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Itep extends services to entire GCC

By a staff reporter

DUBAI — The Shaikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum IT Education Project (Itep) announced on Thursday extension of its IT education and training services to the entire GCC region.

Itep will offer all its training courses tailored to the needs of various groups including students in schools and



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in the region

Itep showcased its services at Gitex Saudi Arabia held at the Riyadh International Exhibition Centre from April 23 to April 27.

"Itep was launched six years ago as part of the vision of His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, to promote IT literacy in the UAE to help society and economy face the challenges of the new knowledge-based economy," said Dr Abdulla Al



Students undergo training at Itep.

Karam, Director of Itep.

"After our success in raising IT literacy among several sectors of society in the UAE, we are looking to provide the same programmes across the GCC region," he added.

Itep is today the largest IT training provider in the UAE and has trained around 85,000 people since its inception. It provides customised training programmes as well as internationally recognised certification courses. Itep currently has 70 specially-trained IT teachers and 47 custom-built IT classrooms supported by an IT portal. Itep also has the largest testing centre for the International Computer Driving Licence (ICDL) in Dubai.

Meanwhile, the organisation

currently provides IT training to secondary school students of 39 public schools in Dubai and Abu Dhabi through a specialised e-learning solution developed in-house and an innovative learner-centred curriculum. In each school where it provides training, Itep creates a purpose-built IT lab that provides an ideal atmosphere for IT learning. Itep has so far successfully trained 70,273 secondary school students as part of its schools programme in addition to another 2,086 students in summer boot camps.

Itep also provides IT training to higher education institutions in the UAE. Its first initiative in this sector was to provide training to cadets of the Dubai Police Academy. Recently the Academy replaced its IT curriculum with the ICDL certification. Itep has already initiated this implementation using its own ICDL GCC-approved courseware. Itep also completely manages the IT training needs of the Islamic and Arabic College in Dubai. So far, Itep has successfully trained 3,749 students of the Islamic and Arabic College and 777 officers and cadets of the Dubai Police Academy.

Itep was also assigned to train teachers and Dubai government employees in partnership with relevant institutions.