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TAGITI To Implement Microsoft AX for Abdin Industrial Est.



AMMAN, April 1, 2008 - Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Information Technology International (TAGITI), a member of TAGorg, signed an agreement with Abdin Industrial Est., a leading enterprise in the manufacturing sector of retail furniture and catering equipment, to provide Abdin with a complete business system based on the Microsoft Axapta ERP platform. The agreement was signed on the 1st of April, 2008, in the Abdin Industrial Est. – General Mangement Premises. Attendees include parties from both sides including Mr. Jamal Alkhalil, TAGITI General Manager, Mr. Mustafa Nasereddin, and Executive Director for Talal Abu-Ghazaleh & Co. International, Jordan, Mr. Fadi Karajeh, Jordan Branch Manager, and Mohammad Said Abdin, Abdin Industrial Est. Founder and others. The project will enable Abdin to consolidate its many disparate systems to cater for its growing demands.

TAGITI will provide Abdin with a comprehensive business system based on Microsoft Axapta, a robust Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) solution with strong functionality for this industry. As a result, Abdin Industrial Est. will be able to execute its strategy to consolidate its many existing finance, manufacturing and Human resources systems, into a single system that meets Abdin's specific requirements.

Prior to implementing the ERP system, TAGITI plans to perform a complete business analysis to assess the enterprise's existing organizational structure as well as its operational activities in sales, purchasing, master scheduling, manufacturing, shop floor control, accounts payable/receivable, quality management, logistics and human resources. By conducting a gap analysis between the existing system and the optimal recommended ERP system, shortcomings can be identified by comparison with international best practices.

Abdin chose Microsoft Axapta as a software platform considering TAGITI's experience in application of different business management systems. TAGITI was chosen by the Abdin due to availability of extensive technological expertise, along with a history of successfully implemented projects with different scales of complexity. Additionally, the presence of TAGITI legacy in the Middle Eastern market was a strong differentiator among competitors.

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th We can never be certain about the future and therefore we must continue to be flexible and adaptable so that we can react quickly to the needs of

> ous clients and ous market place." Talal Abu-Ghazaleh, TAGO Chairman



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News & Activities

TAGITI Develops Ministry of Social Developments' Website

TAGITI was chosen by Jordanian Ministry of Social Developments to design and develop the ministry's new website. The ministry wanted a professional website that would convey the ministry's mission and goals to raise public awareness.

AMMAN, June 8th, 2008 --- TAGITI, Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Information Technology International, a member of TAGorg, has announced that its most recent project is a customized website for the Ministry of Social Development, based in Amman. The new website was launched online in June 2008, www.mosd.gov.jo.

The website has a full Content Management System (CMS). According to TAGITI's General Manager, Jamal Al-Khalili, "The CMS will allows the ministry will be able to update the site content". In addition, TAGITI created the site in a way that will help increase visitors to the website and create a more user-friendly experience for the ministry website. The new website provides information on the ministry's mission, goals, services and contact details. The website also features a Flash banner, conveying services that the ministry offers.

TAGITI CMS will allow our clients to build simple websites to powerful online applications. TAGITI CMS can be used to easily manage every aspect of our clients' websites, from adding content and images to managing e-commerce transactions.

TAGITI offers Website and Portal design and development services. For more information about how TAGITI can help your organization improve its online presence, visit :

http://www.tagiti.com/HTMLWebsite/ website_content_website_development_en.html.



Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Presents to HRH Prince Al-Walid bin Talal the Encyclopedia of Excellence and Civilization Award

Abu-Ghazaleh presented HRH Prince Al-Walid bin Talal with the Encyclopedia of Excellence and Civilization Award for his outstanding efforts worldwide in supporting economic, scientific and charitable endeavors

RIYADH, May 28th, 2008 --- Mr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh, Chairman of the Encyclopedia of Excellence and Civilization Committee on Wednesday presented HRH Prince Al-Walid bin Talal with the Encyclopedia of Excellence and Civilization Award for his outstanding efforts worldwide in supporting economic, scientific and charitable endeavors.

Meanwhile, the Encyclopedia's Secretary-General HRH Prince Nayef Bin Mamdouh Bin Abdul Aziz also presented Prince Al-Walid bin Talal an honorary Encyclopedia membership certificate in recognition of his global activities.

