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PJ La Salle out to ensure it is not left behind

PETALING JAYA, Sun. - A busload of La Salle Secondary School pupils will visit the Infotech Malaysia/ITX '98 exhibition next week, ready to learn all they can about the National Information Technology Agenda and how they can benefit from it.

The school's headmistress Ramlah Hassan said today the pupils would absorb the diverse views, issues and information at the event, and share their experiences with her and the rest of the school.

"In part because we were not selected as one of the initial Smart Schools, the onus is on me and the teachers, parents and pupils to go and find out for ourselves what is going on in IT because we do not want to be left behind," she said.

Ramlah said the Smart School concept called for teachers who were able to source the Internet for relevant material and then pass it on to their pupils or help their pupils learn to find the material on their own.

"It takes training and this will be a monumental task for the ministry, schools and individuals," she said, adding that the school's Parent-Teacher Association was "very supportive" of its efforts to adopt Smart School concepts.

She said La Salle would be holding several fund-raising activities to upgrade its computer laboratory, which currently has 15 computers without Internet access.

"We want about 45, which will at least be enough for one class, so that we can begin having lessons in the laboratory," she said.

A Food and Fun Fair will be held on Saturday and a charity golf tournament on May 2. For more information, call 03-7566200 or e-mail ramlahh@pc.jaring.my

The Infotech Malaysia/ITX '98 conference and exhibition will be held at the Putra World Trade Centre from Tuesday to Friday and will be launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who is also chairman of the National IT Council.

The event is organised by the NITC and the Association of the Computer Industry Malaysia, with the New Straits Times, Berita Harian, Computimes, Berita Komputer and Sin Chew Jit Poh as the official media.

It is co-organised by Mimos Bhd, the Malaysian Administrative Modernisation and Management Planning Unit, Telekom Malaysia Bhd, the Multimedia Development Corporation and Uni-Technologies Sdn Bhd, a commercial arm of Universiti Teknologi Malaysia.

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