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**CIM's Graham Jones – Recipient of the Microsoft Most Valuable Professional (MVP) Award**

Companies and organizations recognize individuals as Fellows for their significant contributions. So Apple has their Fellows; [Guy Kawasaki](#) is an Apple Fellow. The ACM and CIPS also have their Fellows; [Maria Klawe](#) is one of them. Both have been interviewed here.

What about special recognition for service to technical groups – a "fellow" program for serving the greater Community? This is how I view the [MVP program](#): a special Fellows program for independent volunteers who give so much for the advancement of IT practitioners and represent a significant resource to business, industry, academia, government, and the media.

I feel privileged to write this blog since our very own Graham Jones, who writes and contributes so much to the CIM, and to ICT professionals as President of VANTUG, is the recipient of the Microsoft MVP Award.

Graham as a newly minted MVP receive this recognition for his "demonstrated technical expertise, willingness to help others and commitment to technical communities," and his "extraordinary contribution." Graham as an MVP represents, "technology's best and brightest," "a stellar group of individuals from around the world who have demonstrated a willingness to reach out."

Congratulations to Graham for this very special recognition in providing service, not only to technical communities but also to the greater community: charities, industry, business, media, education, and government.

Cheers,  
 Stephen Ibaraki

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Thursday, July 06, 2006 5:04 PM by [jchen0119](#)

Congratulations, Graham! I think you richly deserve this honor and I appreciate all your great work in these years.

BTW, I am actively looking for volunteer opportunities right now. So please let me know if you need any help, Graham.

Cheers

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**# re: CIM's Graham Jones – Recipient of the Microsoft Most Valuable Professional (MVP) Award**

Thursday, July 06, 2006 7:52 PM by [jointer](#)

Stephen,

Thank you very much for your kind words. I only hope that I can live up to the high standards, which are expected. I will certainly be working hard to do justice to the honour that I have been given.

I have achieved professional recognition in a number of ways over my career but the MVP award is particularly special to me. Firstly, because it was given rather than sought after and secondly because I have always believed in helping others if it was within my knowledge or power, even to the point of my own detriment on occasions.

As I have grown older, the importance, value and personal reward of making a contribution to the community has become more important to me. When you are younger it is often difficult to separate ambition and the desire for security from some of the more important things in life. When something isn't about money or creature comforts but about seeing or hearing the appreciation for your efforts, then there is no greater reward.

I guess, at the moment, I still find it hard to believe that I am now part of a group, which I always regarded as 'special'. It is going to take a little time to get used to the idea :).

Cheers



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