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TAG-Org is a Main Partner in “ArabNoor Conference” for Entrepreneurs and Initiators



Irbid- Held under the sponsorship of the Minister of Communication and Information Technology, Eng. Mothanna Gharaibeh, in the presence of the Saudi princess Kholoud bint Nasser Al Saud, and with the strategic participation of Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization (TAG-Org), the “ArabNoor” conference for young entrepreneurs and initiators at the University of Science and Technology, concluded its work.

The participation of the Organization in the first of its kind Conference in the Northern region of the Kingdom, aimed at achieving target development in all sectors via supporting entrepreneurship. The Minister, Mothanna Gharaibeh, highlighted the importance of the role of entrepreneurs in creating the future, enabling and motivating the youth to start their own projects, and pursuing innovation.

The Conference lasted for 2 days in the presence of Prof. Dr. Saeb Khresat, the President of the Jordan University of Science and Technology and Mohamed Abu Sheikha, the Executive Director of “ArabNoor” Company. The Conference was held in cooperation between Center of Excellence for

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Innovative Projects at the University and ArabNoor for Entrepreneurship.

The Organization presented, during the Conference, a workshop for students on intellectual property and its importance for the protection of inventions and copyrights. Some of the Organization's available training programs were introduced including Management of small and medium enterprises, Cambridge English Courses, Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Diploma for Information Technology, and the offered MBA by Talal Abu-Ghazaleh University College for Innovation.

During the Conference, several training, professional and consultation services were introduced by the Organization, which are critical for helping students in the commencement of their enterprises, qualifying them for the labor market, providing them with the required basic skills for knowledge and helping them in entrepreneurship and innovation.

During the events of the Conference, the Executive Director Mr. Fadi Al-Dawood, participated in the Cognitive Forum of Talal Abu-Ghazaleh, in a discussion titled "Women's Entrepreneurship", with the participation of Her Excellency princess Kholoud bint Nasser bin AbdulAziz Al Saud.

Al-Dawood highlighted the importance of participation in Women's Economic Empowerment indicating the big missing economic opportunity resulting from the low percentage of participation of

women in the labor market, which does not exceed 14% in Jordan and is one of the world's lowest percentages at 50% and reaching 23% in the Arab World.

During the Conference, Her Excellency Prince Kholoud bint Khalid Al Saud visited Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization Corner, and asserted her high appreciation of Talal Abu-Ghazaleh's entrepreneurship story, his arduous journey from sufferance to world fame, and the establishment of his Organization, which has expanded around the world. Her Excellency highlighted that Talal Abu-Ghazaleh is one of the most inspirational and motivational figures for today's youth.

In the same Conference, Prof. Dr. Saeb Khresat, the President of the Jordan University of Science and Technology, illustrated the role of the University in supporting entrepreneurship and creativity through the sponsorship of creativity conferences and activities that are concerned with the provision of a proper environment for entrepreneur success and creative thoughts and projects.

Eng. Mohamed Abu Sheikha, the Executive Director of ArabNoor Group, pointed out the fact that organizing the Conference was with the aim of transferring and enabling learning, knowledge, inspiration, technology, and entrepreneurship for all targeted classes.

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USTDA Supports Energy Infrastructure in Egypt



CAIRO - As part of the US Business Mission to Egypt, USTDA's Acting Director, Thomas R. Hardy, met with Egyptian Ministers including Minister of Petroleum and Natural Resources Tarek El Molla and with the more than 40 US companies on the Business Mission, who are all working together to support mutually-beneficial commercial opportunities for both countries.

The Business Mission, which was organized by the US Egypt Business Council and the American Chamber of Commerce in Egypt, also served as the backdrop for USTDA's grant signing with Enjaz Project Management, an Egyptian supplier and service provider in energy and heavy industries markets. The grant agreement supports a feasibility study for the development of the Enjaz Integrated Petrochemical Complex Project, a methanol-based chemical complex in the Suez Canal Economic Zone that will utilize Egypt's abundant, newfound natural gas resources to support the country's growing economy.

The US firm, Fluor (Irving, TX) one of the world's largest engineering, procurement, fabrication, construction and maintenance companies, will carry out the study.

"I appreciate the opportunity to visit Egypt and meet with public and private sector partners to discuss ongoing and future cooperation," said Acting Director Hardy. "USTDA is pleased to partner with Enjaz and Fluor on this important project supporting Egypt's petrochemical sector. I am excited to see the new business opportunities and jobs created as a direct result of USTDA's engagement in this important development project."

Mr. Omar Hamza, Chairman and CEO of Enjaz added, "Enjaz is delighted to work with a well-reputed execution partner, like Fluor, and highly appreciates the support and grant received from USTDA. This project is the first specialty chemical project of its kind in Egypt, and has the potential to diversify Egypt's petrochemical portfolio while creating new economic opportunities."

"Fluor is pleased to be part of this important project with Enjaz and USTDA," said Al Collins, President of Fluor Energy and Chemicals business in Europe, Africa and the Middle East. "We are committed to supporting local entrepreneurs, like Enjaz, who contribute significantly to local industry and community development. We also appreciate the important role of USTDA in promoting new business opportunities for American companies, like Fluor, in Egypt."

