of the research and training are promulgated to test practitioners both in Japan and wider afield."

Dr Stuart Reid

CTO of STA Consulting, Dr Reid is the convener of the ISO Working Group 26, which has developed the new "ISO/IEC/IEEE 29119" Software Testing standards. He also founded ISTQB to promote software testing qualifications on a global scale.

Through this collaboration, AGEST will improve the quality of their software testing services and provide optimal quality technology to its client in addition to strengthening its in-house engineer training system, including an "ISO/IEC/IEEE 29119"-compliant software testing education program and training program to learn cutting-edge system testing methods for AI developed by Dr Reid, and developing a testing process that conforms to these international standards. Furthermore, with a view to providing these training programs externally, AGEST aims to improve the performance of software testing and solve the shortage of software testing engineers in Japan.

AGEST will promote research on cutting-edge technologies and the fostering of QA tech leads who can handle the latest technologies by researching new testing technologies to support society at the "AGEST Testing Lab." and then provide new testing methods and world-standard software testing education programs through the "AGEST Academy". Along with these efforts, AGEST is aiming to establish industry standards in Japan and to develop next-generation QA solutions in compliance with such standards in the near future.

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【About AGEST】

AGEST, with the vision of "Bringing high value and rich experiences through Digital Transformation using advanced QA technology" is contributing to the development of an advanced digital society through the provision of next-generation QA solutions by promoting research on advanced technologies and the cultivation of engineers expected to lead QA teams with the ability to deal with the latest technologies. <https://agest.co.jp/en/>

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