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Promote IT gradually in rural areas, urges DAP

PETALING JAYA, Sun. - The DAP today called on the Government to gradually promote information technology in the rural areas and less developed towns in the country.

National publicity secretary and Federal Territory deputy chairman Wee Choo Keong said the move was necessary to avoid a culture shock to the computer illiterates and those living below poverty line.

Although Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had been successful in making Malaysians aware of the importance of moving into the Information Age, Wee said it could not be denied that there was still a large majority of the population who were computer illiterates.

"This group should not be made to feel alienated by the sudden explosion of IT, thus there is a need for a 'one computer for one Malaysian family' campaign to be implemented immediately," he said after the launching of the party's Rocket Press homepage on-line here by DAP national chairman Dr Chen Man Hin. The party's page website is <http://www2.jaring.my/daphome>.

Wee said the launching of the homepage would provide the public with another information avenue.

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