

\* Networks and communications systems must be installed and maintained.

\* Users must be able to work with new tools.

Mr. Tariq further said that DCL will provide courses based on open systems technologies (UNIX, C, TCP/IP) and products (Solaris, Visual C++, PC/TCP, PC-XWare) to provide training in both the principles and the practicalities of working in a connected world.

DCL's courses will cover the training needs of users, developers and managers of all levels from novice to expert in the areas of Networking and Internetworking, developing Networked Application which includes comprehensive training in C and C++ for developers. There will also be a comprehensive range of UNIX training courses, developed by the instruction set and will cover the use and administration of UNIX for users, developers and system administrators. The course also covers the major UNIX variants, including System V Release-4, Solaris and AIX.

In the well-equipped training centre of DCL, all the participants will have access to a fully specified workstation with network access to a range of training systems and (through BDNNet) to the connected internet.

#### Attention Students!

Computer Jagat is going to organize a nation-wide Software Competition for the students under 15 years.

For details read our next issue.

-Editor

## NEWS WATCH

### COMPAQ'S NEW PRESARIO

Compaq Computer Corp. of USA rolled out its fall line of personal computers that includes big improvements in the sound and picture quality of the machines.

Compaq's updated Presario line now starts at \$1699 for the base model, not including a monitor, and tops out at \$2,999. All of the Presarios have Pentium microprocessors and multimedia capabilities.

In an industry dominated by intense price competition Compaq is trying to differentiate itself from lower priced rivals by emphasizing the "theatre like experience" of its new machines. □



#### COMPAQ DEALER FORUM '95

Compaq Computer South Asia dealer forum was recently held at Sheraton Grande Leguna Beach Hotel, Phuket Island, Thailand. The picture shows Mr. Borhan Uddin, Managing Director, Desktop Computer Connection Ltd and Mr. Tan Kok Hin, Managing Director, Compaq Computer South Asia/ IndoChina during the forum.

### NOVELL PUSHING SOFTWARE TO OTHER HORIZON

Novell Inc. pushing its software outside computer networks. The company announced an alliance with UtiliCorp. United to use electric power lines to help homes and businesses manage energy consumption.

The companies will jointly market technology that would let customer appliances communicate with utilities without additional wiring. Customers could authorize utilities, for example, to remotely monitor electric devices such as air conditioners, refrigerators and water heaters.

Most other companies are considering using fiber-optic cable or wireless technologies to communicate with homes. Novell, said its NEST software makes it possible to communicate over power lines at up to 2 million bits of data per second, much faster than existing power line technologies. □

### ACER GETS MORE THAN EXPECTATION

Taiwan's leading computer maker Acer Inc's group sales will likely hit NT\$200 billion (US\$27.27 billion) in 1997 due to expected successful sales of its new Aspire series of home PCs, Chairman Stan Shih said.

"Just our Aspire alone can reach annual sales of NT \$100 billion in 1997," he said.

Initially, Acer group set the NT \$ 200 billion target for the year 2000. Its group revenue reached NT \$ 85 billion last year and was expected to come in at NT \$110 billion this year.

Mr. Shih said Acer has been encouraging signs of buying interest in its new Aspire computers, which are equipped with eight megabytes of random-access memory and a 540MB hard disk drive. □

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