

NEC Versa s820: Superior performance

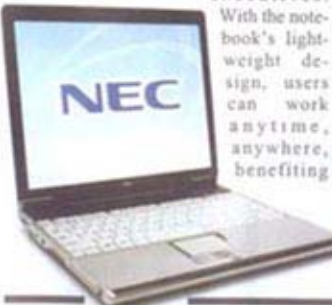
NEC is pushing further the portability envelope for its mobile computing solutions with the NEC Versa s820. Tipping the scale at 1.3 kilograms and only 16.9 millimeters thin, the Versa s820 notebook delivers impressive battery life of up to 11.8 hours, with a primary 4-cell Li-Ion and secondary 8-cell Li-Ion battery and 4.7 hours with a primary 4 cell Li-Ion battery. The Versa s820 boasts of uncompromising performance with its Intel Centrino mobile technology.

Building on the success of the NEC Versa, the next generation NEC Versa continues to reflect NEC's strategic focus on the corporate market and mobility.

The Versa s820 reaffirms NEC's commitment to provide superior, mobile performance notebooks for corporate and mobile

executives.

With the notebook's lightweight design, users can work anytime, anywhere, benefiting



from seamless wireless connectivity and the best total computing experience available.

Packaged in a sleek silver casing, the Versa s820 is stacked with some of the most advanced technology available in the industry. It features 12.1-inch super thin XGA TFT color display, is powered by Intel Centrino mobile technology, and has a 40-gigabyte hard disk capacity and a 256-megabyte memory for increased power and speed.

The Versa s820 incorporates a wide range of integrated communications including 56 k built-in data/fax modem, a 10/100 Ethernet local area network (LAN), and wireless 802.11b LAN (802.11g or a/g ready). It also comes with three USB 2.0 ports for high speed connection to any peripheral.

Other features include IEEE-1394 firewire 480Mbps high speed connection that enables the user to instantly transfer snapshots from a digital video recorder to the notebook. Its integrated compact flash (CF) and PCMCIA Card slots allow flexibility and expandability. Users have a choice of an external USB 2.0 16X CD-R/10X CD-RW write/24X CD/8X DVD.

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STI Academy bags award

DEMONSTRATING the unique and diverse talents of its students, STI Academy High School recently won the grand prize under the Community Groups and Special Population category of the recently concluded Philippine Schools CyberFair. The school was recognized for the Web design that it did for the Couples for Christ and its Family Ministries.

The project is a collaboration of 32 high school students of STI Academy who site entitled "The Calling." The site was created to inform the community that there is an organization that offers and extends help to less fortunate individuals or families.

The Philippine Schools CyberFair is an authentic learning program for high school students that require participants to conduct research about their local communities. The findings are then published in the World Wide Web. By requiring student-participants to work with community members, the competition encourages them to become ambassadors in their own communities.

As a winner in the national level, the STI Academy took home certificates of recognition and gift tokens from CyberFair organizers. The school is now set to compete in the international level.

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SSA Global acquires Marcam

SSA Global, a leading provider of extended enterprise solutions and services, recently acquired Marcam, a provider of specialized, operational-level enterprise resource planning solutions for process manufacturers, from Invensys plc.

"With more than 40 years of cumulative experience, the acquisition of Marcam is a significant milestone for our combined process manufacturing customers and prospects," said Mike Greenough, president, chairman and chief executive officer of SSA Global. "This transaction solidifies our position in the process manufacturing sector and underscores the commitment to deliver extended solutions that increase the value of existing technology investments."

Marcam's enterprise solutions streamline plant and process oriented supply chain operations enabling companies to increase competitive advantage. The combination of Marcam and SSA Global will deliver process manufacturing customers greater operational visibility and the ability to optimize financial operations, inventory management, order management, purchasing and additional critical business processes.