HRH Prince Al-Walid bin Talal expressed his appreciation for this award,

while wishing those involved in the Encyclopedia's committee continued prosperity and success.

The award ceremony was attended by Mr. Osama Touri, the Encyclopedia's Executive Director, and representatives from international news agencies, satellite channels and journalists.

HRH Prince Al Walid is heavily involved in charitable activities across the Middle East, Asia and Africa, and is estimated

to donate more than \$100 million annually to charity.

The Encyclopedia of Excellence and Civilization Award aims at honoring dis-



tinguished individuals in various fields around the world.



News & Activities

Abu-Ghazaleh to Launch First Independent Intellectual Property Rights Satellite Channel

The free-to-air satellite channel is to be launched later this year with exclusive programs to tackle Intellectual Property Rights issues regionally and globally

CAIRO, April 15, 2008 - Dedicated to country and our position as leaders in enabling ideas and concepts for exciting this field is to continue developing the new digital world, Mr. Talal Abu- strategies and methods to protect IPRs," Ghazaleh, Chairman and CEO of Talal he said. Abu-Ghazaleh Organization (TAGorg) was granted an exclusive license by the Smart Village in Cairo with offices in National Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (NTRA) in Egypt to launch the first Independent Intellectual Property broadcast specialized programs in IP, Rights (IPR) Satellite Channel.

launched later this year with exclusive major business events around the world. programs to tackle Intellectual Property Rights issues regionally and globally.

Abu-Ghazaleh said "The idea behind establishing a satellite channel dedicated to Intellectual Property Rights is to strengthen awareness in IP issues and give a clearer image on IP situation in the Arab worldwide with a credible source of news world.

He added, "The Satellite Channel is a unique project because it will be run by motivated by the efforts of the Intellectual unique specialists in IP and business."

tance of IP in developing worldwide econ- Arab countries. It was considered the first tion, the European Patent Office (EPO), omy. "There is no doubt that IP plays a step towards establishing the specialized the International Trademark Association, vital role in lifting the economy of any Satellite Channel, TAG-IPR,"

The TAG-IPR will be based at the most major cities of the world.

The first-of-its-kind channel will interviews with decision makers and The free-to-air satellite channel is to be will cover major IP events in addition to

In 2004, Abu-Ghazaleh launched a one-of-a-kind project, ag-IP-news Agency, Ghazaleh stated. the Only Specialized Global Intellectual Property News Agency to move in parallel with the fast-growing and widespread interest in IP domains and to provide users and reports in this field.



TAGorg's commitment to the protection of Intellectual Property comes from its belief in the importance of Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs) and their role in creating a dynamic, innovative business environment that will contribute to sustain-"The creation of this news agency was able economic progress and development.

The Agency has quickly gained sup-Property society to enhance and promote port from major IP organizations, such as Abu-Ghazaleh stressed on the impor- IP awareness around the world and in the the World Intellectual Property Organiza-Abu- and distinguished international law firms.

AGIP Receives MIP's Middle East IP Firm of the Year Award for 2008

We are very proud to be part of this prestigious global survey. This manifests our unwavering commitment to providing the best quality service to our clients worldwide- Luay Abu-Ghazaleh

LONDON - Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property (AGIP) received on Wednesday the Middle East IP Firm of the Year Award for 2008 at the Managing Intellectual Property (MIP) 3rd Annual Global IP Awards Dinner held at Claridge's Hotel, London on April 9, 2008.

According to MIP, the awards recognize the achievements in IP work over the past year, whether in prosecution, litigation, licensing or other works. They mark the culmination of MIP's five month-long annual world survey of the world's leading IP firms.

As per the results of the survey released last month, AGIP was ranked in Tier One for trademark, patent and copyright prosecution and contentious work.

AGIP Vice-Chair Mr. Luay Abu-

Ghazaleh said, "We are very proud to be part of this prestigious global survey. This manifests our unwavering commitment to providing the best quality service to our client worldwide."

He added, "Managing Intellectual Property's annual survey is valued by the IP profession, because it represents an independent snapshot of which firms are highly rated in this highly competitive market."

MIP's survey is the largest and most in-depth ever; it covered both prosecution and contentious work in 65 jurisdictions including the Americas, Asia and Europe. Managing Intellectual Property (MIP) was founded in 1990. It is now firmly established as the leading international magazine for IP owners.



MIP is published 10 times a year and includes news, data, in-depth articles and interviews with influential IP figures.



