1,400 UAE national school students successfully achieve ICDL qualification at Summer Camps

ICDL GCC Foundation joins hands with Higher Colleges of Technology and UAE University

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As part of its commitment to raise the general level of computer skills in society and providing access for all to the Information Society, the ICDL GCC Foundation, the governing body and certification authority of the ICDL program in the Gulf region, has announced the certification of 1,400 UAE national school students. The Foundation joined hands with Higher Colleges of Technology - Center of Excellence for applied Research and Technology (CERT) in Abu Dhabi and UAE University in Al Ain to offer ICDL training and testing through summer camps organised during the summer months this year.

The ICDL summer camp at CERT was held under the patronage of H.H. Sheikh Mansoor bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Presidential Affairs Minister, while the ICDL summer camp at the UAE University was provided under the support of H.H. Sheikh Dhiyab bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Director of Abu Dhabi Electricity and Water Authority (ADEWA).

Jamil Ezzo, Director General of ICDL GCC Foundation, said: "We appreciate the support extended by H.H. Sheikh Mansoor and H.H. Sheikh Dhiyab to this initiative which offers ICDL training for school students, and we thank both Abu Dhabi and Al Ain Educational Zones for their supports and efforts to successfully implement those camps. Computer and Internet applications have become essential components of the modern educational environment and the ICDL certification is the ideal syllabus that gives students immense opportunities for acquiring knowledge and enhancing their skill levels. Summer camps present a suitable environment for national students to enhance their computer skills through the ICDL certification, providing lifelong learning opportunities."

ICDL GCC Foundation coordinated with the parties involved in the implementation of the ICDL program in the summer camps, to ensure it adheres to the global standards of the ICDL.

"The ICDL program does not only help students acquire essential skills in computers and Internet, but also develops their skills to become resourceful and self-directed learners. This encourages them to assume more responsibility in their learning process and become self-confident to engage in classroom activities. Today, computers and Internet afford students the opportunity of accessing a wealth of interactive courses and information online that can support classroom learning and attribute positively to students' academic performance. Students of today are tomorrow's citizens, thus providing IT education to our youngsters will ensure the all round progress and development of society."

The national students at the ICDL summer camps benefited from training and testing on the ICDL seven-module program, which included basic concepts of IT, computer usage and file management, word processing, spreadsheets, database, presentation, and Information/communications.

This year's summer training camps held to enhance IT skills of students attracted over 7,000 students from across the GCC countries.