"This important agreement signed on [October 25] and the robust US business trade mission that is visiting Egypt are concrete examples of the cooperative work that the United States and Egypt

pursue to deepen and strengthen our longstanding commercial and development partnership," said US Embassy Cairo Chargé d'Affaires, Thomas H. Goldberger.

Acting Director Hardy signed the grant with Enjaz's CEO Mr. Omar Hamza at a ceremony during the Business Mission.

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MOU Signed Between the Royal Air Force and TAG-Org

AMMAN - On this Thursday, MOU has been signed between the Royal Air Force and the Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization (TAG-Org). The MOU aims at forming a joint working team to cooperate in the field of training and consultancy services, specialized courses provision and using knowledge centres to obtain the digital educational programs and the academic and professional certificates.



Dr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh and the Royal Air Force Commander Major General Yousef Al-Huneiti have inaugurated the knowledge station which has been established in collaboration with TAG-Org at the Royal Air Force premises. The Station contains 30 Pcs and laptops connected via LAN and the internet and provided with necessary educational instruments to be used in the free courses and the respective accreditation such as Cambridge English Tests. The devices will be connected to ASREN via TAG-Org's internet line.

During his visit to the King Hussein Air Base, Dr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh has expressed his thanks and appreciation to the Royal Air Force Commander for the warm welcome and hospitality. Moreover, he has expressed his pride about the Royal Air Force and the level of professionalism and excellence it achieved.

In his delivered speech at the Royal Air Force College of Aviation Sciences, Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh has maintained that "the success is reached by the hardworking and creative individuals thus, we should

give an emphasis in the upcoming period to the creativity and innovation. I'm fully confident that the staff of the Armed Forces and the Royal Air Force will achieve what makes them immortal before the whole world".

From his side, the Royal Air Force Commander has expressed his thanks to Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh for the delivered distinguished contributions by the Organization and expressed his admiration about the offered services by the Organization in the different professional and educational fields and the specialized training courses, underlining that a joint collaboration should be established concerning different programs. Moreover, he has expressed his wish for the Organization to achieve more advance and success.

The room has been inaugurated in the presence of a number of senior Royal Air Force officers and a number of the department and section heads of TAG-Org.

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Improving Energy Security in Gaza Through Solar Energy

GAZA, The Palestinian Energy Authority and the World Bank launched the Gaza Solar Revolving Fund, a pilot aiming to install rooftop solar energy in Gaza for residential consumers, businesses and hospitals. The pilot model allows consumers to apply to the revolving fund for solar PV systems, with the cost repaid in monthly installments into the revolving fund.

This Fund is financed through the Electricity Sector Performance Improvement Project (ESPIP), developed in cooperation with the World Bank. The agreement for the new business model was signed between the Palestinian Energy and Natural Resources Authority (PENRA) and the Gaza Electricity Distribution Company Ltd. (GEDCO). The launching event was attended by donor representatives, local and international NGOs, ministries, representatives from the banking sector and GEDCO.

The available power supply in Gaza meets only a small portion (35%) of the overall demand resulting in rolling blackouts with less than 6 hours of electricity supply followed by 12 hours of power cuts. During winter and summer peak load conditions, the situation deteriorates, and power is only available 3-4 hours per day. This recurrent situation is disrupting lives and livelihoods in Gaza.

“The Gaza Strip has been suffering from a severe electricity crisis for years, affecting all sectors in Gaza. It is vital to reach a comprehensive solution; however, this initiative will provide a relief to many

citizens in Gaza and allow continuation of critical services. We will work hand in hand with our partners to secure and increase access to reliable and affordable energy,” said Engineer Zafer Milhem, PENRA Chairman.

“Increasing solar system installations in Gaza, particularly for households and hospitals, will provide a much-needed safety net for meeting basic electricity needs. In addition, protecting small medium enterprises from electricity shortage is increasing their ability to provide more jobs and contribute to economic activities,” said Marina Wes, World Bank Country Director for West Bank and Gaza.

The Gaza Solar Revolving Fund initially devotes \$2 million to help over one thousand households and businesses install small solar rooftop systems for a total of around 1.7 MW installed capacity. These consumers repay the cost of the solar PV system in monthly installments until the system is paid off. These payments will return to a revolving fund that will be used to install more solar systems and benefit others in Gaza.

The program will also include grant for providing rooftop solar systems to essential public services in Gaza, such as health facilities, one of which is An Nasser Hospital. These health facilities will receive grant and they will be selected in coordination with WHO, Ministry of Health and development partners.

Improving energy security in Gaza with solar energy and the ESPIP are co-financed by the Partnership for Infrastructure Development Multi-Donor Trust Fund. "Energy security challenges are already severe in Gaza. Scaling-up solar energy will strengthen energy security. Donors hope that this model provides sustainable alternative and could be easily replicated and rapidly scaled up, particularly in Gaza," said Hilde Haraldstad, the Representative of Norway to the Palestinian Authority.

For the Gaza Strip, the rooftop solar PV power could have a huge impact considering the critical shortage of electricity, allowing hospitals to continue lifesaving treatments, businesses to operate, and households to maintain decent life.

