

Help for the blind

ON a mission to make e-mail services available to the visually impaired, Lee Hoong Yen, 22, embarked on an honours project entitled *Development of an E-mail Interactive Software for the Blind, Using Voice Synthesiser*. The idea involves the marriage of e-mail and voice synthesiser technology which will enable the visually impaired to "read" their e-mail messages by simply using the shortcut keys on the keyboard, which houses all the major features of this program.

"Users will also have access to an interactive Help Screen, which will provide information on operating the software and answers to problems that might occur," said Lee, who graduated from Inti College with a Bachelor of Computer Pro-

gramme, Coventry University.

Her college mate Rajendra Balakrishnan's project encompasses the development of a medical website and application software to ameliorate the difficulties and inefficiencies faced by hospitals and medical institutions the world over.

Rajendra presents his solution on how doctors around the world can share medical opinions, keep track of the latest medical developments and conduct forums via chat and conferencing features.

Rajendra hopes to pursue a post-graduate degree next October at the University of Stuttgart in Germany and enter the medical field upon his return, while Lee plans to pursue a Master of Business Administration in Finance.



THIS IS THE WAY ... Rajendra receiving guidance from his lecturer Shanmuga Sundram.