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UNDER the Eighth Malaysia Plan, the Government plans to set up "Pusat Internet Desa" or Rural Internet Centres at post offices and community halls in villages.

The objective of the programme is to encourage the use of IT, especially among the younger generation.

Deputy Minister of Energy, Com-

munications and Multimedia Datuk Tan Chai Ho said this at the opening of a camp on "Digital Advancement 2000" at Inti College recently.

A total of 47 students from 15 secondary schools in Johor, Negri Sembilan, Selangor and Perak participated in the camp, which was jointly organised by Inti College, *Nanyang Siang Pau* and RFM 98.8.

In his speech, Tan Chai Ho said only seven per cent of the Malay-

sian population owned computers and the Government hoped to achieve the target of 25 per cent by the end of 2005.

Later, Inti College president Tan Yew Sing touched on the importance of a balance between technological advancement and aesthetic and human values to create a healthy society.

Tan Yew Sing focused on the good qualities of the Japanese team spirit, self discipline, creativ-

ity and individuality.

The three-day/two-night camp held at the Inti College campus in Nilai managed to expose students to the latest digital development in the country, as well as in the world.

One of the highlights of the programme was the online access to the RFM 98.8 broadcasting room. Participants had a chance to talk to deejays at the RFM 98.8 radio station.