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QATAR-SINGAPORE ICT COLLABORATION

Background

ictQATAR, the Supreme Council of Information and Communication Technology and the Infocomm Development of Singapore (IDA) signed two Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) on ICT co-operation in the last one and a half years. The first MOU was signed in March 2006 specifically to explore co-operation in areas such as e-government projects as well as application of IT in key economic sectors such as education.

A second MOU was signed in November 2006 and it provided the basis for ictQATAR and IDA, in conjunction with other relevant government agencies and private sector organisations to work together and exchange expertise and experience in implementing ICT projects.

Progress of the MOU

A) eSchoolbag
Under the MOU, a pilot project, the eSchoolbag, was implemented in al-Wakra Independent School for Girls. Three Singaporean infocomm companies collaborated in the project, bringing TabletPCs to seventh grade students so that they can learn independently at a more creative level. The three companies are Amdon, Heulabs and i-Cell Networks. This pilot has been successfully completed in June 2007.

B) Qatar Service Platform
Another project commissioned was the Qatar Service Platform (QSP) project. Singapore company, Ecquaria signed an agreement with ictQATAR to provide the Qatari government with infrastructure to host a range of ICT services. Ecquaria was selected due to its experience in designing and developing Singapore's Public Service Infrastructure (PSi). The QSP and Business Registration e-services have been successfully completed and ictQATAR will launch them by end-2007, possibly with the Qatar Government Portal.