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## \$300m for computer learning

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ALL public-sector primary schools will have multimedia computers and all pre-vocational and technical schools will get special computer learning centres within two years.

Education Department Senior Assistant Director Tsui See-ming said \$300 million would lay a good foundation for the development of computer-aided learning and curricula.

Computer training will be provided for about 15,000 primary school teachers. In secondary education, computer training for teachers will start with the 27 prevocational and 19 technical schools, and gradually extend to grammar schools.

More than \$250 million will be spent on equipping every primary school with 15 multi-media computers.

Eight sets of computer software on languages, mathematics and other subjects will also be provided.

For schools able to spare an extra room, computer-aided learning centres with Internet access will be established.

At least 20 teachers from each primary school will have 18 hours' computer training. Eight will receive another 30 hours' training to enable them to choose suitable teaching software. Two will receive another 120 hours' training so they can train other teachers.

Information technology learning centres will have 41 computers, laser printers and scanners, at a total cost of \$45 million.