

Be bioinformatics-trained

GENOVATE Solutions will soon offer training for the bioinformatics sector, beginning with training in Bio-XML, Bio-Java and Bio-Perl.

This makes it the first in the region to offer advanced training of this sort.

It will launch the bioinformatics training programmes for Singapore in the middle of this month and subsequently at its Malaysia and India offices during the first quarter of this year.

Bioinformatics combines the different aspects of mathematics, information technology and biology to reveal patterns within and among sets of biological data.

It encompasses the acquiring, processing, storage, distri-

bution, analysis and display of biological data.

The bioinformatics sector is currently undergoing rapid growth projected to increase from the US\$468 million (\$862 million) last year to US\$5.4 billion by 2010 globally, according to Front Line Strategic Management Consulting.

Numerous bioinformatics organisations are offering services resulting from the sequencing of the human genome and other scientific breakthroughs.

At the same time, the technical manpower expertise needed to handle the demand of these companies in the bioinformatics sector is far from adequate, Genovate said.