

Accenture Opens R&D Lab In Beijing To Develop Smart-Grid Technology

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AsianScientist (Feb. 15, 2012) - Management consulting company Accenture is expanding its global research and development capabilities by opening a new R&D lab in Beijing, China.

Led by Accenture Chief Scientist Dr. Kishore Swaminathan, the focus of the new lab is to conduct research on emerging technologies and explore innovative ways to address the market needs and challenges of businesses and governments in the region.

“Innovation has been a key theme in China’s five-year plan and we look forward to serving as a long-term technology partner in support of the country’s development,” said Gong Li, chairman of Accenture Greater China.

"Accenture is well-positioned to help lead innovations that address local market challenges in areas such as energy, health, education, urbanization, logistics and other critical issues," he said.

With a government mandate to reduce carbon emission levels by developing low carbon technologies, one of the initial areas of focus for the Beijing lab is to explore how smart grid technologies can be applied to help address China’s growing energy demands.

Beijing is the newest location in the Accenture global network of Technology Labs, which also includes labs in San Jose, California; Bangalore, India; Sophia Antipolis, France; and, Washington, D.C.

The Beijing lab also joins more than 80 Accenture innovation centers around the world, which include co-innovation centers with partners such as SAP AG, Oracle, and Cisco. Accenture has also created a product innovation lab with Telstra in Australia, which is designed to develop cloud computing solutions.

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