

Software donated to Ngee Ann Polytechnic

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Present at the donation ceremony were (from left): F.A. Vassenwala, Ngee Ann Polytechnic Vice Principal; Chen Hung, Principal; Don Coggan and High Commissioner Brady.

Arrakis Technologies of Montreal donated a C\$500,000 computer software package, called Text-Mate, to Ngee Ann Polytechnic.

Under a license provided by Coggan Douserv Associates (CDA) — an international consulting firm specializing in high technology systems and exclusive distributor of Arrakis products — Ngee Ann will use the Arrakis Socrates development software system to create Text-Mate products suitable for Singapore schools.

Text-Mate is a new concept in computer-aided instruction. The product is linked to the textbook used in the curriculum and features artificial intelligence capabilities allowing the programs to respond appropriately to users' enquiries.

Don Coggan, President of CDA, said that his company is looking for other partners in Malaysia, Thailand and Indonesia to develop Arrakis products for use outside North America. Joint venture agreements involving the licensed use of Arrakis systems will be considered.

Enquires from interested parties should be sent to Mr. Donald Coggan, President, Coggan Douserv Associates, 5035 de Maisonneuve Blvd. West, Montreal, Quebec, Canada H4A 1Y5.

Enquiries concerning text-related software should be directed to Mr. Geoff Wilson, Head, Educational Technologies Centre, Ngee Ann Polytechnic, Clementi Rd, Singapore 2159, telephone 466-6555.



During an unofficial visit to Singapore in January, the Canadian Minister of Transport, John Crosbie, (right) met with his Singapore counterpart, the Minister for Communications and Information, Yeo Ning Hong. A number of issues were discussed including the Canada — Singapore air agreement.



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