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IJMA3 News

Historic MOU Signed by IJMA3 during American Arab Chamber of Commerce Delegation Visit to Lebanon

www.americanarab.com

5th Oct. 2006

The Union of Arab ICT Associations (IJMA3) and the Arab Chamber of Commerce (AACC) signed an historic Memorandum of Understanding aiming at the promotion of ICT Industry development, growth of ICT in the Arab World and the reinforcement of Arab-American relations.

The main areas of cooperation include all sub-sectors of the ICT industry including software and services, internet, e-commerce, information security, telecommunications, human resources training, knowledge management, statistical reporting, research and development.

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IJMA3 New Members

Kuwait Joins IJMA3

6th Sept. 2006

The Kuwait Information Technology Society (KITS) joined IJMA3 on 6th September 2006.

KITS was founded in March 1982. It undertakes professional development for ICT personnel. KITS is also concerned with literacy promotion and ICT awareness dissemination. The Society has significantly contributed to the ICT field in Kuwait by organizing Kuwait's first ICT conference under the auspices of His Highness the Prime Minister in March 1982. Moreover, KITS holds regular training programs and seminars.

So, Welcome Kuwait! **View details**

IJMA3 Members News

Board of Directors Convened at Eitesal Premises

http://www.eitesal.com
Sept. 2006

Eitesal's Board of Directors met in September at Eitesal Headquarters in Egypt. Key issues were discussed and a number of decisions were taken including:
- Nasser Fouad was designated Eitesal's representative at IJMA3
- The Board of Directors agreed to coordinate with each Eitesal committee to elect a Chairman and Vice Chairman.

Strategy was agreed upon for each of Eitesal's main activity areas, including member development and training, advocacy, networking and awareness, and international affairs and export. **View details**

Eitesal: E-Content

http://www.eitesal.com/
Sept. 2006

A Content Industry event entitled "Increasing Productivity and Efficiency in ICTE Sectors Using E-Content" will take place first week of November. Tarek A'mar will serve as the keynote speaker. **View details**

Int@j Awarded Mark of Best Practice by King Abbullah II Center for Excellence

http://www.intaj.net
4ᵗʰ Oct. 2006

In September, the Information Technology Association of Jordan (int@j) received the Mark for Best Practice from the King Abdullah II Center for Excellence. int@j has excelled in providing services for local ICT companies, encouraging their effective participation in developing the Jordanian Economy.

"The Mark of Best Practice is not just for int@j only, it is also for all int@j members and the entire ICT community that contributed to our success," said Sabri Tabba, int@j CEO, upon receiving the Certificate.

As part of its continuous efforts, int@j is currently organizing the upcoming two-day ICT Forum, which will be held at the King Hussein Bin Talal Convention Center, Dead Sea, on 6-7 December 2006. **View details**

PCA, Intel, Mercy Corps, IESC, Microsoft, CISCO, CA, and UNDP Inaugurate PICTA Training and Technology Center in Baalbek

http://www.pca.org.lb

13th Oct 2006

The Professional Computer Association of Lebanon (PCA) ICT Academy – an ICT development project for improving the lives of thousands throughout Lebanon, announced recently the inauguration of a Training and Technology Center in Baalbek. PCA ICT Academy is set to create learning opportunities for youth in war-affected areas of Lebanon to improve and develop their ICT skills and efficiencies.

The Baalbek Center is part of the PICTA Initiative that endeavors to establish fully equipped and staffed training and technology centers in seven Lebanese towns. One has already been opened in Nabatiyeh in September, and more openings are going to take place soon in Burj Al Barajneh, Qana, Bent Jbeil, Marjeyoun, Batroun, Deir Kanoun el Naher and Sebil.

Nizar Zakka, on behalf on PICTA, noted "we have received tremendous support from the Government as well as from private sector leaders who have all joined forces to provide unprecedented opportunities for youth in areas, massively affected by the recent unfortunate events in Lebanon."

The PICTA initiative involves national, regional and international entities including, the Ministries of Telecommunication, Administrative Reform, and Economy & Trade, IJMA3, IDAL, ESCWA, WIT, AMCHAM, Intel, Mercy Corps, IESC, Microsoft, CISCO, CA and UNDP.
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General ICT News

The Secretariat-General of Catholic Schools in Lebanon (SGEC-L) Signs a Memorandum of Understanding with Microsoft

www.microsoft.com

Oct. 2006

The Secretariat-General of Catholics School in Lebanon (SGEC-L) signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Microsoft Lebanon to provide a well-structured approach to creating an ICT enabling environment in the administration and academic activity of 361 schools in Lebanon. The MoU provides an umbrella for the use of Microsoft licenses and technologies as well as a number of services designed to maximize the benefits from Microsoft technology, helping students excel, and assisting teachers to engage in a Connected Learning Community. **View details**

