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The Arab Organization for Global IT Professional Services

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TAG-ITI Concludes Its Participation at GITEX

DUBAI --- October 23, 2008 --- The Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization (TAG-Org), the regional professional leader with 71 offices in 35 countries, concluded today its participation at GITEX Technology Week, the region's largest information and communication technology exhibition which was held in Dubai Oct. 19-23, 2008.

TAG-Org's first participation in GITEX witnessed the launch of new products and services to accommodate different sectors and fields. Some of these products and services included:

- TAG-PEDIA: The first Arabic electronic encyclopedia.
- TAG Accountant: A bilingual encyclopedia of accounting entries, and the first of its kind in the world.
- TAG ICT Dictionary: This is an English-Arabic dictionary of about 6500 Information and Communication Technology (ICT) terms.
- TAG-Domains: Internet domain registration services which include Country Code Top-Level Domains (ccTLDs), Generic Top-Level Domains (gTLDs), and Arabic Domain Names.
- The Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Cambridge IT Skills Center also represented in GITEX.

Meanwhile, TAG-ITI, TAG-Org's ICT consultancy arm, which has seen strong growth over the past year and has successfully been awarded many projects across the Middle East, presented its range of services at GITEX which witnessed high demand from various government institutions and businesses. Some of these are ERP consultancy, ICT and security auditing, ICT vendor selection, Business technology solutions , Web solution services .

TAG-ITI's Executive Director Mr. Jamal Al Khalili stated "GITEX provided us with the right chance to meet businesses under one roof and that was really excellent." The 28th edition of the show organized by the Dubai World Trade Center officially opened October 19 welcoming more than 130,000 visitors and 3,300 companies from 83 countries.

Omantel and IFA Agency Discuss Cooperation with TAG-Org at GITEX

TAG-Org with its unmatched IT solutions will be able to provide services of paramount importance essential to the continuity of businesses -Hasan

DUBAI --- October 23, 2008 --- Oman Telecommunications Company (Omantel), the largest communications service provider in the Sultanate of Oman, discussed means of cooperation with Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization (TAG-Org) in the field of specialized IT services including Business Continuity Management and Disaster Recovery Planning.

According to Mr. Rami Hasan, TAG-ITI Consultancy Manager in Oman, "Due to the increase in natural disasters and threats such as floods, hurricanes…etc, the need for solutions in the IT field emerges as a necessity to big businesses."

"TAG-Org with its unmatched IT solutions will be able to provide services of paramount importance essential to the continuity of businesses," he added.

On the other hand, Mr. Hasan met with officials from Invest in France Agency (IFA), which provides assistance at every stage of the investment process and works closely with 22 French regions, to discuss opportunities of mutual cooperation between TAG-Org and other French companies.

"It will be an excellent chance to penetrate the French market and present our services," he said.

TAG-ITI Becomes Microsoft Gold Certified Partner

AMMAN --- June 24th, 2008 --- Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Information Technology International (TAG-ITI), a member of TAG-Org, and a leading provider of IT professional services, today announced that it is proud to be accepted in the Microsoft Certified Partner Program. Certified Partner status offers TAG-ITI Software technical and business benefits and support to further deliver innovative solutions, increase market opportunities, increase sales, and support customers.

Microsoft offers a variety of resources to program members, including training, technical support, early access to Microsoft products and peer-networking opportunities that allow a variety of partners to come together and provide end-to-end customer solutions.

TAG-ITI solutions competency demonstrates strong company expertise in Microsoft technologies as well as an ability to meet growing clients' needs. "We are honored to be recognized as Microsoft Certified Partner and this is a significant milestone on the way to success. We have been working with Microsoft from the beginning and this certification will further strengthen our relationship." said,

Jamal Al-Khalili, TAG-ITI Executive Director.

"In addition to the benefits of working closely with Microsoft, this certification also confirms what our clients know; TAG-ITI delivers reliable integration and support for the Windows environment." he added.

TAG-Org and Syrian Computer Society Sign Cooperation

TAGOrganization will provide technical evaluation services to the Society's Internet Service Provider

DAMASCUS --- August 17, 2008 --- Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization (TAG-Org) and the Syrian Computer Society (SCS) have signed a cooperation agreement on August 11, 2008 in Damascus. According to this agreement, TAG-Org shall provide technical evaluation services to the Society's Internet Service Provider (ISP), and plan scenarios to operate and manage the ISP. Moreover, TAG-Org will provide technical requirements needed for vendor selection of specialized companies in managing and operating the ISP.

The agreement has been signed by the Chairman of the Society Dr. Rakan Razzouq and the Executive Director of Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Professional Services (TAGPS) in Syria, one of TAG-Org member companies, Mr. Fadi Abdul Hamid, and Regional Executive Director of Abu-Ghazaleh Information Technology International (TAG-ITI), Jamal Al-Khalili, in the presence of the Society's board members and TAGOrganization directors.

Mr. Jamal Al Khalili, pointed out that the project is based on assessing the ISP performance with respect to technical aspects and available equipments, to develop a comprehensive list of requirements and request for tenders, where TAG-Org will manage the negotiations with the bidder to the tender.

The SCS, a non-profit NGO, established in 1985, supervises many IT-related activities such as conferences, projects, seminars and training courses. It provides its services for about 150.000 subscribers and covers all the Syrian governorates.

