

## Going on the IT trail in full gear

INTI College has designed and introduced many new programmes for its Computer Science and IT students.

This is in line with the vision of its president Tan Yew Sing, "to develop INTI College into a forward-looking, internationalised e-campus with emphasis on holistic education".

As a result, the School of Computing and Information Technology (Socit) has become very pro-active in its approach towards popularising the use of Information Technology by virtual means.

One of INTI's achievements towards making its goal a reality is the awarding of three of its campuses in Bandar Baru Nilai, Subang Jaya and Sarawak with the MSC status.

The college is also planning an incubation centre at the main campus in Bandar Baru Nilai, to provide small companies with the resources to develop IT products.

"Although incubators are not new in Malaysia, an incubator in a private college may be the first of its kind," said INTI management services general manager Daniel Chi.

Meanwhile, Jesus Tinawin, head of the computing and information technology department at INTI College Subang Jaya, said the college plans to develop industrial linkages, and part of the plan on a bigger scale is to work with leading multinational companies in the field of computing and IT.

The college has invested

between RM10 million and RM12 million on hardware, software and peripherals, as well as networking, including RM16 million for the laying of fibre-optic cables and the ATM backbone infrastructure in its main campus in Bandar Baru Nilai.

Campus-wide, there are nine servers, such as the electronic mail (e-mail) server, and proxy server - linked via the ATM network and an estimated total of 600 personal computers.

At present, the hostels at INTI College Malaysia boast one Internet point for every student.

In addition, INTI College is also building a resource centre: a 4-storey multimedia learning environment spanning 110,000 square feet which

will house a library, multimedia centre, staff development centre, learning theatres and work stations.

The interactive multimedia resources available here will allow students to formulate their own learning methods.

The Internet facilities at the Subang Jaya campus are also being continuously upgraded, and classrooms are fully equipped with Internet facilities and multimedia PCs and LCDs.

Tinawin explains that there are many components that make up the e-campus, and a lot of software is still in the process of being developed.

These are software that have been developed by students and staff themselves.