

Sharjah Police endorses ICDL for police force and civilian staff.

Move to encourage more government departments in Sharjah to enhance IT skills of its staff

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The General Directorate of Sharjah Police has announced its endorsement for the ICDL global IT Literacy standard for its police force and civilian staff. An accreditation agreement in this regard was signed recently between Major Khalid Bu Hindi, Head of the Computer & Information Centre (CIC), General Directorate of Sharjah Police, and Mr. Jamil Ezzo, Director General, ICDL GCC Foundation, the governing body of the International Computer Driving Licence (ICDL) program in the Gulf region.



Major Khalid Bu Hindi - Head of CIC-Sharjah and Mr. Jamil Ezzo, Director General, ICDL GCC Foundation

The signed agreement covers the accreditation of the Sharjah Police in-house facilities to offer ICDL training and testing to employees in accordance to the international standard of the ICDL program. This move makes the General Directorate of Sharjah Police be the first Sharjah government department to offer in-house ICDL training and testing to employees.

Commenting on the agreement, Major Khalid Bu Hindi, Head of the Computer & Information Centre, Sharjah Police, said, "Employing the latest technology and adopting the highest standards in our workplace are essential to our mission. Our endorsement and implementation of the ICDL global computer literacy standard will not only support increased productivity and motivate staff. It will also ensure effective utilization of the technology we have in place, including the use of databases and Internet being the primary research and investigative tools. The General Directorate of Sharjah Police is delighted to receive ICDL accreditation for our in-house training center, as it represents part of our strategy in furthering the development of our police force and civilian staff.

"We are proud to be taking part in the Sharjah government effort in furthering digital literacy within the police based on the ICDL standard. We welcome the joining of the Sharjah Police to our network of 820 accredited training and testing centres in the GCC. The ICDL program will guarantee the chance for everyone to acquire new skills as well as certify existing and new competencies in essential computer skills that will help in improving their quality of life and productivity at work," said Jamil Ezzo.

"The GCC ranked third in the world during 2005 in the drive to create a digital society. ICDL GCC Foundation will continue to work closely with the government of Sharjah and all other governments in the GCC to realise the benefits of furthering digital

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literacy within the government workplace and society. The fact that over 37 per cent of government organisations in the GCC region adopted the ICDL program in 2005 is a clear indicator of the importance digital literacy is given by the authorities in the GCC member states," said Ezzo.