TAGITI Signs Contract with Jordan Ahli Bank to Provide Security Audit

AMMAN --- August 6th, 2008 --- Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Information Technology International (TAGITI) has signed a contract on 31st of July 2008 to provide an IT security audit for the Jordan Ahli Bank headquarter office in Amman. The objective of this contract signed in the Ahli Bank's office, 3rd Circle, is to perform external penetration testing of the main sites to maintain their information security program.

The scope of this project is to provide IT security audit on their online system tailored to meet Ahli Bank's unique information security program requirements. As a result, TAGITI will provide Jordan Ahli Bank with a report that focuses on the key risk areas and the impact from successful exploitation of vulnerabilities. .

"Ahli Bank needed to ensure strong network security, where systems are in place to detect threats and protect against them. With the additional security provided by this effort, the Ahli Bank will be better able to defend against network attacks." said, Jamal Al-Khalili, TAGITI Executive Director.

TAG-ITI's penetration testing methodology of network infrastructure is systematic and struc-

tured, high-end analysis, testing and reporting exercise. Furthermore, TAG-ITI's approach to project performance is a repeatable, quality-based methodology perfected over numerous successful IT security engagements.

"TAGITI has a strong team of security experts and solutions, not just help our clients protect their bases, but more importantly, to help them establish guidelines and best practices across their service." he added.

TAG-ITI Gitex Team 2008

Gitex Dubai 2008 named as the Middle East's Premier Information Technology & Communications Event - opened its doors to thousands of both visitors and exhibitors on the 19th till the 23rd of October. GITEX 2008 surpassed expected growth figures with a total staggering 129,884 visitors, from 157 countries during this year's exhibition, with an increasingly high number of leading decision-makers, signaling an excellent outlook for the IT industry in 2009, according to Gitex 2008 organizers.

TAG-Org was strategically located within Gitex Business Solutions. Being the leading provider of IT Consulting services and Technology Business Solutions in the region. TAG-ITI, TAG-Org's ICT consultancy arm, gained considerable attention for the services and solutions it offered and exposed during the exhibition. TAG-ITI showcased TAG-Accountant, an accounting software, catered to meet the needs of regional SMEs.

New Certified Employees in TAGITI

TAGITI is proud to announce the certification of the following employees:

- Rani Hasan - Certified Information Systems Auditor   (CISA)
- Berj Vartenian - Passed CISA Exam
- Reem Alashhab -   Passed CISA Exam

TAGITI would like to extend its gratitude to each of its employees for their hard work and commitment. Keep up the good work.

Afnan Dawoud, ERP Consultant, Regional

New TAG-ITI Employees

Technology Corner

If you have any input including products reviews or news you would like to see published here, please contact coordinator@tagiti.com, we will do our best to include your request in our next edition.

Microsoft Partners with Novel on Linux

In a surprise announcement, Microsoft and Novell announced a partnership that will forever change the Linux landscape.

The two key components of the agreement revolve around interoperability and patents. The deal is not with Linux in general but specifically with Novell's SUSE Linux offerings.

http://www.dmxzone.com

The Microsoft Novell agreements are set to be in place until at least 2012 and involves joint work on the use of patent and interoperability. As part of the deal, Microsoft will also be buying as many as 70,000 units of Novell's SUSE Linux enterprise server.

Novell and Microsoft will also create a joint research facility that focuses on interoperability between Linux and Windows. The key elements of interoperability covered by the agreement are virtualization, virtualization management, and inter-office suite (Office to OpenOffice) interoperability.

The two partners will also now collaborate on sales and marketing for both companies' interoperable solutions.

[Source: http://www.http://www.internetnews.com]

Business Technology Products

Wi-Fi Detective: Wi-Fi Finder with LCD

★★★★☆
4 Star Rating

Source: http://www.startech.com/item/WIFIDETG-Wi-Fi-Detective-Wi

StarTech's Wi-Fi Detective helps you quickly discover Wi-Fi networks in the vicinity without having to start your laptop. The Wi-Fi Detective instantly detects wireless hotspots, and offers an LCD display for simplified hotspot monitoring, providing the information you need to situate your network clients. Plus, the Wi-Fi Detective acts as a wireless network adapter, turning a wireless station into a WLAN access point. Plus, this handy device is equipped with a rechargeable Li-Polymer battery that can be charged each time the detector is connected to a powered USB port. The advantage of this product is that it is not only a WiFi detector but it can also be used as a USB wireless LAN adapter with transfer rates up to 54Mbps. Its also cheap and very small in size, and its battery can be charged through any USB port is perfect for mobile business users.

You have heard about WiFi and you use it, but did you hear about Wi-electricity!?

Contributed by Mohammad Abu Hijleh, TAGITI, Regional.

Technology Review, a widely respected publication of MIT has presented its annual list of 10 emerging technologies of the year. In the January 2008 edition, the disclosure was made that Marin Soljačić, an assistant professor of physics at MIT is working on a project to enable the wireless transfer of electricity.

The effort is still in its baby steps but imagine what could this be like It would be the greatest technological revolution in our life time, some say that If this project finally materializes into wide-scale use, it could have far more reaching effects than the internet had on humanity.

[Source: http://www.technologyreview.com/]

Did You Know?

Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) software market is expected to gain a substantially bigger market share in the Middle East in the next five years and the value of this market is expected to touch close to $270 million (Madar Research). The study forecasts an average growth rate of 14% in the next five years, which will see the region's ERP market touching $300 million mark by 2010.

[Source: http://www.zawya.com/]

Cartoon

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"We didn't discuss the future.
We didn't discuss the past.
We didn't discuss the present.
A successful meeting, I would say."

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