

Infosys to hire 10,000 in China

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Infosys Technologies Ltd will hire as many as 10,000 people in China in the next three years as demand expands, TV Mohandas Pai, head of human resources, Infosys told reporters in Mumbai on Tuesday. Infosys had said in April that it plans to double the number of workers in China to 1,000 in the year to March 31 as salaries in In-

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crease a year earlier. It expects salaries of experienced software programmers to rise by as much as 18% this year, while wages of fresh graduates will remain at the

same level, said Pai. Average salaries in India are forecast to rise more than 11% in 2006, compared with a global average of 2.4%, Mercer Human Resource Consulting said in a report in October.

Pai, who was earlier the CFO at the company, took over as the head of human resources this month. He was replaced as chief financial officer by V Balakrishnan. Infosys, which had a total of 52,715 workers at the end of March, forecast in April it plans to hire 25,000 this year.

The company plans to spend Rs 500 crore for setting up training facilities and hostels in the next 12 to 15 months, Pai said.

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