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Great Success for 2nd Iraqi Telecommunications Conference



2nd Iraqi Telecommunications Conference achieved great success commended by companies and people specialized in communications. The success of this conference was reflected by the willingness of companies and ministries to participate once again in such conferences which focus on modern communications technologies. The conference dealt with varied topics such as E-government and communication infrastructure in addition of discussing many different topics. It's worth noting that very useful researches was filed and discussed on the third day of the conference. Senior officials from MOC stated that they will seek all opportunities to use

these researches in the future strategies of MOC . The minister Mohammed Tawfeq Alawi and the former minister Faroq Abdelqader as well as the deputies of the ministry attended this conference and participated through their constructive opinions and presentations. The delegates considered this conference as a big step towards supporting accomplishments that have been achieved and the future plans of the ministry . The conference was concluded by thankful words from the minister Mohammed Tawfeq Alawi who stated that such conferences will be held again in the future to improve communications sector in Iraq.



Minister of Communications Next Period will experience Achievements in Optical cables , Internet & post in Anbar



Minister Mohammed Tawfiq Alawi stressed the next stage will experience achieving several projects in post services and Internet projects in Anbar according to agreement with the Japanese government which aim to provide better communications services in the province after the

damages of infrastructure of communications . H.E pointed out the important of cooperation between committees and ministry of communications to speed up accomplishing all future projects of MOC. This came during his meeting with Sheiks and members from the provincial council in Anbar .

Al-Hassani Tops the List of Best Man of Telecommunications of year 2010

Mr. Kassim Al-Hassani came first for a question asking about the best person of telecommunications for year 2010. The participants who chose Mr. Al-Hassani stated they chose Mr. Al-Hassani because they witnessed successful and practical plans by Mr. Al-Hassani which contributed in developing the communications in Iraq . Mr. Munaf Sabih , Skopesky company was chosen the best second one while the best third one went to Ms. Iman Al-Samer , deputy of



ITPC`s director general . Asia Cell company was chosen as the best operator while Scopesky company came first as a better internet provider and finally Itisaluna as best CDMA operator.

ITPC DG signs off Memorandum of Understanding to connect Iraq with neighbours through Optical Cable (SAIT)

Attended by minister of communications engineer Mohammed Tawfeq Alawi , technical deputy of the minister engineer Ameer Albayati , minister`s consultant for mobile communications Dr. Heyam Al-yaseri , the general inspector mr. Abd Alhussain Aesh and the DG of legal directorate of MOC , Iraqi Telecommunications and Post

Company`s Director General Kassim Al-Hassani signed off memorandum of understanding with Saudi Telecom Company and Turk company to connect Iraq with Saudi Arabia and Turkey through



optical cable (SAIT) . The specialized in communications field considered this project as one of the most important projects for Iraq as Iraq on its way to be bridge between Turkey and Saudi Arabia .

Four New Switches go to Babel Province

Iraqi Telecommunications and Post Company seeks to provide best services and increase numbers of land phones in all provinces in Iraq through modern importing modern switches and systems including the next generation networks . ITPC supplied four switches of NGN of 90,000 customers in Babel distributed in Hilla , Altayara complex, Alforat complex switches and Al-Musaib city .



ITPC install 20,000-line switch in Waset

Within the endeavors of Iraqi Telecommunications and Post Company to achieve its goals in time and expand its services to the customers across Iraq , technical and engineering staff of ITPC succeeded in installing modern Swedish made switch of 20,000 lines capacity in Al-Kut city . This switch will serve 20,000 customers in the city after canceling old switches and replacing it by the new ones

Regional News

60 Percent of Arab Population in MENA Region to be Online by 2020

UAE: Internet use is growing and users are spending more time surfing the web in the Middle East and Africa (MENA) region. This is evident from research reports that forecast 60 percent of the region's population will be online by 2020, accounting for 260 million users.

Currently, there are 65 million users accounting for 19 percent in the region. Complementing the Internet penetration is the significant growth in mobile phones from 200,000 cell phones in 1991 to a forecasted 340 million users in 2020[ⁱⁱ].

The rapid growth of technology has also been instrumental in the growth of social media platforms across the region. Facebook is a prime example with currently 18 million registered users from the MENA region. The recent political unrest and banning of social networks is a live and vivid example of the power of communications through social networks. People are using social media to better connect, interact and communicate across borders, and more so in Arabic.

