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Institute to launch online Chinese language learning platform

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AMMAN — The Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organisation (TAG-Org) will launch an online portal to teach Chinese in 2013, Tareq Hammad, director of the Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Confucius Institute, said on Tuesday.

The portal, which is being developed by TAG-Org, will enable those who want to learn Chinese to learn the language online regardless of where in the world they live, Hammad told The Jordan Times.

TAG-Org will sign an agreement with Hanban, the Chinese National Office for Teaching Chinese as a Foreign Language, in December to start preparations for launching the portal, which is expected to be operational next year, he said.

"The need to learn Chinese is on the rise across the world. The online portal will make it easier as those who want to learn will be able to take online courses at home and at their convenience, as the portal will be operational 24 hours a day," Hammad added.

The portal will include interactive videos and will allow students to be in direct contact with teachers, he added, pointing out that demand for online education is increasing worldwide.

Hammad noted that more than 1,100 people have completed courses in Chinese at the Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Confucius Institute, which was established in September 2008 to promote Chinese language and culture.

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