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Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization Participates in GITEX Technology Week

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DUBAI - Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization (TAG-Org) will participate in "GITEX 2018 – Technology Week", the largest technology show in the Middle East, Africa & South Asia which will take place on October 14-18, at Dubai World Trade Center.

During the exhibition, TAG-Org will showcase various technological solutions, cooperation opportunities and interactive platforms that have been designed to answer audience queries related to Information Technology and new technology-based services. Additionally, TAG-Org will brief participants on its

educational colleges and institutes, particularly Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Academy, Talal Abu-Ghazaleh University College for Innovation and Talal Abu-Ghazaleh International Diploma in IT Skills.

Mr. Mohammad Abu-Murry, Executive Director of Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Information Technology International (TAG-ITI) said: "The great success and reputation GITEX technology week gained throughout the years, made it an important platform to show ideas and innovations. This is an important opportunity to offer our products and new services following

the immense success the Organization attained in accomplishing various IT-based projects at local and global levels."

Abu-Murry added that TAGITI will present its services which include ICT Audit, Information and Communication Technology Security and Governance, Business Solutions, Websites Audit and Digital Marketing, E-Archiving, Mobile Apps Development, Database Services, Cloud Computing Services, Infrastructure Services and Computer Refurbishment.

Executive Director of TAG-Consult in Dubai, Ms. Nibal Abu-Ghazaleh stated that the Organization will present 33 premium services to the business communities in Dubai through Dubai Business Club in line with global best practices.

It's worth mentioning that TAG-Org signed a partnership agreement with Dubai Department of Economic Development (DED) which aims at promoting its services to achieve the highest standards of excellence for the purpose of facilitating services offered to investors and businessmen and attract more foreign investments to the country.

For his part, Executive Director of TAG-Org E-Solutions Department Mr. Reyad Al-Noubeh noted that "The Organization seeks through this venue to effectively communicate with its clients and potential clients to identify their needs," pointing out that the Organization's belief in innovation and creativity have driven its cadres towards providing advanced

solutions and services that meet its clients' needs worldwide.

Meanwhile, Director of TAG-ITIE-Archiving Department, Mr. Samer Al Ramahi stated that the E-Archiving System became an essential and comprehensive system for automating and accelerating processes and internal procedures of companies, institutions and banks as the best document management system according to global reports in more than 100 countries with 30 languages around the world.

Al Ramahi added, "Our professional and highly qualified staff archived more than 150,000,000 papers in the last three years, in addition to automating and applying the E-Archive system at various government and private institutions in different sectors in the region and globally."

It's worthy to mention that GITEX Technology Week will be held this year with a motto "Future Urbanization Experiment" to show how new innovations and solutions enrich the world's economic and cultural development. Furthermore, the event received more than 100 thousand visitors and more than 5000 companies from 100 countries at a 1.4 million square feet venue.

Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization booth is located in the hall A7, stand D1-A7.

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Building Strong Human Capital in Iraq to Unleash Economic Potential

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BAGHDAD - A child born in Iraq today will be 40% as productive when she grows up as she could be if she enjoyed complete education and full health, according to the World Bank's new Human Capital Index (HCI) released October 11 in Bali.

Decades of conflict have impacted a range of the country's human and economic development indicators. Iraq is an early adopter of the World Bank's Human Capital Project and plans to invest in its people to overcome development deficits with programs such as increasing early childhood development and the expansion of social protection systems.

The Human Capital Project aims to encourage policymakers to invest more in children's health, education and social protection to boost the incomes of people—and of countries—and build the human capital that is a central driver of sustainable growth and poverty reduction. The HCI is a key element of the Project that allows countries to measure how much income they are foregoing because of human capital gaps, and how much faster they can turn these losses into gains if they act now.

"We fully understand that rebuilding our country requires investment in our people first and foremost, to build our human capital," said Dr. Maher Johan, Deputy Minister of Planning. "We will

continue with our efforts to invest in education that teaches the skills of the future, and in health to ensure healthy generations able to contribute to economic growth. We want not only to take Iraq's human capital to where it was before, but to take it to higher grounds to enhance our productivity and the future of our country."

The HCI shows that a child born in Iraq today will be 40 percent as productive when she grows up as she could be if she enjoyed complete education and full health. Children in Iraq can expect to complete 6.9 years of pre-primary, primary and secondary school by age 18. However, when years of schooling are adjusted for quality of learning, this is only equivalent to 4 years with a learning gap of 2.9 years.

"Investments in people are the most valuable, long-term investments a country can make," said Saroj Kumar Jha, World Bank Mashreq Regional Director. "Through our partnership with Iraq, we are supporting the development of human capital with emphasis on health, education and social protection. We will also continue to offer the benefits of our global experience to help Iraq develop the capacity to measure its progress and further refine its policies for investing in people as the source of equitable growth."

As an early adopter of the Project, Iraq has nominated focal points within the government to partner with the World Bank Group. Early adopter countries have

begun work on elevating human capital policy dialogue across all government ministries and identifying national priorities for accelerating progress on human capital, based on each country's own development plans

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