Oracle appoints Sunway to teach courseware

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ORACLE Systems Malaysia Sdn Bhd has appointed Sunway College to teach its courseware to the college's information technology students.

Oracle education director Careen Yap said the college would be among the first local private colleges to offer courseware from the Oracle education career programme (OECP).

"The OECP is a local driven programme, which is part of Oracle's US$250mil Oracle academic initiative commitment to help address the worldwide IT labour shortage," Yap told Star Business in Petaling Jaya yesterday.

In the programme, Oracle will provide Sunway with leading-edge high tech software and technical support, train its lecturers, technology, and provide curriculum and certification resources for both the faculty and students.

Yap said a survey by Deloitte & Touche Consulting found that 1,500 chief information officers in 21 countries were experiencing unprecedented demand for IT professionals.

Yap said that recent local reports had highlighted a deficit in the areas of technical support and a lack of programmer analysts and software developers in Malaysia.

"IT professionals are in demand but there are not many available," she said.

"For example, the demand for programme analysts is about 22,000 between 1998 and 2005 but the supply of such skills is about 2,000 for this period," Yap said.