



ANNUAL CONTEST: Datuk Ng (centre) flanked by Dr Lee (right) and Mohd Fadzil (left) and students at *The Star's* Comquiz 2004 launching ceremony held at SMK Damansara Jaya yesterday.

Comquiz 2004 to promote computer literacy and ICT

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PETALING JAYA: It is once again time for secondary school students to put on their thinking caps and show how IT-savvy they really are at *The Star's* Comquiz 2004.

The annual national quiz, themed *Today's e-Winners, Tomorrow's e-Leaders*, is open to all Form Three to Form Five students, who will be tested on their basic computing skills and knowledge of both software and hardware, the Internet and technology trends.

Star Publications (M) Bhd group editorial/education adviser Datuk Ng Poh Tip said its main aim was to promote computer literacy, computer appreciation and information

and communication technology (ICT) among students.

"Our goal is to help students keep abreast of ICT knowledge and become more techno-savvy," she said yesterday at the launch of *The Star's* Comquiz 2004 at SMK Damansara Jaya, a finalist last year.

Ng said it was important to increase computer literacy in both urban and rural areas.

"We hope the quiz will also be a catalyst in narrowing the IT gap between rural and urban students," she added.

Also present at the launch was Inti College senior vice-president Dr Lee Fah Onn and Education Ministry Student Affairs Unit assistant director Mohd Fadzil Mohd Jaafar.

Ng said this was the first

time the ministry was jointly organising the event with *The Star* and Inti Foundation and hoped the relationship would continue in the years to come.

"We have come a long way since 1990, when we first started the quiz. We are growing from strength to strength and we could not have done it without the continuous support of everyone involved," she said.

The event's main sponsors are Inti College, Brunfield, Microsoft, Canon, Digi and Eastpak.

All entry forms must be received by May 14. For more information, call *The Star's* Marketing Services Department at 03-7967 1388 or log on to www.thestar.com.my or www.inti.edu.my.