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## Refurbished PCs for two charitable organisations

ACER Malaysia recently delivered 50 personal computers loaded with Microsoft software to St. Nicholas' Home in Penang and Grace Community Services in the Klang Valley.

The computers were collected, refurbished and donated by Acer as part of a trade-in programme they had organised earlier in the year.

Customers were entitled to a RM200 discount for purchases of Microsoft Windows-based Acer desktops, notebooks or netbooks with each trade-in.

The machines were checked and repaired before being handed over to the two NGOs.



Thank you Acer: (Second row, from left): Acer training and social services manager Eileen Khoo, head of IT department Amir Teh, IT instructor cum consultant David Hathaway, and part-time instructor P. Vijaya together with the residents of St. Nicholas Home, Penang posing with the refurbished Acer computers in their recently completed computer laboratory.

The trade-in programme was an extension of the recently launched joint charity campaign "I'm Inspired" with Microsoft.

Microsoft sponsored Windows 7 operating systems and Office 2010 software to complete the systems.

Acer Malaysia general manager Ricky Tan said: "We are pleased with the success of the campaign."

“Acer is dedicated to giving back to the local communities that help us grow,” he added.

“When we conceived the campaign, it was to encourage schoolchildren to take an active interest in social issues and to give back to society. The response has been inspiring,” said Microsoft Malaysia chief financial officer Vijay Bala.

“We are thankful to Acer and Microsoft for providing us with the upgraded machines.

“Some of our current machines are still running on older operating systems.

“These machines will be used for our IT programme to train the blind,” St. Nicholas Home executive director Daniel Soon said.

St. Nicholas’ Penang is the only NGO to offer the certified International Computer Driving Licence (ICDL) programme for the blind.

“The refurbished computers will be used to expand our third computer laboratory,” Soon said.

Meanwhile, Grace Community Services social works director Roy Tan was delighted at being selected for the programme.

“Computers are something we need for the different homes under our banner.

“Our residents, especially the younger ones, can use computers to learn new skills,” he said.