

ITSA visit to Africa projects

From May 25th to June 20th, Chairman Michael Ratcliffe and Programme Director Tim Barnes will be visiting ITSA's projects in Africa.

Highlight of the visit will be an award ceremony in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, on Friday 28th May. This will celebrate the completion of the first phase of 'Computers For Tanzanian Schools', a joint project between ITSA, The Rotary Clubs of Cheltenham (UK) and Bahari Dar es Salaam (Tanzania), The British Council (Tanzania) and The Tanzania Education Authority.

£32,000 was raised through Rotary International to fund the project, which has now trained 140 teachers, and supplied 700 computers to 70 schools. The project will continue to support the schools it has supplied, and coordinate end-of-life disposal of equipment, which will be collected and shipped to an IBM approved facility in South Africa.

The long term aim is to equip every secondary school in Tanzania with at least ten computers, and train the teachers to use them. ITSA urgently needs help to fund the second phase, and has already secured an offer by a UK donor to match future donations.

Delighted children receive computers at a handover ceremony, Kisutu School, Dar es Salaam, September 2009.