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AIMICT Presents Its Success Story in Adopting IPv6

BEIRUT - The Arab International Society for Management Technology (AIMICT), member of Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization (TAG-Org), shared its experience in adopting Internet Protocol Version 6 (IPv6) at the 4th Annual Meeting of the Arab Internet Governance Forum (Arab IGF) held in Beirut. AIMICT, in partnership with ICT Committee of TAG-Org, has adopted IPv6, which makes TAG-Org a national and regional hub for implementation and launch of the IPv6 technology.

Adopting such strategic project was triggered by AIMICT Chairman HE Dr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh's strong belief in spreading modern technology to better serve the public good.

Basically most Arab countries, including Jordan, lack the proper knowledge in IPv6 for many reasons and that is why a clear vision should be introduced towards adopting IPv6.

Given the importance of such transformation into IPv6, the 4th annual

meeting of the Arab IGF allocated a specialized workshop on this theme. The workshop titled "IPv6 & IoT: Integrated Companions" was chaired by Dr. Alaa Al-Din Radhi, AIMICT deputy chairman, as an international expert and a certified technical engineer (Golden class) in this technology.

Ms. Majd Farahat, AIMICT executive director and head of Cloud Computing at TAG-Org, presented TAG-Org's experience in gradual transformation towards IPv6, internally as the first phase, since TAG-Org is an Internet service provider rather than just a user. Ms. Farahat also presented AIMICT Action Plan to assume the responsibility of raising awareness and building capacities in this area, which will eventually result in achieving one of the significant goals of AIMICT in supporting modern technology and qualification, including IPv6.

TAG-Org will lead the way by being the catapult for this technology.



At the World Arabic Language Day

Abu-Ghazaleh: We are facing an aggressive attack to distort Arabic Language

TAG-Org embarked on a mission to protect Arabic language since its establishment.

AMMAN - Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization (TAG-Org) organized a special celebration on the occasion of the World Arabic Language Day patronized by HE Dr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh with the attendance of interested experts, journalists and social media experts in an event held at Talal Abu-Ghazaleh University.

Arabic language speakers celebrate the UN Arabic Language Day on December 18th of each year as it's the date when the General Assembly approved Arabic as an official UN language.

Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh stressed that we face an aggressive attack from other languages against our native language saying that it has been selected to be

distorted, that is why we see nowadays Arabizi while we do not see any other language with a distortion like this, indicating that at TAG-Org since the start aimed at protecting Arabic language by many initiatives.

He said that since the Organization was established in 1972, we issued Arabic dictionaries that can help a lot of professions starting with the accounting, Intellectual Property, the legal terms and IT dictionaries, we founded also a translation company which became one of the biggest companies in the world and it translates from other languages into standard Arabic and does work for national institutions, governments and companies.

Whereas the UN and before the year 2000 did not have a special definition to the Middle East region, Dr. Abu-

Ghazaleh when he was elected the head of the UN ICT Taskforce he requested to define the Middle East region as the “Arab Region, and it has been since then.

Due to the lack of content on the Internet, which is limited by Wikipedia with unverified content, and does not have more than 400 thousand articles that are ready to be distorted any time, Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh stated that TAGIPEDIA initiative the digital encyclopedia came as the credible source which will be launched next year when the content reaches one million and a half articles.

Meanwhile, other initiatives relates to the Arab Summit’s resolution declaring the 2015-2024 a decade to eradicate illiteracy in the Arab countries through three paths: linguistically, digitally and culturally, and a taskforce was formed to coordinate between representatives of the concerned ministries, and TAG-Org works also helping them apply this decision.

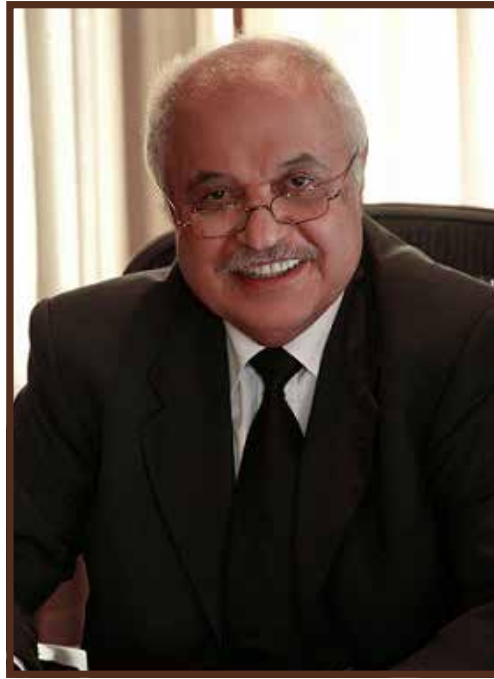
As he is strictly against the Arabizi phenomenon, Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh said that TAG-Org recently launched a campaign named “My Arabic Language” which aims to talk about the risks that encounter Arabic language and Arabic content on the Internet, calling for an official firm decision t that prohibits the use of Arabizi stressing that Arabic language lived and stayed because it is the language of the Quran. At the end of the gathering, Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh replied to the attendants’