News & Activities

Abu-Ghazaleh Outlines Roadmap for Intellectual Property Protection

STOCKHOLM, June 16th, 2008 --- Under the patronage of H.R.H. Crown Princess Victoria Ingrid Alice Désirée of Sweden and the Duchess of Västergötland and with the participation of the Swedish Prime Minister, Fredrik Reinfeldt and representatives of the leading key international firms, the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) concluded its first World Business Summit on June 14, 2008.

Talal Abu-Ghazaleh, Chairman and CEO of the Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization (TAGorg) attended the ICC Executive Board Meeting, ICC Business Summit and the ICC World Council.

In his address, Mr. Abu-Ghazaleh's outlined the challenges facing Intellectual Property (IP) protection in the world of IT, and drew a roadmap of what should be done to protect IP rights on the Internet and fields such as biotechnology, artificial intelligence, bioinformatics and others.

Mr. Abu-Ghazaleh participated as well in the Summit Forum with the Director General of the World Trade Organization HE Pascal Lami, and shared his concerns towards the obstacles placed by the developed world towards the flow of foreign investments with the claim of protecting their strategic interest.

It is worth noting that Mr. Abu-Ghazaleh has held various chairmanships



within the ICC in the past, and is currently a member of its Executive Board.

TAGorg Launches Training Campaign to Eliminate Digital Illiteracy

The campaign is related to the promotion of the Cambridge IT Skills Certificate throughout the Sultanate of Oman

MUSCAT, June 15th, 2008 --- A promotional management agreement was signed recently at the offices of the Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization (TAGorg) in Oman with the Al-Ahmad International Co. in order to launch a first of its kind promotional campaign at the local and regional levels.

The campaign is related to the promotion of the Cambridge IT Skills Certificate to eventually offer the related courses for this certificate throughout the Sultanate of Oman, as a first step in the "Omanization of a Knowledge Society" initiative, launched by Chairman and CEO of the Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization (TAGorg), Dr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh.

The agreement involves assigning administrative responsibility of the campaign to Al-Ahmad International Co., to promote the Certificate. The program behind this diploma is considered one of the best professional computer training programs worldwide, and is accredited by various governments, in addition to private institutions and semi-governmental organizations such as the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). This program is being implemented in the Sultanate based on a partnership agreement between TAGorg and Cambridge International Examinations (CIE), via the Arab Omani Institute for Administrative Training, which is the exclusive agent for this project in Oman.

The certificate's program aims to educate Omani citizens on computer usages, and raise their awareness on the significance of IT. Some

of the program's various features are the absolute freedom in choosing the language of study to be either Arabic or English, and choosing the system of study. Those who pass relevant exams will be awarded the Certificate.

TAGorg's Executive Director in Oman, Mr. Mo'awiyah Khaleefah talked about the agreement in relation to the economic and geographic significance of the Sultanate, which makes it attractive to investors, who in turn will employ Omani cadres trained in the latest international professional agendas.

He added that "We are proud to coop-



erate with the Al-Ahmad International Co. on the first promotional regional campaign. This will involve several training institutions that will execute the Cambridge IT Skills program at the same time throughout the Sultanate."

On his part, the General Director of the Al-Ahmad International Co., Mr. Ahmad Bin Salem Al-Seyabi explained that the project will be executed in six governorates.

It is worth noting that the Cambridge IT Skills program is taught in 22 Arab countries and 120 nations worldwide.





Abu-Ghazaleh Inaugurates ICANN Meeting in Dubai

We support continued efforts to internationalize ICANN's structures - Abu-Ghazaleh

DUBAI, April 2, 2008 - The UAE Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA) hosted at the Dubai Grand Hyatt Hotel on April 1, 2008, the regional meeting for the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN).

Mr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh, Chairman and CEO of Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization (TAGorg) opened the threeday meeting, joined by an elite group of government representatives, policymakers, country code top-level domain (ccTLD) managers, service providers and others.

Abu-Ghazaleh emphasized his support for an independent private sectorled ICANN, stating "business around the world looks forward to contributing to the discussions about a solid transition path for the organization toward that end."

He also expressed his confidence that ICANN will be able to put in place methods to ensure the future stability and security of the Domain Name System (DNS), establish effective accountability mechanisms and strengthen relationships with the busi-

ness community, as well as other stakeholders.

