

Computers for all schools by 2005

KUALA LUMPUR: The Education Ministry aims to provide computers for all primary and secondary schools by 2005.

Education Minister Datuk Seri Musa Mohd said this in his speech read by the ministry's secretary general Datuk Ambrin Buang at the launch of the "E-Learning for Life" project.

He said the main objective was to "give our schoolchildren access to computer literacy and the Internet and the usage of technology in teaching and learning."

"In time, all our schools will be transformed into 'smart schools,' where technology is used to enhance school management and most importantly, in the teaching and the learning," he said.

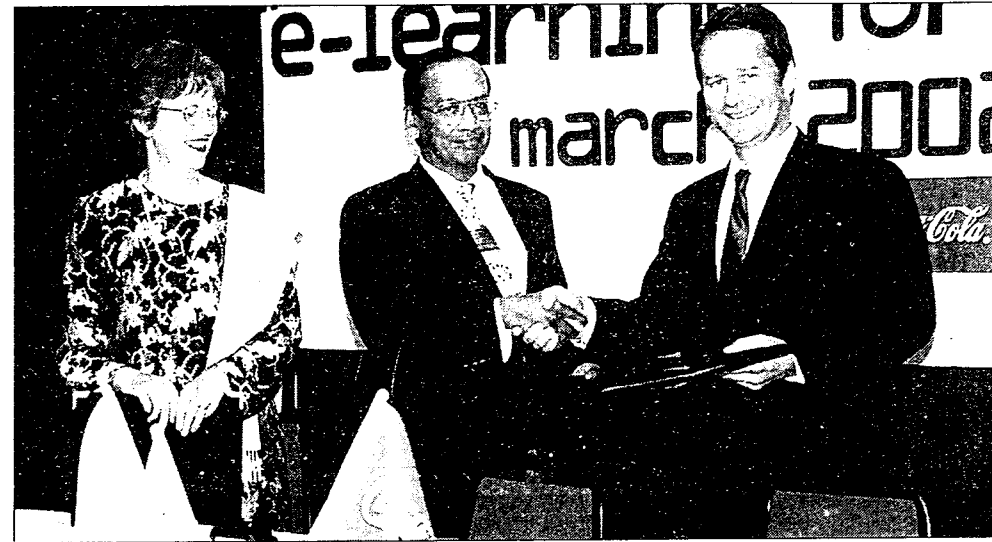
The 18-month "E-Learning for Life" project involves the United Nations Development

Programme (UNDP), the Education Ministry and Coca-Cola Co.

It is aimed at bridging the digital divide. Information and Communications Technology (ICT) hubs will be made available to six rural schools, to facilitate teacher training as well as ICT training programmes.

The schools involved are SMK Tunku Anum Tunku Abdul Rahman in Jitra, Kedah; SMK Sri Muda in Seberang Perai Utara, Penang; SMK Batu 4 in Gerik, Perak; SMK Seri Pengkalan in Alor Gajah, Malacca; SMK Dato Menteri in Ayer Hitam, Johor; and SMK Pulau Tawar in Jerantut, Pahang.

The schools were chosen for their good leadership and supportive parent-teacher associations, according to the project's organisers. — **STEVEN PATRICK**



DONE DEAL ... Ambrin (centre) shaking hands with Coca Cola Malaysia country manager Reiner Becker (right) as Maxine Olson, the resident UNDP representative, looks on at the 'E-Learning for Life' signing ceremony.

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