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HP Ranked No.1 in China TOP50 High Performance Computing List

HP Leads Commercial Applications of Supercomputers

China, Nov. 26 2002 -- HP (NYSE:HPQ) today announced that it has been ranked as the No. 1 supplier in the China TOP50 Supercomputer Systems list. HP accounts for 23 of the top 50 systems in China. IBM accounts for five.

HP Superdomes made five of the top ten systems in China, with customers such as Beijing Social Insurance and Hei Lang Jiang Mobile. At number five on the list, were HP Superdomes at the Agricultural Bank of China, the country's fourth largest state-owned commercial bank, which power a range of credit management applications.

"An increasing number of high performance computers in China are being used in commercial applications," said Michael Muller, vice president and general manager, business critical systems asia pacific. "And as the first supplier to introduce Itanium based servers, we believe that delivering greater flexibility and manageability will drive further demand for supercomputing systems."

The China TOP50 was compiled by Mathematics Software Branch of the China Software Industry Association. Published for the first time, the China Top50 is aimed at promoting the use of high performance computing in China and bringing domestic supercomputing benchmarking into line with international standards.

The China Software Industry Association has applied the internationally accepted Linpack benchmark to evaluate the performance of high performance systems.

HP led in all categories in the China Top50. At over 1900 Linpack Gigaflops, HP outscored second placed IBM, which posted less than

400. In average sustained performance per CPU, HP led with over 1.7 Limpack Gigaflops/per CPU.

The publication of the China TOP50 list coincides with the global Top500 Supercomputer Sites list, in which HP was also ranked as the No.1 supplier. In the global list, HP posted 137 entries, 25% of sites. HP Superdome notched 112 entries and HP AlphaServer systems registered 23. For the first time, HP's new Itanium® 2-based systems appeared on the list and made it into the top 100.

HP has successively provided several high-performance solutions to a number of research institutions and organizations around the world, including the Singapore Biology Information Research Center, the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL) of the US Department of Energy, the Wellcome TrustSanger Institute for gene research in the UK and Brazil Telecom.

More information about China TOP50 High-performance Computer List is available at <http://www.samss.org.cn/TOP50/china-top50-20021108.htm>

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