

Infosys and Microsoft launch "Computers@Classrooms" program

Bangalore, India - January 19, 1999 - Infosys and Microsoft today announced the launch of the "Computers@Classrooms" program. Under this initiative Infosys will donate used PCs installed with Microsoft software to educational institutions. The "Computers@Classrooms" program has been made possible by the recent Government announcement that used PCs, imported by export oriented software organizations can be donated, free of duty, to educational institutions.



Dr. H. Narasimhaiah, Former Vice-Chancellor, Bangalore University with Mr. Narayana Murthy

Infosys today handed over 138 computers to schools in Bangalore and Mangalore. Students of 19 schools in Bangalore and 24 in Mangalore will benefit from these PCs. Microsoft has provided Microsoft Works and Microsoft Encarta software for this program. This initiative will be expanded to cover many more schools around the country in the future.

Mr. Narayana Murthy, Chairman and Managing Director of Infosys Technologies Limited, presided over the function held at Infosys' Corporate Headquarters in Electronics City, Bangalore. He handed over letters of transfer of the PCs to the schools, along with the software donated by Microsoft.

Mr. Ashutosh Vaidya, Director (Business Development), Microsoft, India, Dr. J. Sridharan, Commissioner of Customs, Mr. B. V. Naidu, Director, Software Technology Parks of India, and Ms. Lalitha John, Additional Commissioner of Customs were present at the function.



Mr. Ashutosh Vaidya, Ms. Lalitha John, Mr. Narayana Murthy and Dr. J. Sridharan

"Children are the foundation of a better future, but many schools can not afford to buy PCs for their classrooms. Through this program, we hope to increase the PC penetration in schools," commented Mr. S. Gopalakrishnan, Deputy Managing Director, Infosys Technologies Ltd.

"Though Information Technology has touched virtually every aspect of life, it is still confined to the urban areas. If we are to become a truly IT driven country, the benefits of Information Technology should reach the rural populace. It is our aim to spread computer literacy across all sections of society," said Mr. Rajiv Nair, President, Microsoft Corporation India Ltd. "We at Microsoft are committed to support this commendable initiative and will continue to support this in the future."

This PC donation program is part of Infosys' efforts to spread computer literacy in India. Computer demonstrations at rural schools and play-and-learn workshops for children are some other related activities.

About Microsoft

Microsoft Corporation India Private Ltd. is a subsidiary of Microsoft Corporation USA. It has had a presence in India since 1987 and currently has offices in New Delhi, Bangalore, Mumbai, Chennai, and Calcutta. Founded in 1975, Microsoft (NASDAQ "MSFT") is the world-wide leader in software for personal computers. The company offers a wide range of products and services for business and personal use, each designed with the mission of making it easier and more enjoyable for people to take advantage of the full power of personal computing every day.

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