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Volunteers sought as mentors to shape IT leaders

KUALA LUMPUR, Mon. - With a commitment to provide each member of the Microsoft-New Straits Times Young Programmers Club (MyPC) with a qualified mentor, organisers of the programme are looking for volunteers to shape the next generation of Malaysian IT leaders.

"MyPC mentoring system is essentially an apprenticeship in programming," Derrik Khoo, who initiated MyPC, said.

"As such, the mentoring system will consist of qualified IT professionals who are willing to share their knowledge such as networking and application development to these bright and talented youngsters.

"These mentors will also be role models for MyPC members," he added.

"Members will be given assignments based on their intellectual, analytical and programming skills.

"It is the intention of MyPC to create an all-round individual out of its members. And this will be done through a well-planned programme which will groom MyPC members in their respective areas of expertise without losing sight of the other key areas of personal development."

IT professionals interested in investing their time in the MyPC mentoring programme may e-mail to MyPC organisers at mypc@bcbold.com.my.

"Programming will, no doubt, be the key activity in MyPC," said Khoo, who is also president and CEO of MSC-Status company Brave & Bold Sdn Bhd, which is a subsidiary of Patimas Computers Bhd.

"MyPC members will be given programming assignments related to the Internet and database management, for instance, a programme to manage the household budget, plan a family holiday and trace or document a family tree."

MyPC will support the Multimedia Super Corridor in its overall development, especially in the area of human resource development and will spearhead the development of IT applications among the young.

The programme was launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Microsoft chairman and CEO Bill Gates on March 18.

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