Why e@telecom in English

Following the success of our Iraqi Telecommunications Post Company`s e@telecom Arabic version which published in 2008, the media committee in ITPC decided to issue sister English who are interesting in Iraq`s telecommunications sector. We realize the important role of media in creating new ventures and partnership opportunities inside and outside Iraq. We understand that many people and international companies are eager to have a role in Iraq`s communications sector and like to be updated with latest news and projects.

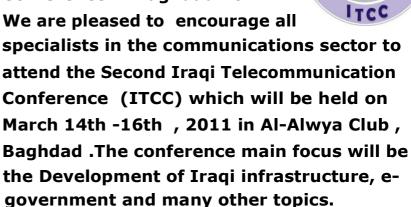By launching our e@telecom many International companies will be informed about the new achievements, future strategies and projects of Iraqi Ministry of communications. Definitely that will lead to so many projects and networking for the advantage of Iraq and all interested companies.

2nd Iraqi Telecommunications Conference ITCC

Ministry of Communications, Iraqi Telecommunications and Post Company delighted to announce the 2nd Iraqi Telecommunication Conference in Baghdad 2011 .

We are pleased to encourage all specialists in the communications sector to attend the Second Iraqi Telecommunication Conference (ITCC) which will be held on March 14th -16th , 2011 in Al-Alwya Club , Baghdad .The conference main focus will be the Development of Iraqi infrastructure, e-government and many other topics.

ITPC DG attends the 2nd Annual FTTH Middle East Conference

Attended by Lebanon's minster of telecommunication and chairman of media and telecom commission, ITPC`s Director General attended the 2nd Annual FTTH Middle East Conference in Lebanon. Mr. Kassim has delivered presentation about FTTH in Iraq to approximately 300 persons from foreign, Arab and Middle East countries. The conference became the best gathering for all operators of FTTH. Mr. Kassim seized this opportunity during his visit in Lebanon to visit factory of making cables and equipment of FTTH for one of International companies in Beirut. Mr. Kassim received appreciation letter from FTTH Council Middle East Group for his valuable contribution to the success of this conference.

ITPC signs a Contract to Import Sophisticated Copper Cables

Iraqi Telecommunications and Post Company intends to modernize its old copper cables networks with new cables in order to provide better data and communications services for its customers. For this purpose ITPC has signed off a contract to import copper cables with Ozdel which is specialist in producing cables of 10-1800 lines capacity.

These cables will be supplied to ITPC within 10 months period . The contract is an important step forward in the process of renovating landlines in all Iraq.

Flag Project in Iraq

Flag project is one of the important projects that MOC enthusiast to fulfill it to arise the communications level in Iraq.

Basra communications director stated that this project will start operation with two parts, the first one concerning how to develop infrastructures , the other concerning devices installation and lay of the optical fiber cables .

ITPC finished its preparations of the project infrastructures which will facilitate all other issues to the executer (Reliance Company) to finish its obligations.

This project will assure all kinds of connections including voice, internet and data transmission between Iraq and all Arab and European countries throughout high capacity marine optical fiber network with suitable costs for Iraqi Citizen budget . The Director added , to ensure continuing this service without any stoppage , the ITPC dealt with the Quatrain company GBI to lay an optical fiber cables throughout the major world countries and the two projects will operate together to submit the best services.

Experiment Operation of Prepaid cards in Ninewa

Technical staff of Iraqi Telecommunications and Post Company operated successfully the pre-paid cards system in 34 switches for about 110000 customers in Ninewa. It is worth noting that the pre-paid cards system is activated in ITPC`s switches in order to provide better services for its customers .

PREPAID CARDS

ITPC Works on to Implement Access Networks in Iraq`s provinces

ITPC held short conference to answer questions and inquiries of the companies partcipated in the project of access networks in Baghdad, Waset. Najaf, Messan, Basrah and Mousel. Many topics related to access network project were discussed in order to carry out the project in these provinces.

ITPC aims to use a modern technology to upgrade its services for its customers such as providing Internet ,data and TV services.

Reader`s Contributions

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ITPC Allocates WLL Phones for Dyala Customers

ITPC aims to enhance and develop national WLL systems across Iraq. For this purpose ITPC has expanded WLL system in Deyala to reach the capacity of 10,000 lines as they were around 4.000 lines. ITPC hopes that thousands of fixed and mobile WLL phones will be distributed to Dayala customers in the near future. This WLL system in Dayala province will serve in Baquba , Baladruz , Al-Mukdadya - Jalawlaa - Abu Saida and Kanaan cities

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ITPC Club wins Iraqi Youth Boxing Championship

ITPC club won sweeping victory in Iraqi youth boxing championship with 39 points while Al-Kargh Club which was 19 points less than the winner

came in the second place in the championship

which was held in Al-Shaab hall complex with participating of 132 boxers representing 30 clubs from Baghdad and provinces.

