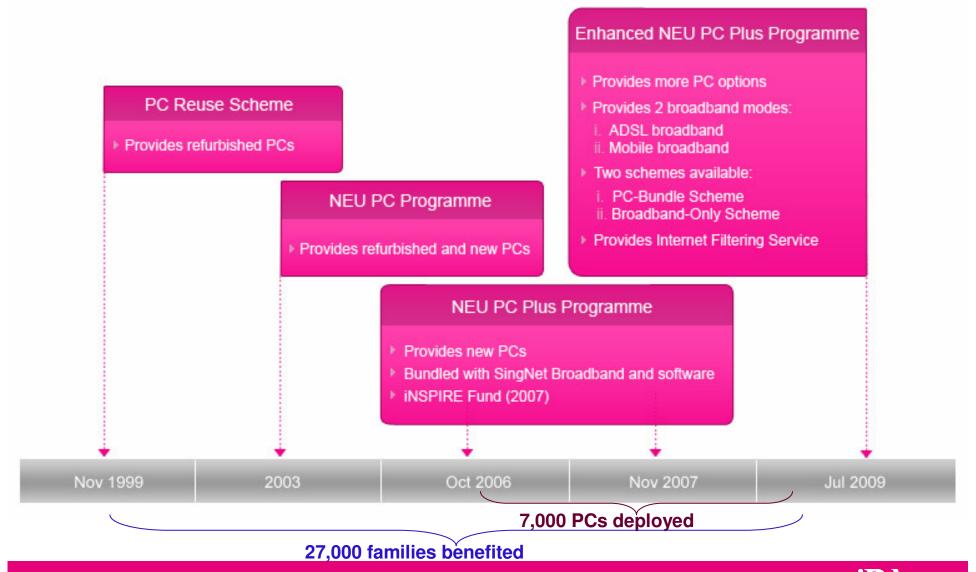
Equipping Needy Students

Media Briefing

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NEU PC Plus Programme



✓ Higher qualifying income cap ✓ Lower recipients' co-payment through two-tier subsidy

	Qualifying Household Income Cap							
	Students receiving financial assistance from MOE				Others			
	PC		o or inc	Current quome cap and be	is \$2,000	≤ \$2,500 ≤ \$750 (s ≤ \$1,000	student)	d)
IDA subsidy	up to 75%				up to 50%			
PC option	Desktop Laptop		top	Desktop Laptop		otop		
	Entry Level	Mid Range	Entry Level	Mid Range	Entry Level	Mid Range	Entry Level	Mid Range
Recipients' co-payment amount	\$136 to \$176	\$146	\$214 to \$347	\$289 to \$331	\$272 to \$312	\$292	\$427 to \$560	\$579 to \$621

Recipient currently copays \$285 for a desktop, or \$730 for a laptop



✓ Higher qualifying income cap ✓ Extended to support co-payment for laptop

	Qualifying Household Income Cap ≤ \$1,800 or				
	PCI ≤ \$450				
	No. of Hours Community Service to be Served				
	Desktop	Laptop			
Age < 15 yrs	6 hours	12 hours			
Age ≥ 15 yrs	12 hours	24 hours			

Students with co-payment difficulties can tap on iNSPIRE Fund through performing community service



✓ More Computer and broadband options to meet varied learning needs





- More desktop and laptop options
- > PC spec ranged from entry level to mid range
- Bundled with software
 - Microsoft Office Home and Student 2007
 - Microsoft Math 3.0
 - Learning Essentials 2.0 for Microsoft Office
 - Windows Live Mail desktop



- Unlimited 1mbps broadband access
- > ADSL or mobile
- With internet filtering service



Broadband-Only Scheme to provide broadband access to needy households that own computers but can't afford internet services

- Who can qualify?
 - Applicable to students receiving financial assistance from MOE only
 - Have computer but no internet access at home
- What kind of assistance?
 - 36 months broadband subscription with internet filtering service at \$1.50 per month
 - ADSL or mobile broadband
- > How to apply?
 - Through schools' or Lead agencies such as self-help groups





Lead Agencies:

















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