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Education Reform through ICT Expected to Raise Student Achievement Levels

Jordan Ministry of Education introduces improvements for academic institutions, new student learning programs and standard for digital literacy

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His Excellency Dr. Khaled Toqan is has commenced the adoption of digital literacy initiatives throughout the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan such as including Certiport® Internet and Computing Core Certification (IC³®) in his Education Reform for Knowledge Economy (ERfKE) program. More than 100,000 students and teachers in Jordan are expected to participate in the five-year government program, which introduces new and updated facilities, equipment and other resources into academic institutions. The program emphasizes teaching and learning through information and communications technology. An e-learning portal, broadband networks to schools, a national data center, new math and science laboratories and new software and hardware for schools are all scheduled for implementation.

Part of the ERfKE program, the Discovery Schools Project uses e-curriculum and the best connectivity, computer hardware and software resources available to maximize student and teacher access to learning tools and instruction. The results of this project will dictate further education reform throughout Jordan and will help raise achievement levels for students, making them more knowledgeable and able to contact and correspond with people all over the world.

Toqan also approved the inclusion of IC³ in Ministry of Education employee training courses and the use of IC³ as criteria for employee bonuses. The Certiport Internet & Computing Benchmark™ and Internet & Computing Mentor™ tools will be used to manage training needs and to facilitate certification.

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