Abu-Ghazaleh stressed the significance of creating a structure and environment that remain flexible enough to encourage continued creativity and innovation on issues pursuant to ICANN's management needs. "We support continued efforts to internationalize ICANN's structures, both

through its presence in different regions, and the involvement of stakeholders from all around of the world. This outreach meeting in Dubai is an excellent example," he elaborated.

It is worth noting that TAGorg serves on the Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO), the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) and the Asia Pacific Regional At Large Organization (APRALO), all three of which are ICANN-affiliated establishments.

Coinciding with the ICANN Regional Meeting, Mr. Abu-Ghazaleh will inaugurate today the second meeting of the Multilingual Internet Initia-



tive (MII) Board of the Arab Knowledge and Management Society (AKMS) which will be chaired by Ms. Samar Al-Labbad, Deputy Chair of TAGorg.

The MII is a joint partnership between AKMS and ICANN that was launched May last year, to start a constructive dialogue and raise awareness within the Internet community in the Arab region on technical aspects and policies related to domain names and numbers.

New TAGITI Employees



Suhail Yaseen, Senior HRMS Consultant, Regional



Eyad Khawaldeh, Infrastructure Consultant,



Mohammed Abu Hijleh, Senior IT Consultant, Regional



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Nokia Launches the Morph, a Nanotechnology Concept device

Contributed by Vivek Suman, AG-CON, Oman.

New York, US and Espoo, Finland -Morph, a joint nanotechnology concept, developed by Nokia Research Center (NRC) and the University of



Cambridge (UK) was launched today http://www.nokia.com

alongside the "Design and the Elastic Mind" exhibition, on view from February 24 to May 12, 2008, at The Museum of Modern Art (MoMA) in New York.

Morph is a concept that demonstrates how future mobile devices might be stretchable and flexible, allowing the user to transform their mobile device into radically different shapes. It demonstrates the ultimate functionality that nanotechnology might be capable of delivering: flexible materials, transparent electronics and self-cleaning surfaces.

The partnership between Nokia and the University of Cambridge was announced in March, 2007 - an agreement to work together on an extensive and long term programme of joint research projects that are centered on nanotechnology. The morph concept is a step forward towards looking at ways to reinvent form and function of mobile devices.

Elements of Morph might be available to integrate into handheld devices within 7 years, though initially only at the high-end. However, nanotechnology may one day lead to low cost manufacturing solutions, and offers the possibility of integrating complex functionality at a low price.

Business Technology Products



^{4 Star Rating} The Nokia E90 Communicator is equipped with Bluetooth, Wi-Fi, and GPS, and has a solid set of productivity and communication features for the business

user. The Symbian smartphone also has a full QWERTY keyboard and 3.2-megapixel camera. Although the downside is that the Nokia E90 does not support U.S. 3G networks, and the handset is also heavy and bulky. Most importantly, the E90 Communicator has a feature set as large as its size, satisfying the needs of the power business users.

Running. Net applications on Linux

Contributed by Mohammad Abu Hijleh, TAGITI, Regional. Novel, the company reputable for starting many good and bad things in the IT industry is sponsoring a project called Mono. This project aims at providing the support and the infrastructure needed to run .net application on Linux. It has grown tremendously that it is now ported over to many other flavours of UNIX like Solaris and AIX. Mac OS X support was added recently as well.

Mono is open source and free of charge. It comes with the basic tools a .net developer needs like a compiler and an assembler and even a profiler.

What this means is that even .net web applications can now be deployed on Linux as well, not just on Internet Information Server. The effort is growing by the day to bring al of the .net functionality into Linux like .net for windows mobile

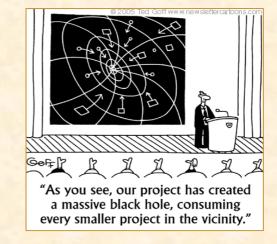
Mono is similar to an project started earlier called the Wine project. The ain of the Wine project is to run Windows native applications on Linux.

For more information, please check the following URL: http://www.mono-project.com/Main_Page

Did You Know?

The first conference on blogging and social media in the Middle East was held in Amman, Jordan on June 1. Iblog imedia focused on the fast growing 'new media' markets in the region and on how companies and individuals can take advantage of this. The conference featured expert international and Middle East-based speakers representing marketers, bloggers, media owners and entrepreneurs.

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