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41 applications from Sabah and Sarawak so far

KUALA LUMPUR, Sun. - The Microsoft-New Straits Times Young Programmers Club's database survey revealed quite a few applications from Sabah and Sarawak.

MyPC creator Derrik Khoo said so far, there were 41 applications from the two States, adding to the 1,300 applications received nationwide.

Among the applicants were Abdul Rahim Kechik, 11, Anthony Yii Chau Ang, 15, and Loong Hsieu Yen, 12, from Sarawak as well as Isaac Su Dao Chuan, 14, nine-year-old Lim Yve Von and How Wee Yang, 15, from Sabah.

Abdul Rahim claims to have programming knowledge in Microsoft's J++ and hypertext mark-up language (HTML), Ang claims to know Visual Basic (VB), C/C++ and Pearl while Loong claims to know VB.

Chuan, on the other hand, claims to have VB and C/C++ knowledge while both Lim and How claim to be proficient in VB.

"We hope to select more than one applicant from each State to better reflect the overwhelming response to the programme," said Khoo.

MyPC begins its selection process next week and applicants will receive news on the status of their application via e-mail.

"Programming will be the main activity in MyPc," added Khoo, who is also the president of MSC-Status company Brave and Bold Sdn Bhd, a Patimas Computers Bhd subsidiary.

MyPC, which was launched last month by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Microsoft Corp chairman Bill Gates, is an initiative to nurture and discover young programming talents.

The initiative complements the Multimedia Super Corridor with its mission to promote software development to leapfrog Malaysia into the Information Age.

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