

Welcoming Speech of Mr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh

At

the Launching Ceremony of

TAG Refurbished Computers Project

Talal Abu-Ghazaleh ICT Dictionary Signing Ceremony

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The Adel Al Sa'di Award for Outstanding Performance in the Arab Society of Certified Accountants (ASCA) Exams

Amman, July 26, 2009

I would like to warmly welcome a dear brother and a friend His Excellency Basem Rousan, Minister of Information and Communications Technology (ICT), who is sponsoring our ceremony today to establish this pioneering project in the Arab region, which is the "Center for Refurbished Computers".

We are privileged to sign and provide the dictionary as a gift in the presence of his Excellency. This dictionary which aims to unify Arab technological terms, is called the Talal Abu-Ghazaleh ICT Dictionary.

In order to further honor the most outstanding participant in the Arab Certified Public Accountant (ACPA) exams for this year, we kindly request his Excellency to hand him the shield of distinction which carries the name of one of the founders and leaders of the Arab Society of Certified Accountants, our colleague and friend Dr. Adel Al Sa'di may he rest in peace.

I am here today to welcome his Excellency the minister and thank him for his patronage.

I would also like and due to my position in the field of communications and information technology, to commend the achievements of the Ministry of ICT:

- The Ministry's plan has achieved Internet penetration in the Kingdom that has reached 26%
- The ICT sector has added \$2.1 billion to the Gross National Product
- The ICT sector has created 22,000 job opportunities

His Excellency has set up plans to reach Internet penetration of 50% and job opportunities to reach 35,000 by the end of 2011, according to a plan that includes all of Jordan and not only its cities.

You are welcome Minister Rousan and thank you for all your efforts.