Upcoming Events

Third PICTA Academy Training and Technology Center Opens in Bint Jbeil (Lebanon – most damaged village by war)

www.pipop.org

Oct. 20th 2006

PCA, in collaboration with Intel, Microsoft, Mercy Corps, IESC, CISCO, CA and UNDP will inaugurate the third PICTA Training and Technology Center in Bint Jbeil.
The opening ceremony will be held at the Lebanese Sporting Club, Saf El Hawa St., Bint Jbeil, followed by an Iftar**. View details**

WITSA Steering Committee Meets in Greece
Opportunities and Challenges for Economic Growth – 2006

www.witsa.org

28th Oct. – 2nd Nov. 2006

WITSA Steering Committee and Public Policy Committee meetings will be held in Athens, Greece later this month. Delegations from Europe, Asia, Africa and America as well as key ICT payers will participate in the meetings. Visitors will also attend the October 30 - November 2 Internet Governance Forum (IGF) taking place at the same location. **View details**

Internet Governance Forum (IGF) 2006 in Greece

http://www.intgovforum.org

30 Oct. – 2 Nov. 2006

The first meeting of the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) will be convened from 30 October – 2 November 2006 in Athens, Greece. In accordance with the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society, "Internet Governance For Development" has been selected as the overall theme of the inaugural meeting, with capacity building as a cross-cutting priority. The IGF Program consists of plenary sessions and workshops. The plenary sessions will discuss various topics including, openness, security, promotion of multilingualisim and local content, and internet connectivity in terms of policy and cost. Workshops will be held in parallel with the plenary sessions starting 31 October.

The workshop on "Enhancing Multi-Stakeholder Participation in ICT Policy-Making," organized within IGF framework by the Global Information Infrastructure (GIIC) and the World Information Technology and Service Alliance (WITSA), will explore the most effective channels for creating a policy framework, conducive to improved access to and use of ICT and the internet. Mr. Nizar Zakka, CEO of the Professional Computer Association of Lebanon and the Union of Arab ICT Associations (IJMA3), will walk the participants through the success stories taking place across the Middle-East and North Africa Region since the successful formation of the first-ever regional ICT association (IJMA3). He will also highlight the benefits emerging from the WITSA IT Mentors Allaiance, association-building toolkits, and how these have contributed to development. **View details**

ExpoTech 2006

http://www.expotech.ps

6-8 Nov. 2006

In the most important local high tech event of the year, the key figures of the Palestinian ICT industry will gather for the third time at **ExpoTech 2006**. The Palestine ICT exhibition wil include more than thirty-four Palestinian and professional companies that are specialized in the fields of communication and information technology. It is designed to reveal the exceptional growth of the ICT industry in Palestine through demonstrating the latest technologies, innovative solutions & services emerging from local organizations.

During the three days of **ExpoTech**, the most recent programs, solutions, systems, applications, software, hardware, products and services will be showcased and presented. This ICT event will give the exhibitors and the external audience both the opportunity to meet new ICT companies in the market and see the latest updates from market experts. **View details**

Gitex Exhibition 2006

www.gitex.com

18-22 Nov. 2006

Among the world's top three annual ICT exhibitions, GITEX continues to be the most important gateway to the Middle East ICT market with over 1,200 exhibitors representing 2,274 Companies from 61 Countries.
The growing international presence at the event underlines the increasing recognition of GITEX as an ideal networking platform for the ICT industry. **View details**

The Second International Conference on Cyber Law – Malta

www.arado.org.eg

27-30 Nov. 2006

The Arab Administrative Development Organization (ARADO – Egypt) in collaboration with the Arab African Center for Marketing and Consultancy Service (AAC- Egypt) and Cartil Ltd. (Malta) will hold the Second International Conference on Cyber Law (ICCY II) in Malta, under the auspices of H.E. Mr. Amr Moussa, The Arab League Secretary-General, and H.E. Dr. Michael Frendo, the Maltese Minister of Foreign Affairs.
ICCY II builds on the outputs achieved during ICCY I held in Hurghada –
Egypt in 2005, to provide an international forum for learning, networking and sharing tactical ideas and available information on issues relevant to Cyber Law. ICCY II creates an essential opportunity for those involved in the operating systems, computer security, networking and telecommunications industries to gain intensive access to a highly experienced and influential group of internet and computer security experts from all over the world. **View details**

Jordan ICT Forum

http://www.jordanictforum.com/

6-7 Dec. 2006

The Jordan ICT Forum is a bi-annual high profile platform that showcases the region's efforts and achievements in developing local knowledge-based economies. The Forum brings together over 1,000 regional and international ICT leaders and experts to share lessons learned and allow experts to explore opportunities available in the Jordanian and regional ICT market. **View details**

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- **Jordan**   **Information technology Association**

- **Morocco**   **Information Technologies Professional Association (Apebi)**

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- **Bahrain**   **Bahrain Internet Society**

- **Iraq**   **Iraqi Computer Society**

- **Lebanon**   **Professional Computer Association**

- **Palestine**   **Palestinian Information Technology Association**

- **Tunisia**   **(CNS-SSII)**

- **Kuwait**   **Kuwait Information Technology Society**

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