

# Plenty to choose from at IT hub

PENANG: Microfair 2002 kicks off tomorrow, transforming the Penang International Sports Arena (Pisa) in Relau into an IT hub for the next three days.

Visitors can check out the 155 booths for the latest in computer systems, peripherals, multimedia, accessories, software, IT education, communication products, imaging technology and the Internet.

The Hong Leong Finance Auto Fair is being held simultaneously at the Pisa car park featuring about 400 cars, where each purchaser will get a RM200 voucher to buy IT products at Microfair.

Held for the 12th year in Penang, the fair will be opened by Chief Minister Tan Sri Dr Koh Tsu Koon at 10am.

Among others, a host of new activities will be introduced this year, including a bulletin board for visitors to "advertise" used or new IT products that they wish to buy or sell

and *The Star On-line's Beli Good* special screen announcing product promotions or free voucher giveaways.

*The Star* is also organising a Buy & Win contest with some RM30,000 worth of prizes to be won including the latest iMac G4 desktop worth over RM5,000 as the first prize.

Every receipt or accumulated receipts worth RM50 and above will entitle the buyer to an entry form which can be obtained at *The Star* Information Counter.

The National IT Council will be conducting a visitors survey, offering freebies to participants and other prizes in a special draw.

There is also a PC Clinic operated by First Care Computer Services offering free check-ups for used products.

Visitors can look forward to a series of technology showcase to be conducted by CG Computers at PISA's function

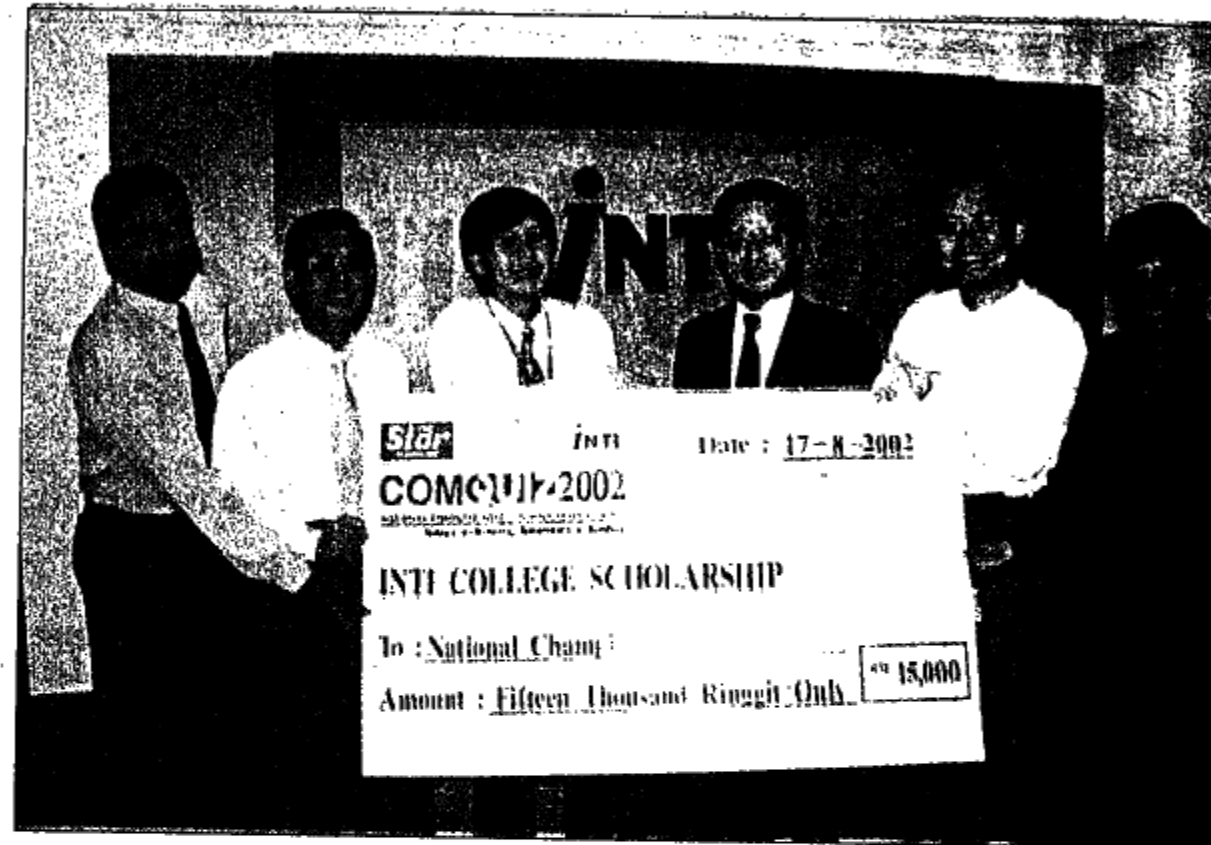
rooms.

Among the speakers is pioneer digital photographer Siow Jen Hor who will be conducting a session on *The A to Z in Digital Photography* on Saturday from 8.30pm to 9.30pm.

There is also a separate daily Digital Imaging Workshop by Kodak for digital camera enthusiasts and daily Product Workshop on selected peripherals conducted by MCL Systems.

*The Star In.Tech* CD Vol 8 which contains over 180 licensed software, an archive of *In.Tech* articles published from November 2000 to December 2001 and a resource centre, will be available at RM20 to the first 40 customers daily.

Organised by *The Star* and *In.Tech*, the fair is open to the public from 11am to 10pm daily. Car parking and admission into the exhibition area is free.



FOR THE DESERVING ... Dr Lee (third from right) and the college's Nilai campus marketing manager (second from right) presenting the mock cheque to Fong (third from left) the Kuala Lumpur campus recently.

## INTI scholarships totalling RM27,000 await winners

PETALING JAYA: Winning students in this year's ComQuiz national computer quiz will receive a total of RM27,000 in scholarships from INTI College.

The champion school team will get scholarships worth RM15,000, the first runner up RM7,500 and third runner-up RM3,000. The team that comes in fourth will get a RM1,500

scholarship as part of a consolation prize.

Dr Lee Fah Onn, senior vice-president of INTI College presented the scholarship cheques to Star Publications (M) Bhd marketing services department assistant manager Fong Ten Chee recently.

"The scholarships will allow the winning students to further their studies at INTI

College, which offers academic programmes at certificate, diploma and undergraduate level," Dr Lee said.

The scholarship holders will also have the opportunity to obtain an overseas degree because INTI College has twinning programmes with Coventry University and the University of Hertfordshire in the United Kingdom.

ComQuiz is an annual competition organised by *The Star* and is open to Form Three, Form Four and Form Five students in Malaysian schools. This year's competition is co-organised by the INTI Foundation.

Last year's event drew more than 1,900 students from 248 secondary schools nationwide to participate in the com-

petition.

The preliminary rounds of ComQuiz 2002 is scheduled to begin on June 22 in various cities nationwide. Participants will be tested on their knowledge of software and hardware, technology trends, the Internet and basic computing. The top three teams will qualify for the finals.

The final round will be held

at INTI International College in Penang on Aug 17.

Meanwhile, the closing date for submission of entries has been extended to May 24.

Entry forms are available on *The Star Online* ([thestar.com.my](http://thestar.com.my)). For more information, contact *The Star* Marketing Services Department at 03-7967-1238 or 03-7967-1432 during office hours.