

Inventory management software for SMIs

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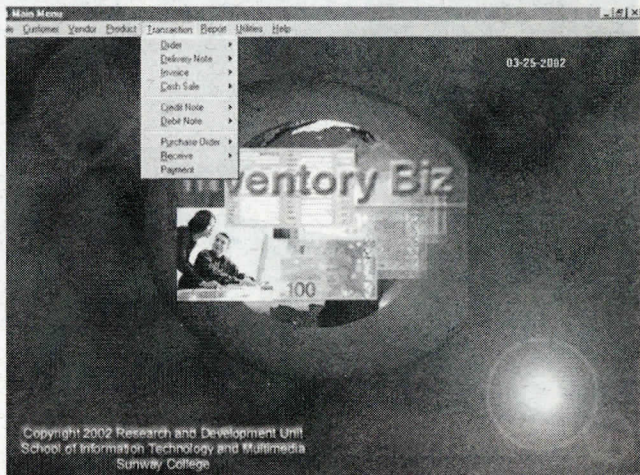
TO help the small and medium-sized industries (SMIs) in their daily inventory management, Sunway College has come up with a software called Inventory Biz.

The product was developed by two Sunway College students, Kwong Siaw Chiun and Wong Thean Chee, who are now part of the college's research and development (R&D) unit under the School of Information Technology and Multimedia.

Its principal Elizabeth Lee said Inventory Biz is the first R&D project that has been developed by the college for the commercial market. The software, which took one year and two months to develop, offers features that makes inventory process easier for companies to manage.

One of them is the interactive help to assist novice users in using the software efficiently. The interactive help incorporates features like animation using Macromedia Flash.

Sunway College's R&D officer David Chan said two other key features in the software are producing



Inventory Biz: Features interactive help for novices.

a list of top 25 products and bottom 25 products.

Inventory Biz also contains functions like managing order inventory, re-order recommendation, tracking order numbers and monitoring inventory balances. Other features are database back-up for archiving, customer transaction history, searching capability, structured query language (SQL) filtering tool and generating reports like gross profit analysis, monthly stock status.

The software, priced at RM399, is targeted at offices, restaurants, manufacturing industries, re-

tailers and construction companies. It is being tested in Sunway College's library and School of Hospitality and Tourism Management (SHTM). The college is looking for distributors.

Chan said the R&D unit is working on the client-server version of the software. The unit also plans to introduce an e-tutor system called interactive biology in the September/October time-frame.

Other projects being pursued include handwriting recognition software, e-commerce solutions, time-tabling system, robotics and Intranet solutions.

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