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Communications Minister**Celebrates Accomplishment of Access Networks FTTx in Nasseriya**

Minister of Communications Engineer Mohamed Tawfiq Alawi started the project of access networks in Nassiriyah. " This project is the first of its kind in Iraq and will provide modern services such as voice , internet and VTC " said the minister. Mr. Tawfiq pointed out that the current capacity of this project is 20000 lines and it could be expanded to more than eight millions to provide these services across



Iraq during the next six years. This project is one of the strategies of the ITPC of MOC to make the customers benefit from modern services of communications.

ITPC DG Holds Regular Meeting with ISP

ITPC aims to keep its strong partnerships with private sector companies who are working and investing in Iraq . For this purpose Mr. Al-Hassani hold regular meeting with all ISP in order to overcome all obstacles and problems which prevent achieving the projects and provide solutions to all problems. Many Points and opinions



were discussed in the meeting. The parties agreed on taking new procedures to facilitate the progress of projects in order to be achieved in time.

ITPC DG Al Hassani : Iraq is Regional Player in the Telecommunications Sector

Director General Mr. Al-Hassani , of ITPC , attended several regional meetings and signed off important projects which are very important in the communications sector . " During the last few years ITPC and MOC worked on building and improving the telecommunications infrastructure and many projects and has been done and we are continue working to achieve our plans " Mr. Al-Hassani said after signed off one of the contracts . Mr. Al-Hassani also pointed out that Iraqi MOC and ITPC are the key player in communications field in the region and our priority this year is to provide best and modern services for ITPC`s customers. It's worth noting that many specialists in communications field commended the plans



and strategies of MOC and ITPC which will put Iraq as one of the main and important operator in the region .

MoC Senior Officials Discuss the Importance of Modern Technologies for Governmental Sector

Attended by minister of communications eng. Mohammed Tawfic Alawi , ITPC director general Mr. kassim Al-Hassani , the general inspector of ministry of communications and many senior employees from MOC , a conference was held in the head quarter of MOC to discuss the technologies of IMS and its services . This modern technology can help in providing internet and multi-media services for MOC`s customers. During the discussions, His Excellency talked about the importance and the benefits of this technology and expressed ministry of communications` willingness to adopt best technologies of communications while Mr. Al-Hassani pointed out the economical and technical benefits of modern technologies .Also Huawei and Ericson companies presented technical details about this technology.

Zain Jordan Links Optical Fibers Line to Iraq

Dr. Abdulmalek Al-Jaber, CEO of Zain Jordan, part of Kuwait's Zain Group, has announced the full hook-up of its network to neighbouring Iraq via an optical fibre cable, Kuna has reported. The network has been linked to the network of the Iraqi telecommunication corporation through the optical fibers cable that ends in Baghdad, he said. "The hook-up enables the company to enter the Iraqi market and offer internet services with higher speed and broad band solutions that meet the needs of our customers there," he said.

Omantel signs agreement to introduce new express cable system from Europe to Oman

Omantel has signed a memorandum of understanding with three other international telecommunications companies to establish a consortium that will provide a new express cable system linking Frankfurt in Europe to Oman via Russia and Iran.

The company has agreed a partnership with UK based Cable & Wireless, Rostelcom from Russia and the Telecommunications Infrastructure Company of Iran to develop a new high capacity low latency international telecommunication facility between Frankfurt in Germany and the EIG cable landing station in Oman.

It is anticipated that the new cable system will be ready for service in May 2012 with work commencing on the development - that will be a mix of terrestrial and underwater cable elements - in May this year.

The announcement is the latest from Omantel as the company strengthens its position and role as a "Carrier of Carriers" and providing a gateway for global cable companies to bring their telecommunications networks into the region.

Oman's superb geographical location makes it the ideal entry point for global submarine cable systems to land in the Sultanate and benefit from Omantel's landing stations to connect into the wider Middle East region.

The submarine cable business and landing stations are managed by Omantel's Wholesale Business Unit who operates internationally with the world's leading submarine cable operators.

Abdulrahim Al-Bahlani General Manager of Business Relations Division in the wholesale unit says: "We are very proud to have signed a new agreement that will bring another exciting cable project through Oman to the region. Omantel is now recognized as an international player in this area of telecommunications and we are delighted to be part of such a strong international

consortium comprising major telecoms companies from the UK, Russia and Iran.