questions about the role of social media on the future of the Arabic language, he indicated that these technological means do not have a nationality, however, the user is the one who identifies its nationality and subsequently we decide the future of the language.

As for the official government role of the Arabic content on the Internet, he stressed that governments should provide the environment and we should contribute to the richness of the Arabic content on the Internet not waiting to governments to accomplish our roles. Regarding Education, he said that he heads the Arabic organization for education quality, pointing that he is against what was said "educations is for all", he corrected it to be “good education is for all”, indicating that we in the organization need the schools and universities to work within specific qualities provided to follow high quality education.

He noted that the Organization started to teach Arabic in China, pointing that this is one of the initiatives that we can do to publish Arabic language in the world especially that China’s population is one billion and a half.

It is worth mentioning that the gathering was organized to enrich the Arabic content on the Internet, where TAG-Org released the initiative #Myarabic_ language to show how we preserve our language, to tweet and to write the content in Arabic on the World Wide Web at least for one day.



TAG-Org Calls on Charities to Benefit from Refurbished Computers

AMMAN – Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization (TAG-Org) confirmed its full commitment to providing the various charities with computers as a part of the project undertaken by Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Computer Refurbishment (TAGCR).

Through this project, TAGCR seeks to attract donors who have damaged computers in order to restore, refurbish, and distribute them to the various charities in need of such computers to support youth, promote their knowledge and education, and contribute to providing them with the required skills, taking into account that the future is for IT and competition is impossible without the basic IT tools.

The project constitutes a part of the corporate social responsibility of TAG-

Org and its role in dissemination of IT and free training across Jordan.

TAG-Org launched the project in 2010, tapping on the restoration abilities in the Arab region, based on the United Nations “UN 500/12” initiative, launched during the tenure of Dr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh as the chair of the Global Alliance for ICT and Development. The first fully functional center part of the “Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Center for Refurbished Computers” project was established in Gaza Camp- Jerash in northern Jordan in 2010, in cooperation with UNRWA. More than 1500 refurbished computers were distributed and more than 100 unemployed young man and woman were trained across the country.

With the view of covering all areas of Jordan (Zarqa, Azraq, Mafraq, and Eastern badia), TAG-Org launched the

second phase of the project in 2015 in cooperation with Al Zarqa Private University to assist less fortunate people and charities. The cooperation was a part of an agreement signed with the University under the patronage of HE Prime Minister Abdullah Al Nsoor. TAG-Org stresses that the success of the project over these years was due to the effective contribution of HE Prime Minister Abdullah Al Nsoor to the project and his support of the various phases, in addition to the computers donated by various bodies including the Arab Bank, Sharia Courts (of various branches), Jordan University of Science and Technology, Directorate of Civil Defense, Jordan International Insurance, Government Tenders Department, Deposit Insurance Corporation, National Information Technology Center, National Aid Fund, General Income Sales Tax Department, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Industry and Trade, General Budget Department, Jordan Enterprise Development Corporation, Ministry of Public Sector Development, Ministry

of Energy and Mineral Resources, and Vocational Training Institute (of various branches and locations).

Bodies donating their damaged computers to serve the project included the Prime Ministry, Amman Stock Market, Companies Control Department, Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation, Department of Antiquities, Jordan Food & Drug Administration, Housing Bank for Trade and Finance, Ministry of Education, directorates of education in all governorates, Aqaba Special Economic Zone Authority, Department of Land and Survey, Ministry of Culture, Jordan Maritime Authority- Aqaba, Aqaba Development Corporation, Ministry of Public Works, Al Manhal International Schools, Ministry of Information and Communication Technology, Civil Service Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates, Land Transport Regulatory Commission, Supreme Judge Department, Private Education Department, ABC Bank, Jordan Commercial Bank, and Capital Bank.





