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COMPUTEX TAIPEI '99

AOpen AX6BC Pro Adjudged Best Motherboard

The AX6BC Pro (Golden Version) motherboard from AOpen Inc. adjudged best motherboard in Computex '99 Taipei show. AX6BC Pro is Pentium II/III based motherboard with Intel 440BX chipset. AX6BC Pro will have no problem supporting future P-III processor upgrades. AOpen's AX6BC motherboard implements some special features such as-Jumperless design, Batteryless, Zero Voltage Modern Wake-up, RTC Wake-up Timer, Overcurrent Protection, CPU Thernal Protection, Fan Monitoring, System Voltage Monitoring, Switching Regulator, Sound Bluster Link etc. For further details please contact-Computer Plus. Tel.: 9567287.

Bill Gates Plans \$100 Billion in Donations

Bill Gates Microsoft's founder-the world's richest man-plans to become the biggest charity donor in history with a \$100 billion giveaway as disclosed to press by his father.

Gates' father, who manages the William H. Gates Foundation, told his son planned to donate his fortune to help rid this planet of diseases such as AIDS and malaria and will announce a series of new funding programs in the next three months

He said the cash would be handed over within the lifetimes of Gates and his wife Melinda, leaving their two children with approximately \$10 million each.

Gates built his vast fortune from the Microsoft technology empire he started from scratch. The donation will turn his foundation into the world's biggest charity. #

APTECH's Profit Jumps by 50%, Software Revenue up by 81%

APTECH Limited, India, the Global Technology Company's Revenue has grown by 26.62% from Rs. 120.56 crores to Rs. 152.66 crores for the first half ended 30th June '99. Profit Before Depreciation and Tax (PBDT) has shown a steep increase of 50% from Rs. 19.55 crores to Rs. 29.33 crores.

APTECH's Software Groups have added new clients from the US, Europe, Australia, Gulf and South East Asia during the year. This has resulted in the revenue from software division growing from Rs. 13.38 crores to Rs. 24.32 crores a increase of 81.79%

Aptech is operating in Bangladesh through a wholly owned subsidiary Aptech (WOS) Bangladesh Limited and has 11 education centers operational in Dhaka

and Chittagong.

Free iMac Offer Coming

The free PC concept is coming to the Mac universe A start-up U.S. company, tentatively titled FreeMac.com, will soon unveil a plan to give away (in phases) I million Apple iMac computers complete with

Internet service from EarthLink to qualified applicants. Like fellow newcomer Free-PC. FreeMac.com will give the iMacs to individuals who meet certain pre-defined demographic criteria.

In exchange, these iMao users will become members of a "community," company sources said. FreeMac.com will profit from advertisers and e-commerce providers.

Nearly all of the major PC companies have either started selling their own ISP service or offering free service for limited periods of time. The iMac is also dropping in price, making subsidizing the cost of the hardware in an ISP contract easier to do

Apple is also reported to be investigating its own free or subsidized PC deals.



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