

Largest ICDL Accredited Testing Centre in Dubai is Inaugurated

ICDL GCC Foundation lauds H.H. Sheikh Mohammad bin Rashid Al Maktoum IT Education Project (ITEP) plans to boost IT literacy

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The ICDL GCC Foundation, the governing body of ICDL programme in the Gulf States and the regional arm of the ECDL Foundation, has lauded the contribution of the H.H. Sheikh Mohammad bin Rashid Al Maktoum, IT Education Project (ITEP) aimed at raising the IT literacy levels in the education sector of the UAE.



ITEP was commended during the opening of the largest testing centre for ICDL Certification in Dubai. The Centre works under the auspices of ITEP and is located in its premises in Knowledge Village, Dubai. The ITEP-ICDL certification centre is equipped with 30 state of the art computers that enable the simultaneous testing of this number of trainees at the same time. The centre is staffed with experts who will provide the necessary technical support and troubleshooting advice.

Lauding the centre, Jamil Ezzo, Director General, ICDL GCC Foundation said: "ITEP is playing a dynamic role as our partner in spreading IT literacy in the UAE, especially among school teachers and education field administrators."

Dr. Abdulla Al Karam, Director, ITEP, thanked ICDL GCC Foundation for their proactive support and cooperation in achieving the strategic goal of spreading IT literacy and making it an important part of UAE social life.

Speaking about the ITEP-ICDL certification centre, Dr. Karam said: "A principle part of ITEP is based on the co-operation in establishing the necessary basics and criterias needed to spread IT literacy in the UAE. ITEP is trying to achieve this goal by supplying the best resources, including human resources, expertise and most up to date equipment which support the direction of ITEP's strategic goals."

ITEP and ICDL GCC Foundation are already working together to implement the directive of HH. Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai and UAE Defense Minister, to spread IT literacy among the 6000 teachers and employees of Dubai Educational Zone, through certifying them with ICDL.

A year ago, ITEP signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the ICDL GCC Foundation to enhance computer literacy in the UAE, using the internationally recognised ICDL syllabus and standards, initially focusing on teachers and employees of the education sector. The MoU has achieved great success within a short period.

"The ICDL GCC Foundation was created to manage the ICDL program in the GCC states, and has since been trying relentlessly to spread IT literacy and computer

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competence by working directly with government organisations and policymakers,” concluded Ezzo.