Mobily & Six Telecom Operators join RCN Project

Seven operators, including Superonline, a Turkcell Group company, from Turkey, UAE, Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Syria on Thursday announced that they are building the Middle East's longest redundant terrestrial communications infrastructure along a 7,750 kilometer round trip route. The RCN (regional cable network) project will extend from the city of Fujairah in the United Arab Emirates to Istanbul in Turkey and then to Europe and will serve as a gateway to the Internet for 2 billion people.

The RCN project was signed by the seven telecom operators during a ceremony held on Thursday in Ankara. The event was attended by the Minister of Transport and Communications Binali Y?ld?r?m, RCN project interim Consortium Chairman Ali Amiri, the CEO's of the founder members of the consortium; including Turkcell CEO Süreyya Ciliv, Mobily COO Abdulaziz Altamami, Jordan Telecom Group CEO Nayla Khawam, Mada Group Managing Director Charles Hage, Syrian Telecommunications Establishment Director General Nazem Bahsas and Superonline CEO Murat Erkan.

Starting from Fujairah (UAE) and passing through Riyadh (Saudi Arabia), Amman (Jordan), Tartous (Syria) and reaching Istanbul (Turkey), the RCN project's fiber optic cable line will cover the entire Gulf region in the Middle East for the first time through a uniform infrastructure. About 3,875 km in radial length and totaling 7,750 km with its round trip routes, the RCN project will become the region's longest redundant terrestrial fiber infrastructure between Fujairah, one of the busiest nodes for submarine and fiber cables, and the West.

Speaking at the Signing Ceremony, Ciliv emphasized Turkcell's satisfaction at this joining of forces between powerful, excellent organizations intent on technological leadership in a region where Turkey and the Turkcell Group are major players. Drawing attention to the changing global economic situation, Ciliv remarked that the RCN project, which is noteworthy for its capacity and its diversified structure, is planned to accommodate specific requirements to bring significant advantages to the region by connecting it to the world via Turkey. Predicting that the RCN infrastructure would promote growth of Internet penetration in the region, Ciliv said, "This will enable still wider Internet expansion as Internet use will become even faster throughout the region" .

The RCN project brings together top telecom companies from five countries.

Each a leader in communication technology in their respective countries, Etisalat (UAE), Mobily (Saudi Arabia), Jordan Telecom/Orange Jordan, Mada-Zain Partnership (Jordan), Syrian Telecommunications Establishment (Syria), and Superonline (Turkey) have signed their names to the project.

With an approximate investment value of half a billion dollars, the fiber optic line will be operational in the second quarter of 2011.

Arab News

Zain Iraq expects boost from Kurdish Region

Iraq: The Iraqi unit of Kuwait's Zain expects to add up to 18,000 new subscribers a month after starting operations in Iraq's northern Kurdish region, Reuters has reported. "I would expect that we will be adding around 15,000 to 18,000 (new subscribers) a month," chief executive Emad Makiya told the news service, adding that total number of subscribers for this year is expected to increase by around 1 million. Initial operations in Iraqi Kurdistan had started in October, although the official launch would take place in the first quarter of 2011, he noted. Zain Iraq has around a 53% market share and competes with AsiaCell and Iraqi Kurdistan-based Korek, he said.

Etisalat carrier & wholesale records more than 200% growth in data roaming traffic in 2010

The leading operator in the Middle East and North Africa region, Etisalat, today announced it has witnessed a 200% growth in data roaming traffic in 2010 as businesses and consumers access an increasing number of advanced services whilst travelling. This includes traffic from Etisalat's UAE customers, as well as from its international clientele of global operators who subscribe to Etisalat's leading portfolio of carrier and wholesale services.
This observation was made concurrently at both the Pacific Telecoms Council PTC) in Hawaii and at)
Roaming Congress MENA 2011 which is taking place this week in Dubai.
During a series of meetings with global operators at the Pacific Telecommunications Council Ali Amiri, Executive Vice President Carrier and Wholesale, Etisalat, laid down the case for designing a new roaming strategy stating: "We are witnessing a trend in roaming, and in particular data roaming, which is undergoing exponential growth. We have seen our data roaming traffic increase more than 200% last year."
Etisalat is also the host operator at Roaming Congress MENA 2011 where Abdulraheem Aqeel, Vice President, Service Delivery Management, Carrier & Wholesale Services, Etisalat, gave a keynote presentation about the

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