The Arab Media Outlook 2009 - 13 report states that there is a clear demand for locally generated Arabic content from the Arabic speaking populations of the world. The ever-increasing Internet penetration and use of social platforms, analysts believe, will also be



a key medium of growth for Arabic content. "The region is looking for more original Arabic content," said Jonty Summers, General Manager, Bladonmore Middle East and a speaker at the upcoming Corporate Communications Conference 2011. "TwoFour54 was set up in Abu Dhabi with the specific purpose of promoting the generation of Arabic language content across all communication mediums. In the area of business, the use of Arabic helps companies influence the decision making process in the region; it acts as an important facilitator of dialogue with government and community entities."

These issues coupled with new focus areas such as online communications, establishing a strategic communications function and crisis communications will be covered at the Corporate Communications Conference 2011 in Dubai.

The Conference now in its fifth year will be held from February 27th - March 3rd, 2011 at the Movenpick Hotel JBR. The repositioned and revamped conference will feature leading corporate communications practitioners sharing techniques that have worked for them through real life case studies.

Mobily, Zain offer special discounts

Mobily and Zain are offering special discounts on their different services to mark the return of Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Abdullah from Morocco after a three-month long medical trip.

Mobily said Tuesday that it would allow clients to send SMS and MMS and have video talks free of charge for three days on its network as an expression of happiness over the king's return. But Zain said it was offering free calls for three months. A Mobily statement said the free services would allow its clients to exchange congratulatory messages on the return of the king to the nation after a medical tour in the US and Morocco. The company said some of its free services would start on Wednesday, when people can send unlimited number of SMS messages on Mobily. On the second day, they can send MMS free of service. The third day is allocated for free use of video talks without any

limit, the company said in a statement. "All prepaid and postpaid customers will benefit from the offer," a company spokesperson said.

However, those clients who are subscribed to its business bouquet, Hala Duwali and Hala Plus services would not benefit from the offer, the statement said. Go, the brand name of Zain in Saudi Arabia, said on Tuesday that it was offering free voice calls within its network for all home broadband and business subscribers for three months. Zaid Alshabanat, chief executive officer of GO Telecom, said: "We are all eagerly anticipating King Abdullah's safe return to the homeland, and on this auspicious occasion we are glad to offer this free service as a gesture of adoration and elation toward the king's safe return."



STC and Novatel launch joint dual-carrier HSPA+ network

According to a report by Trade Arabia, Saudi Telecom Company (STC) has teamed up with Novatel Wireless, a leading provider of wireless broadband solutions, to launch the country's first commercial dual-carrier HSPA+ network. Utilising Novatel's new 'Ovation MC545' modem, the HSPA+ network will give STC's 3G subscribers access to transmission speeds of up to a theoretical maximum of 42Mbps; the network is currently available in eight cities across the Kingdom. Jameel Al Molhelm, vice president of

STC's personal business unit, commented: 'Mobile broadband services are experiencing tremendous growth in the Saudi market. To meet the growing demand for faster mobile broadband services, STC has introduced DC HSPA+ technology in the Middle East for the first time and we are very proud to maintain our position as the market's wireless technology pioneer'. According to TeleGeography's GlobalComms Database, STC reported 5.8 million 3G subscribers at end-September 2010.

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sports

Iraqi Communications Club wins Chess Tournament



The communications club gained the first group through the first class of Iraqi clubs tournament for chess champion 2011 after collecting 13 scores and half by winning against Qadisiya club through the first round with 5 scores versus one and against Raseel club with 5 scores and half versus a half score and equalized through the third round with the Electricity club with 3 scores for both, following them the clubs of Khanzad gains 13 scores , Electricity and Hadaf 11 scores and a half for both .This tournament took place for the first time in Al Sadeer Palace Hotel with participation of 14 clubs, as the following :-
Communications , Electricity , Khanzad , Um Al Rabee'n , Hadaf , Saniya, Baquba, Qadisiya, Qithara, Ishtar, Numaniya, Raseel, Beshmarga, Armani , it took place once with 1 stage the other with 4 stages, the first group included 3 rounds which held in

Baghdad that the second group will hold in Erbil with 3 rounds then the third group in Diwaniya with 4 rounds, finally , the fourth group will hold in Baghdad with 3 rounds. Fisher Time System will be used where each player will grant 75 minutes plus 30 seconds for each played shift. The matches governed by international referees as following :-
Farhan Naseer the Head Deputy of the Iraqi Chess Union, Asa'd Isma'el the Union Member, and Mohammed Jabir, Isma'el Ibraheem, Mohammed Al Hakeem, Sa'ad Atiya, Ashraf Al Sidan.
The Head of Chess Union Mr. Dhafir Abdul Ameer said that they are preparing for the final Iraqi chess champion within the period of 15-23/3/2011 in Baghdad with participation of 12 male players and 10 women players.

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