AGIP Deploys L-Root Server Instance in Jordan in Partnership with ICANN

AMMAN - Following the agreement signed between Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property (AGIP) and the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) to host an L-Root server instance in Amman, a new instance of L-Root server is now successfully installed in Jordan, to strengthen Internet infrastructure in Jordan, and offer greater efficiency, stability and security, in addition to an overall improved Internet experience throughout Jordan.

The L-Root server administered by ICANN refers to one of thirteen computers that anchor the globe's Domain Name Service (DNS). Where computers locate one another on a network by numeric address, humans find it easier to use and remember names (for instance, users typically remember "agip.com" more easily than its IP address, 89.28.217.117). The Domain Name System matches domain names with their correct numeric addresses on the Internet.

Mr. Mahmoud Lattouf, Executive Director of Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Domain Names (TAG-Domains), stated: "With the deployment of an L-Root Server instance in Jordan, AGIP, member

of Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization (TAG-Org), fulfills its responsibility by increasing the Domain Name System's (DNS) overall fault tolerance and its resilience against certain types of cyber threats, such as Denial of Service (DoS) attacks. As Jordan's internet penetration expands, this is an important contribution to the Internet development in our country."

It is worth noting that AGIP, through its subsidiary TAG-Domains, is an ICANN accredited registrar providing domain name registrations under generic and country-code Top-Level Domains.

Commenting on this achievement, Mr. Baher Esmat, Vice-president of ICANN Global Stakeholder Engagement, Middle East, said: "I am very pleased with our partnership with AGIP. We are happy to have helped facilitate the launch of the first new L-Root deployment in Jordan. This new L-Root Instance will work towards ensuring the robustness of the Domain Name System Infrastructure in the country, increase quality and enable end users to enjoy a better Internet experience as DNS queries take less time to resolve."



UN-Habitat and Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization Launch Network Eleven

BARCELONA - December 3, 2015 - The Digital Technologies for Sustainable Urbanization Network (Network Eleven), which will support implementation of the Sustainable Development Goal 11 (SDG 11) to “make cities and human settlements inclusive, save, resilient and sustainable” was launched in a special ceremony held at Barcelona, Spain.

The Network Eleven was introduced by HE Dr. Joan Clos, United Nations Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director of UN-Habitat, and HE Dr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh, chairman of Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization (TAG-Org).

In the presentation, Dr. Clos said “Network Eleven is an important contribution to the Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development, focused on the relationship between ICT and Urbanization towards global development.”

Meanwhile, Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh said “It is my great honor to lead on behalf of the business sector this innovative UN-private partnership network, which emanated from the Integration Segment of the United Nations Economic and Social Council on 28 May last year.” “This global network is aimed at harnessing the transformative power of digital technologies to advance SDG 11 and it will thus contribute to the

implementation of the urban dimension of the 2030 Agenda. The network is to bring together high-level policy makers, urban planners, designers and architects, city leaders and mayors, CEOs of technology companies and leaders of civil society to support countries in pursuing smarter human settlements,” he added.

HE Ms. Anusha Rahman Ahmad Khan, Minister of Information Technology and Telecom of Pakistan said “I would like to urge member states for global coordination for sharing good practices and experiences on the use of ICTs for sustainable urbanization, in addition to establishing platforms and governance mechanism at a level of individual country that facilitate integrated multi-sector and multi-stakeholder urban planning and formulation of appropriate legal, policy and regulatory frameworks.”

The Network also aims to generate ideas to contribute to the discussion towards the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Development (Habitat III) and the New Urban Agenda.

Experts from around the world discussed themes related to smarter human settlements, digital technologies for planning and managing sustainable cities.



Abu-Ghazaleh at AINAC: We Should Not Wait for the Government's Support to Innovate; Governments are just to Provide Suitable Environment

AMMAN - The 4th Arab Innovation Network Annual Conference (AINAC) was held in Amman under the Patronage of Her Majesty Queen Rania Al Abdullah, and with the presence of Her Majesty's representative, the Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research, HE Dr. Labeeb Alkhadra.

In his speech, HE Dr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh stressed that we should not wait for the government's support to invent and innovate; governments are just to provide the suitable environment for innovation adding that in Jordan, we enjoy the best environment thanks to the wise Hashemite leadership.

Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh also assured that many countries are ahead of us in the field of scientific research. He noted that the Arab Scientific Research and Education

Network (ASREN) that he chairs, in cooperation with the European Union and Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization, launched a scientific research network connected to those of the Arab region and Europe. The network is accessible to all researchers wishing to participate in or learn about various scientific researches in the region and in Europe.

He said that scientific research is the way towards knowledge creation, which is based on the information and communication technology. Therefore, it is crucial to emphasize on cognitive researches in this field.

He pointed out the importance of the protection of Intellectual Property in the field of invention and innovation, as it allows its owner to achieve wealth, and opens opportunities for invention and

innovation. He added that TAG-Org has the biggest Intellectual Property protection company in the world (AGIP); this is because TAG-Org has chosen to be an IT based organization that is distinctive from other organizations in the world.

On behalf of Her Majesty Queen Rania Al Abdullah, Dr. Labeeb Alkhadra noted that scientific, educational, and research institutions are promoting the integration of innovation in scientific research creation programs.

On the local level, Dr. Alkhadra assured that it is crucial to direct the scientific research system within the various intellectual fields according to the national priorities to solve local problems. He pointed out the importance of the integrated role of the concerned parties and the private sector in creating competitive environment.

During the opening ceremony, many ideas developed by Arab students have been viewed, such as the innovation of a car that has, in addition to its main engine, an additional one placed in the wheels to reduce air resistance. Another innovation was an electric dress that can be worn by autistic children to monitor their condition, movements, and behaviors.

It is worth mentioning that the conference aims at providing opportunities to all Arab students to share their ideas with academics and representatives of major companies in the fields of their innovations. More than 300 persons from 16 Arab countries attended the conference. Attendees were students and representatives of businesses and academic bodies.





Abu-Ghazaleh Chairs the Judging Panel of Hult Prize at the University of Jordan

AMMAN - December 22, 2015 - HE Dr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh, chairman of Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization (TAG-Org), chaired the judging panel of Hult Prize hosted by the University of Jordan this year at the Faculty of Business. The final qualifying phase will be held in the United States and will be chaired by the former president of USA, Mr. Bill Clinton.

In the meeting of final qualification for Jordan held at the University in presence of the representative of University President Khlaif Al-Tarawneh and Vice President Musa Al-Lozi, Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh assured that creativity is the right way to wealth-making and it is the future; accordingly, future is only for knowledge creativity.

Addressing students, he added "Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property (AGIP) has occupied the first rank in the world due to its choice to be digital. Complete operation using ICT

technology made AGIP advantageous over other companies."

He indicated "the UN decided to launch partnership with the international community of business represented by TAG-Org as we currently chair Network Eleven which was launched recently in Barcelona. Network Eleven aims at realizing future sustainability in solving many problems to live in better places, environment and conditions which relates to the objective of the Prize we are meeting here for." He also stressed the necessity to permanently look for the best solutions all over the world through IT.

He illustrated that the world, while developing, goes through several stages; thus we moved from the stage of IT into the stage of knowledge and will move into the stage of wisdom in which man will think of what is useful not profitable.

He explained that, at the end of this century, it is expected machines will

control the world; the fact that led Cambridge University to form a team in order to conclude the project of how to outstrip the control of machines over man.

Regarding the problem of human settlements, he explained that it is the problem of the world and will never end as population is continuously increasing while the capacity is limited. He also added that projects of students in the IT field are the target as they are the innovators and thinkers.

He thanked the University and all parties in charge of the prize for choosing him to chair the Judging Panel. He also expressed his deep gratitude to the students who made the arrangements of the ceremony and to the management of the University that provided all the necessary facilities which prove the great interest in the youth and their capabilities to realize success and excellence.

Dr. Zu'bi Al-Zu'bi, Dean of the Faculty of Business at the University of Jordan, welcomed, in his turn, the

guests of qualification stage ceremony, specifically Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh and members of the Judging Panel. He added that the Faculty celebrates hosting this Prize which was launched by an initiative of the former president of the United States Bill Clinton. He added that this Prize targets the University students to produce the best innovative ideas concerning solving the problems from which the whole world is suffering.

He explained that this competition is arranged at the level of Jordan to compete with the projects of other Arab countries in Dubai and then to compete for the grand prize in the United States of America.

The \$one million Prize aims at enhancing entrepreneurship and innovation to be supported and brought to reality. This financial prize will translate the most innovative ideas into actual reality changing the world to the best.

This year competition concentrates on finding out solutions for the overcrowded regions and cities through income generating projects.



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