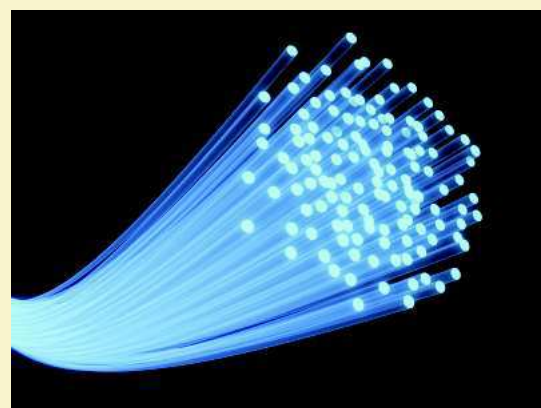
This new Europe Persia Express Gateway " (EPEG) system will start in Frankfurt in Germany and ultimately connect to our existing EIG (Europe-India Gateway) that we already have in operation from Blue City here in the Sultanate. He continued to say that this system is unique since it is taking a different route from that taken by most cables through Egypt and Mediterranean Sea. This will provide real resilience with completely alternative routes."

There are now a number of major international submarine cable systems that land in Oman and are part of systems totaling over 100,000km of cable connecting nations around the world from China, Australia, Europe and the Americas through a number of landing sites.

A major benefit of the number of landing sites is the ability for global data content providers - for internet and other services - to partner with Omantel to deliver data far more quickly and effectively to the regional customers. This will make it much more economical for the regional operators to access information and to purchase telecom services.

Omantel has developed a strong position as the "Carrier of Carriers" that is recognized internationally by submarine cable operators ensuring that Oman's unique location can help connect

it to the world be it to Europe, North America, Asia or Africa.



College Students More Connected than ever through their Smart Phone

More than half of college students are using smart phones to send texts, access their e-mail, surf the Internet, and take and send photos, according to Michael Hanley, a Ball State advertising professor and director of the university's Institute for Mobile Media Research. He has conducted 12 surveys regarding the mobile behavior of about 5,500 college students. "The growing use of smart phones by college students is increasing Internet access and the use of interactive mobile content," Hanley said. "With a standard feature phone, users primarily make calls and send text messages. Smart phones have larger screens, computer-like operating systems and high-speed broadband access. They give students the ability to more fully adapt to an always connected mobile lifestyle. Hanley points out that text messaging via smart phones has become digital shorthand for college students. The study found that 99 percent of smart phone owners use text messaging (as compared to 96 percent for feature phones).

Text messaging is quick, universal " across all mobile phone carriers. It's also discreet and cheap," Hanley said. "It is how today's college students prefer to communicate." And often to the dismay of college faculty, nearly half of respondents said they send text messages while in class,



he said.

Better cameras
New smart phones also have better cameras that take high quality photos and video, allowing young people to document the world around them.

The study found that 90 percent of smart phone users take and send photographs. Hanley believes marketers are paying attention to college students' ties to their smart phones.

Students report seeing more " advertisements and marketing messages on their phones, and they are not happy about it," he said. "Easier Internet access with smart phones is one reason for the increased ads. But students are growing more concerned about the amount of advertising. The study found that two-thirds said they were 'very concerned' or 'concerned a little' about getting mobile ads."

The study found that 39 percent of smart phone users would accept ads on their mobile devices if they got something free in return, but the trend to accept such advertisements with free offers has declined by 10 percentage points in the last two years. Provided by Ball State University





Iraqi Communications Club wins the Chess Tournament



The communications club won the first place in Iraqi Clubs Tournament for chess during the third group of the Iraqi Chess Clubs Tournament which took place in Diwaniya Hotel after collecting 42 scores and a half. The communications club presented interesting performances impressed everyone attended the games . Our Communications club was rewarded by the D.G Mr. Kassim Hassani . " This winning reflect our insistance to support the sport activities and we will continue supporting our club" Al Hassani said. The Head of Chess Union Mr. Dhafir Abdul Ameer said that the



matches had been governed by the Intr. Refries , Hussain Ali Hadi , Danz Fa'eq , Salah Jada'n and Mr. Tawfeeq as a supervisor of the champion . Ficher time System will be used where each player will grant 75 minutes plus 30 seconds for each played shift.



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