Fortinet unveils Reseller Program in Asia-Pacific

FORTINET, the only provider of ASIC-powered, network-based antivirus firewall systems for real-time network protection, has launched its FortiPartner Reseller Program for Australia/New Zealand, South Asia, Southeast Asia and Hong Kong. The program's objective is to recruit a select group of strategic value-added reseller (VAR) and solution provider partners to provide

FortiPartner aims to provide resellers with effective sales and marketing programs, tools, training and support services needed to ensure their business success. Tiered into Platinum, Gold and Silver levels, the program delivers value to partner members by rewarding them for their commitment with a number of incentives for engaging with Fortinet on joint business opportunities. Members also enjoy discounts on Fortinet products, direct access to Fortinet's sales and marketing support, technical certification and sales training, among other key benefits. Annual revenue, the number of certified sales and technology professionals, and lead generation events are among the criteria to determine which tier a reseller best belongs.

FortiPartner combines Fortinet's technology leadership and comprehensive support with the program members' domain expertise. Customers will benefit from this synergy through effective and accelerated delivery of security solutions.

MSI CPU clip installs Intel's LGA775 processor quickly

THE MSI CPU clip is the easiest and simplest tool that helps users avoid improper installation of Intel's newest LGA775 processor and socket 775. The new installation for LGA775 processors is a revolutionary alternative to conventional central processing unit installation.

Since the socket 775 comprises sensitive arrays of pins, improper or careless installation may cause permanent harm to the central processing unit. In some cases, users may accidentally damage the socket simply by adjusting the position of the CPU.

To install the LGA775 processor quickly and safely using the MSI CPU clip, mount the CPU clip on the CPU and snap the clip in place; use the CPU clip to remove the protective cover of the CPU; align and place the CPU clip and CPU on top of the socket; and push down the CPU properly into the socket to finish the installation.



IMI contracts services of BayanTrade for SAP implementation. Integrated Microelectronics Inc. (IMI), an electronics manufacturing services company, recently contracted the services of BayanTrade to implement SAP's enterprise solution to be able to integrate its manufacturing materials management, financial and control, plant maintenance, quality maintenance, business workflow, and CRM processes. The agreement is part of BayanTrade's professional service offering, or ProServ. The project is expected to be completed by December 2004. Signing the contract are, seated, from left: Maria Rosa Santos, IMI chief financial officer; Arthur Tan, IMI president and chief executive officer; and Dante Briones, BayanTrade president and chief operating officer. Standing are Midge Tan, BayanTrade account manager, and Andrew Carreon, IMI chief information officer.



Nippon Life, EZBSI seal deal. Nippon Life Insurance Co. Phils. (NLIPI) and E-Z Business Solutions Inc. (EZBSI), the only regional distributor of CIS insurance packages in Asia-Pacific, recently formalized a contract implementing the CIS Group System. Present during the signing, were, seated, from left: Tomohito Kanno, NLIPI director for corporate planning; Yoshinobu Kimura, NLIPI president and chief executive officer; Vicky C. Lim, EZBSI president and CEO; and Lia D. Gamboa, EZBSI vice president and chief operating officer. Standing, from left: Noi de Leon, NLIPI assistant director for corporate planning, E-ZBSI director of business consulting service; and Jericho Frondoza, EZBSI applications/products consultant.



Sophos exec speaks at Anti-Spam Asia 2004. Gary Thomassen, head of product management at Sophos Plc, spoke during the recently held Anti-Spam conference where around 300 local users participated. Anti-Spam Asia 2004 examined in detail the complexity of third generation spam techniques and explains why simple content filtering and "tag and pass" technique are no longer effective against fighting spam.



STI education system goes to Vietnam. In line with its expansion program in Asia, STI, the country's largest network of colleges, recently finalized a franchising agreement with Vietnamese investors for the development of the STI education system in Vietnam. As part of its franchise support system, STI will provide complete support on academic management delivery, engineering designs, marketing, and enrollment system and school management. The new STI Education Center in Vietnam will offer one-year certificate courses and two-year diploma courses. As part of the agreement, STI will supply the curriculum and courseware for the course offerings. Monico Jacob, STI president and chief executive officer (second from right), and Delfin Hallare Jr., franchise applicant, Vietnam, shake hands to seal the agreement. Looking on are STI executive Jose Chua (left) and Peter Fernandez, senior vice president for the education management division of STI.