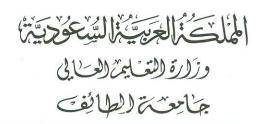
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May 28, 2012

To whom it may concern,

Dear Sir/Madam:

It is truly my pleasure to write this letter of support to Dr. Awase Khirni. As the chair of the department of Information technology for the past year and currently as the academic vice dean of the faculty of Computers and Information Technology at Taif University, I have had the great pleasure of working very closely with Dr. Awase.

Dr. Awase's dedication to excellence in teaching is very impressive. He spends much time preparing and updating the courses he teaches. In the two years he has been with us he has taught geographic information systems, data warehouse, logic programming, software engineering and decision support. He is consistently well prepared, enthusiastic, and able to communicate well with the students and present difficult concepts simply and clearly. He spends much time with students during office hours.

When I was the chair of the IT department I have worked with Dr. Awase on the complete revamping of the curriculum for the BS in IT. He was a major driver and a critical contributor to the development of a high quality program. During this process, I became very aware of his analytical thinking, his ability to work well with others, and his ability to get things done thoroughly and promptly. The new chair and other members of the department who continued on this effort during this year state the same about his efforts and true dedication towards designing a program that meets the international standards and in compliance with requirements for ABET accreditation. Due to his leadership in this process, he was added to the college ABET team.

Dr. Awase is a very personable, outgoing, competent and dedicated individual with excellent communication skills. He will be a very valuable asset to any organization. I strongly recommend him for any position and I am sure you will enjoy having him around as much as we, at Taif University, will miss him!

Sincerely,

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